



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019

Urban Transportation Commission

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

The purpose of the board is to serve as an advisory body to the city council, the city manager, and all other transportation-related departments concerning transportation-related matters including:

- transportation energy conservation matters;
- grant applications;
- streets and highways;
- bus and rail service;
- pedestrian and bikeway programs and projects;
- safety related programs and projects;
- provision for the needs of the mobility impaired;
- transportation franchise requests, renewals, rate adjustments, and hours of operation.

The commission shall:

- Review and make recommendations to the city council on all requests for taxicab permits, including annual permits and franchise permits.
- Annually review and report to the city council on the City's transportation system, including policies and programs.
- Review, study, and make recommendations to the Planning Commission on: transportation-related projects proposed for inclusion in the Capital Improvements Program; and plans and programs submitted by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Receive and study citizen comments and suggestions in all areas of transportation.
- In its deliberations: (1) recognize the relationship between transportation and economics, energy, safety, land use, neighborhood integrity, and environmental quality; and (2) consider transportation access to health care, employment, education, housing, and recreational facilities.
- Seek to promote close cooperation between the city council, other city boards and commissions, city departments, and individuals, institutions, and agencies concerned with transportation-related activities so that all similar activities in the City may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare.

- 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

Presentations heard with no action taken:

- Shoal Creek Trail: Vision and Action Plan
- Boating Regulations and Proposed Boating Ordinance

- 2018 Bond Development
- Dockless Mobility Program update
- Special Events Ordinance
- Austin Strategic Mobility Plan
- City of Austin State Legislative Agenda for the 86th Texas Legislative Session
- Urban Trails Program updates: Northern Walnut Creek Trail, Country Club Creek Trail, Violet Crown Trail, and Austin to Manor Trail
- Upcoming Transit Enhancement Program projects, including transit improvements on West Fifth Street between West Lynn and Baylor streets
- 2019 Mobility Annual Plan
- Wayfinding Program update
- Dockless Mobility Program update, including draft Responsible Rider Ordinance
- Transit Enhancement Program update, including upcoming improvements to Lavaca St and Guadalupe St between 18th St and MLK Blvd
- Application request to create Austin Green Improvement District No. 1
- Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budgets for Austin Transportation and Public Works Departments
- Public Transit and Development Review (Update on Council Resolution 20170615-061)
- Travis County Transportation Blueprint

Recommendations made:

- [Recommendation 20181113-04B](#): Project Connect
- [Recommendation 20190318-04C](#): Austin Strategic Mobility Plan

Other actions taken:

- Approval of four vacations of right-of-way
- Adoption of a motion to recommend approval of the 2019 Austin Marathon Route to City Council
- A motion to appoint Commissioner Hennessey to a working group regarding environmental, traffic, and parking issues in Zilker Park
- A motion to appoint Commissioner Weatherby to non-voting seat on the Downtown Commission
- A motion to appoint Commissioner Davis to the UTC officer role of Parliamentarian
- A motion to support the Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative Final Project Report
- A motion to support the proposal to modify the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board (SCWAB) membership ordinance to include a member from the Urban Transportation Commission
- A motion to elect Mario Champion as Chair of the Urban Transportation Commission
- A motion to elect Dan Hennessey as Vice Chair of the Urban Transportation Commission
- A motion to support the Austin Police Department's recommendation to City Council to increase the tow fee for non-consent, non-private property tows for vehicles with a weight of less than 10,000 pounds from \$150 to \$195 with the stipulation that APD remains neutral about private property tow fee increases
- A motion to recommend that City Council review the recommendations made by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Councils regarding Shared Micro-Mobility Policy and Ordinance Changes

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

The Urban Transportation Commission's actions throughout the year comply with our mission statement. Through offering feedback informally during briefings as well as adopting motions and recommendations, the UTC has served as an active advisory body to the city council, the city manager, and all transportation-related departments on transportation-related matters.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

The Commission has a strong interest in a high-capacity transit network, micro-mobility options, and, generally, in providing opportunities to reduce single-occupancy vehicle dependency.

The commission will weigh in on all transportation plans, policies and programs impacting the City of Austin including, but not limited to, the following:

- High capacity transit, including rail and Bus Rapid Transit
- Vision Zero Action Plan
- Austin Strategic Mobility Plan implementation
- Potential November 2020 bond election
- Land Development Code rewrite, as relates to transportation opportunities and especially transit-supportive density along Imagine Austin Corridors
- Capital Metro Project Connect
- Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization 2045 Transportation Plan
- Micro-mobility regulations