

City of Austin Mobility Outcome Report

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MOBILITY

Monthly Highlights

Dynamic Parking Wayfinding Project

As we continue to expand *Smart Communities* initiatives to effectively spread messages, event awareness, and inform the public, we continue to add even more innovative solutions. Our recent additions include digital signage and a dynamic parking guidance system to indicate downtown parking garage availability in real time. Signs installed earlier this month indicate the number of spaces available at three City-owned parking garages: City Hall, Central Library and Seaholm. The newly installed parking signs are also at San Antonio/Cesar Chavez and Sandra Muraida/Cesar Chavez.

JSK Makes Its Debut at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS)

The first semi-private flight on JSX landed at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) on Monday. The new hop-on jet service offers flights from Austin to Dallas Love Field Airport as well as Austin to Houston Hobby. This carrier aims to make short distance flying simple, fast, and enjoyable.

Longhorn Dam Bridge Gets New Pavement

The Street and Bridge Operations Sealcoat team paved Longhorn Dam Bridge in mid-September. The bridge is a crucial connection for many residents traveling in East Austin and has steady traffic throughout the day. Thus, the sealcoat was applied at night, between midnight and 6 a.m. This collaborative effort of the Public Works Department and the Austin Transportation Department is one of the final steps in completing interim improvements to the Longhorn Dam Bridge.

Community Completes Mural Through the Neighborhood Partnering Program

A colorful new mural, unveiled on Saturday, October 2, greets travelers on Buffalo Pass. The idea for the mural began with the Southern Oaks Neighborhood Association and was completed in partnership with the City of Austin's [Neighborhood Partnering Program](#) (NPP). The mosaic covers a 140-foot retaining wall and utilizes two tons of clay and 600 pounds of glass.

The mural brought together more than 200 volunteers, who worked over 2,500 hours to complete the project. Individual tiles were designed, painted, and glazed by local residents. The mural displays their favorite things about the community.

Funding for the project came from NPP's Neighborhood Cost Share Program, which matches funding amounts that groups raise for their project. Project types vary and cost-sharing can be achieved through cash contributions, donated materials, and services toward the project, or volunteer hours.

Looking Ahead

Honoring National Coming Out Day

The Austin Transportation Department will be installing the *Pride Crosswalk* on the intersection of Fourth (Bettie Naylor) St. and Colorado St. on October 11th in honor of National *Coming Out Day*. The event is being held in support for our many Pride- affiliated communities.



Design Underway on New Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Over Lady Bird Lake

In November 2020, Austin voters approved the [2020 Safety and Active Transportation Bond](#), which included funding for the design and construction of a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Lady Bird Lake near the Longhorn Dam. Austin Public Works' Urban Trails Program recently kicked off the design phase of project development for the new bridge.

The project team will share updates with the community at key milestones during the design phase of the project. Learn more and subscribe to receive project updates at [AustinTexas.gov/NewLHDBridge](https://austintexas.gov/NewLHDBridge).

Partner Recap

I-35 Cap & Stitch TxDOT Coordination Update

The I-35 Cap & Stitch Project seeks to create developable space and multi-modal connectivity over certain areas of planned IH-35 improvements in downtown and central Austin. The City remains a partner with TxDOT in several efforts including to improve safety and mobility along the corridor and ensuring the public participation.

Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Update

The City of Austin in combination with Capital Metro and Austin Transit Partnership held a Joint Work Session on October 4th in preparation for a joint tri-party meeting scheduled for October 29th. Policy makers discussed key elements of the Joint Powers Agreement and provided staff with important follow-up direction including compilation of community comments for policy makers. Staff also hosted a Virtual Public Meeting on October 5th to present the same JPA presentation to the community and are scheduled to continue outreach efforts throughout the coming weeks.

The Blue Line Moves Forward

Austin Transportation Department (ATD) and Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) continue to coordinate on the designs for the Riverside and Pleasant Valley station on the Blue Line. It was approved to move forward to 30% design.

Community Resources

[Weekly Mobility Newsletter Sign Up](#)

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[2016 Bond Programs and Projects](#)

[Absent Sidewalk Map and Prioritization](#)

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