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**Safe Mobility Bond**  
Support Request Presentation

**Bicycle Advisory Council**  
**Meeting**  
**July 21, 2020**

# OUR MISSION



**Austin Outside's mission is to champion outdoor places for all throughout Greater Austin.**

We're a coalition of nonprofit organizations and businesses that believe in the power of our collective impact.

# OUR VALUES



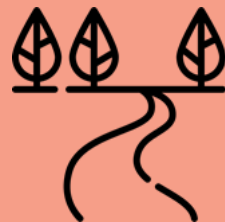
Everyone has the right to accessible parks and green spaces within a ¼ mile of their home.



Creating a collective voice for its outdoor spaces will make Austin and its metropolitan area a safer, healthier, friendlier, and more creative place for all who work, live, or visit.




Greater access to a vibrant, robust community-wide system of parks, trails and open space is essential to the social, mental, physical, and economic health of our community.



The preservation and conservation of wild spaces and appropriate public access to them are essential.

# OUR 2020 PRIORITIES



**1. Secure active transportation and safe streets funding on the November ballot.**

**2. Support efforts to increase funding for parks, trails, and active transportation.**

**3. Support efforts to ensure 2020 City and CAMPO planning aligns with AO values.**

**4. Foster collaborative relationships with City committees and staff.**

**5. Support projects of AO member organizations that impact the broader community.**

**6. Convene public stakeholder workshops.**

**7. Convene AO members to share information and promote collaboration.**

**8. Increase the diversity and number of AO members.**

# WHAT IS THE SAFE MOBILITY BOND?




**We are asking the City Council to give Austin voters the opportunity to approve a \$750 million Safe Mobility Bond this November to fund the City's Sidewalk, Bicycle, and Urban Trails plans, and Vision Zero goals.**

**Safely moving around is every person's right, no matter what their age, ability, income, or skin color.**



# SAFE MOBILITY BOND PETITION

START ORGANIZINGLOGIN OR SIGNUP

City of Austin, please allocate \$750 million to fund a citywide network of sidewalks, bike lanes, urban trails, and safety improvements to make all ways of getting around - including driving - safe and accessible for all.

AUSTIN MAYOR STEVE ADLER, AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

SUPPORT AN ATX

**SAFE MOBILITY BOND**

SIDEWALKS · BIKE LANES · URBAN TRAILS  
SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

SIGN THE PETITION BY  
**JULY 15**

[BIT.LY/MOBILITY-BOND-ATX](https://bit.ly/mobility-bond-atx)

MORE INFO AT  
[AUSTINOUTSIDE.ORG](https://austinoutside.org)

**\*\*Please sign this petition to ensure Austin City Council approves a \$750 million safe mobility bond for a public vote this November.\*\***

**Let's get Austin moving again!**

Austinites are walking and bicycling more than ever and traffic is way down. As Austin recovers, we don't want to return to the old days where we have to drive everywhere in dangerous, congested conditions. We want to get around safely, whether it's on foot, bicycling, using a mobility device like a wheelchair, or driving. Safely moving around is every person's right, no matter what their age, ability, income, or skin color.

**3,589 Signatures Collected**

Only 2,811 more until our goal of 6,400

**SIGN THIS PETITION**

First Name

Last Name

Email \*

Zip/Postal Code \*

Not in the US?

Optional: Organization/business & your position (note: This means your company/org is officially in support so you must be an authorized representative; this will go on our coalition letter to Austin City Council)

Org/business & representative's title

Select City Council District \*

I don't know

Comments

**ADD YOUR NAME**

Over 3,500 Austinites signed the petition supporting the Bond

[bit.ly/mobility-bond-atx](https://bit.ly/mobility-bond-atx)

# SAFE MOBILITY BOND **SUPPORT LETTER**

Over 80 organizations and businesses signed the letter to City Council

[LINK](#)

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**To:** Mayor Adler; Council Members Harper-Madison, Garza, Renteria, Casar, Kitchen, Flannigan, Pool, Ellis, Tovo, and Alter

**Re:** Adding a Safe Mobility Bond to the November ballot

**Date:** July 16, 2020

Dear Mayor Adler and Austin City Council Members,

Austin is on the cusp of transformational change in the ways we get around. Austinites new and old are looking for safer, healthier, more pleasant transportation options besides being stuck in traffic behind a steering wheel. The pandemic has laid bare both the clear need and the public appetite for a more equitable transportation system. **That's why we urge you to seize this historic opportunity and, in addition to Project Connect, approve a \$750 million Safe Mobility Bond for public vote this November to fund a citywide network of sidewalks, bikeways, urban trails, and safe streets for all.**

Such a bond will be Austin's chance to achieve its progressive mobility goals and transform our city into one where everyone is safe on our streets and is free to choose how they move around. Walking, bicycling, and using a mobility device such as a wheelchair should be enjoyable, convenient, safe ways for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds to get where they need to go, whether commuting to work, taking a safe route to school, running errands, visiting a friend, or enjoying nature.

Austin has already set bold goals to achieve these visions. The Austin Strategic Mobility Plan aims for 50 percent of trips to be made in ways other than driving alone by 2039. Through its Vision Zero program, Austin has committed to eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2025. And the Community Climate Plan calls for reducing carbon emissions to net-zero by 2050. Now we must fund these goals.

# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY RESOLUTION

## Item 90, CC Meeting Agenda July 29th, 2020

<https://www.austintexas.gov/department/city-council/2020/20200729-spec.htm#090>

## RESOLUTION:

<https://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=343582>

### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to present to the Council, with sufficient time for it to consider and, if desired, place on the November 2020 ballot, measures to enhance funding for displacement mitigation and fund implementation of the following active transportation improvements identified in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan:

- Sidewalks: high- and very-high priority sidewalk segments and address ADA barriers and gaps in the sidewalk system
- Safe Routes to Schools Plans
- Bikeways: All Ages and Abilities bicycle facilities, including the Bicycle Priority Network
- Urban Trails: Tier I urban trails and identify alignments and develop designs for Tier II urban trails
- Safety/Vision Zero: Projects that reduce conflicts and improve safety for all users on the High-Injury Network and at high-risk locations by systematically implementing both major reconstruction and rapid implementation of low-cost, high-impact engineering countermeasures
- Transit Enhancement Program: Projects that improve the speed



# WHY AN ACTIVE TRANS BOND VOTE IN NOVEMBER?

- Likely historic high voter turnout
- Recent changes in public mobility choices and perspectives
- Meet various City goals on time
  - Eg. 50% trips not taken by driving alone by 2039 (ASMP)
- 2016 Local Mobility bonds for sidewalks, bike lanes and trails will be fully committed by 2020



# REQUESTED ACTION

1. Pass the resolution offered by the BAC in support of the Safe Mobility Bond; and,
2. Sign the Safe Mobility Bond coalition support letter.



# THANK YOU

## Questions?

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