

# City of Austin Mobility Outcome Report

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## Monthly Highlights

### ***Public Works Speeds Delivery of ROW Permits***

Following implementation of the Public Projects Team and agreements with the Public Works Department, a review of over 600 active PWD permits has shown an average time from application to issuance of only 1.34 days, down from an average of 5-10 days, an improvement of up to 86%!

### ***Making Our Streets Safer***

#### ***Signs Project Replaces 450 Signs***

With change of the State law on September 1<sup>st</sup>, requiring drivers to “Stop for Pedestrians” vs just “Yield,” our Signs and Markings Division has commenced replacement of nearly 750 signs citywide. To date, 60 percent of the project has been completed with expected completion by Jan. 1, 2022.

#### ***New Signalized Pedestrian Crosswalk***

The Corridor Program Office has recently commenced construction of a new pedestrian hybrid beacon or PHB (a signalized pedestrian crosswalk) at the Slaughter Lane and Vinemont Drive intersection.

The new PHB is being installed to reduce the risks of conflict between vehicles and pedestrians and bicyclists who cross Slaughter Lane. Once construction is finished, the intersection of Slaughter Lane and Vinemont Drive will have a new PHB, ADA-compliant curb ramps, and high-visibility crosswalks. This intersection project is expected to improve safety for everyone who live and/or travel along West Slaughter Lane. The project is expected to be complete by the end of December 2021 and will represent one of many safety and mobility improvements planned for [Slaughter Lane](#) through the [Corridor Construction Program](#), which is funded by the [2016 Mobility Bond](#).

### ***Healthy Streets Program Initiative***

The Austin City Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to review and amend the Neighborhood Block Party Program, initiate the creation of Play Streets and Resident-Led Healthy Streets Programs, create a one-stop 'Living Streets' webpage, and return to Council for any necessary Council actions or policy guidance.

### ***Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) Hits Historical Numbers***

On Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Aviation welcomed the largest number of outbound passengers in AUS history with 36,146 passengers screened at the TSA checkpoints. This traffic was driven (pun intended) in part by the Formula 1 event held at the Circuit of the Americas (COTA).



## Looking Ahead

### ***Celebrating New Destinations***

Adding to their peak day departures, American Airlines will begin new nonstop service by mid-November to Liberia, Costa Rica (LIR), Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (PVR), and Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (PUJ). With this addition, American Airlines and its OneWorld partners will operate nearly 100 peak day departures from AUS by the end of fall (December 21<sup>st</sup>).

## Partner Recap

### ***Northern Walnut Creek Trail Expansion***

In partnership with the [Parks and Recreation Department](#), the Austin Public Works' [Urban Trails Program](#) has commenced construction to extend the Northern Walnut Creek Trail. The project, [Northern Walnut Creek Trail Section 2A](#), will install a roughly 1.3-mile long, 12-foot-wide concrete trail from the Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park trailhead to the Walnut Bluffs trailhead, just east of North Lamar Blvd.

With funding from the [2016 Mobility Bond](#), this section of trail will include the construction of two bridges and four boardwalks and provide a safe crossing with a pedestrian path beneath North Lamar Boulevard. Construction of the urban trail is expected to last 12 months.

### ***Tri-Party Meeting/JPA Update***

The Austin Transit Partnership, Capital Metro, and City of Austin held a Joint Meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and each entity's role in the implementation of Project Connect. Following robust discussion, meeting attendees were welcomed to join the Project Connect team members for a community celebration to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the yes vote to fund Project Connect. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved the Joint Powers Agreement discussed on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The JPA now heads to the Capital Metro Board for approval on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

### ***I-35 Cap & Stitch Project Update***

Design consultant solicitation responses have been reviewed, and a Request for Council action to approve is anticipated on November 18. Atkins (a design, engineering, and project-management consultant firm) has developed a set of conceptual alternatives for cap improvements which are currently under review. The team anticipates additional public engagement for conceptual alternatives beginning in late November, early December timeframe.

## Community Resources

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