

## City of Austin Mobility Outcome Report

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### Monthly Highlights

#### Stassney Lane Rehabilitation Project – Phase 1 Improvements



Austin contains thousands of miles of streets, and Austin Public Works uses various strategies to improve and maintain City of Austin owned roadway surfaces. Scheduled preventative maintenance helps prolong the lifespan of these surfaces by protecting them from the effects of aging, cracking, deterioration, and water infiltration. Additionally, prolonging the life of our city streets saves time and taxpayer money by intervening before full reconstruction is needed. The City of Austin uses a Pavement Information System (PMIS) to track pavement inventory and performance, which helps to assign appropriate treatment types at various locations.

The Stassney Lane Rehabilitation Project, funded by the 2018 [Austin Mobility Bond](#), aims to create a safer, smoother commute for residents traveling along Stassney Lane. Work will occur in three phases, the first of which began on July 30. This first phase, which also includes a median demolition near Teri Road, is expected to last eight months. The project is expected to be complete by Fall 2023.

#### Community Feedback: New Longhorn Bridge Design Update

Earlier this year, [Austin Public Works](#) launched a virtual open house for the [New Longhorn Dam Bridge](#) project in partnership with the Austin Transportation and Austin Parks and Recreation departments. The project team has carefully reviewed all community input received during the spring.

Overall, survey respondents strongly supported the updated design for the planned pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Lady Bird Lake near North Pleasant Valley Road! Austin Public Works' [Urban Trails Program](#) is using this community feedback to inform the developing project design. [Read the public input summary here.](#)



The new bicycle and pedestrian bridge project is made possible through the [2020 Mobility Bond's](#) funding allocated to major capital improvements. The design phase is expected to be finalized by Summer 2023 and the new bridge is expected to be constructed by 2026.

### Safety Improvements Underway for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Crews have broken ground on improvements to the intersections of Seventh and Eighth streets with the I-35 frontage roads to enhance safety and mobility for everyone traveling in the area.

These improvements made possible by the [2016 Mobility Bond](#) in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation. The 2016 voter-approved Mobility Bond provides \$15 million for Intersection Safety/Vision Zero projects to reduce the number of crashes that cause death or serious injury to zero.



#### Planned improvements include:

- A new high-visibility crosswalk at Seventh Street and the northbound I-35 frontage road
- A raised median island on the northwest corner of Seventh Street and the northbound frontage road
- Driveway modifications in the area
- A new segment of bicycle lane and exclusive right-turn lane eastbound on Seventh Street
- Upgraded pedestrian infrastructure, including restriped high-visibility crosswalks and new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps
- Upgraded signal infrastructure, markings and signage

Crews are beginning the project with roadway preparation and signal enhancements before moving into the streets in the coming weeks. Traffic lane closures will be announced on Austin Transportation's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

## Journey with AUS: Expansion & Development Projects Cleared for Take-off

After reviewing the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the [Airport Expansion and Development Program](#) (AEDP), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact/Record of Decision. The FAA's Finding of No Significant Impact denotes clearance from the federal government for AUS to build AEDP projects, like the new midfield concourse and underground connecting tunnel, which are currently in the preliminary planning process.

The Environmental Assessment process included a scoping phase in fall 2021 as well as a presentation of the Draft Environmental Assessment to the community in spring 2022. Both scoping and draft phases included public comment periods. We appreciate everyone's involvement and the public for their valuable feedback.

After collecting comments from the community, the Final Environmental Assessment and the airport's responses to all public comments were made available to the public. You can view the Draft Environmental Assessment, the Final Environmental Assessment, all public comments and their responses as well as archived meeting materials on the project website at [SpeakUpAustin.org/AUS-EA](https://SpeakUpAustin.org/AUS-EA).



**2030 AUS Expansion Plan**

- 1. New South Substation
- 2. New Electrical Ductbanks
- 3. New Utility Zone
- 4. New South Central Utility Plant (CUP)
- 5. New Midfield Cross Taxiways
- 6. New Midfield Concourse & Apron
- 7. Reworked Curbside & Barbara Jordan Terminal Improvements
- 8. West Airfield Improvements & Taxiways
- 9. Construction Laydown Zone
- 10. Employee Parking/Construction Laydown Zone

**Austin-Bergstrom International Airport**

### Airport Expansion & Development Program Environmental Assessment (EA)

Approved by the Federal Aviation Administration

Review the full EA, Finding of No Significant Impact documents, meeting materials & more at [www.SpeakUpAustin.org/AUS-EA](https://www.SpeakUpAustin.org/AUS-EA)

## Looking Ahead

### S. Congress Avenue Pavement Refresh

A section of South Congress Avenue is being resurfaced between Oltorf Street and Ben White Boulevard. [Austin Public Works](#) is applying new pavement to the road to prolong the life of the street.



The project will begin next week and work is expected to be completed in two months, pending weather or any other unanticipated delays.

Flex posts marking the protected bicycle lane on this street section are being removed as part of this maintenance work. They will be replaced as new markings are reinstalled following the resurfacing process.



## AUS Job Showcase & Hiring Fair

AUS is proud to announce its first-ever Job Showcase & Hiring Fair! The showcase and hiring fair is intended to give Austinites, Central Texans and anyone interested in aviation the chance to apply for jobs within the industry and learn more about the ins and outs of an airport and AUS.

Folks from the Department of Aviation, TSA, several airlines, and our concession partners will be at the event to provide information about their services, current jobs & applications, and answer questions from attendees.

Jobs range from cooks, cashiers and managers to customer service agents, security support specialists, fleet service agents, and ramp agents. Everyone including those seeking part- and full-time employment or those wanting to learn about aviation and AUS is invited!

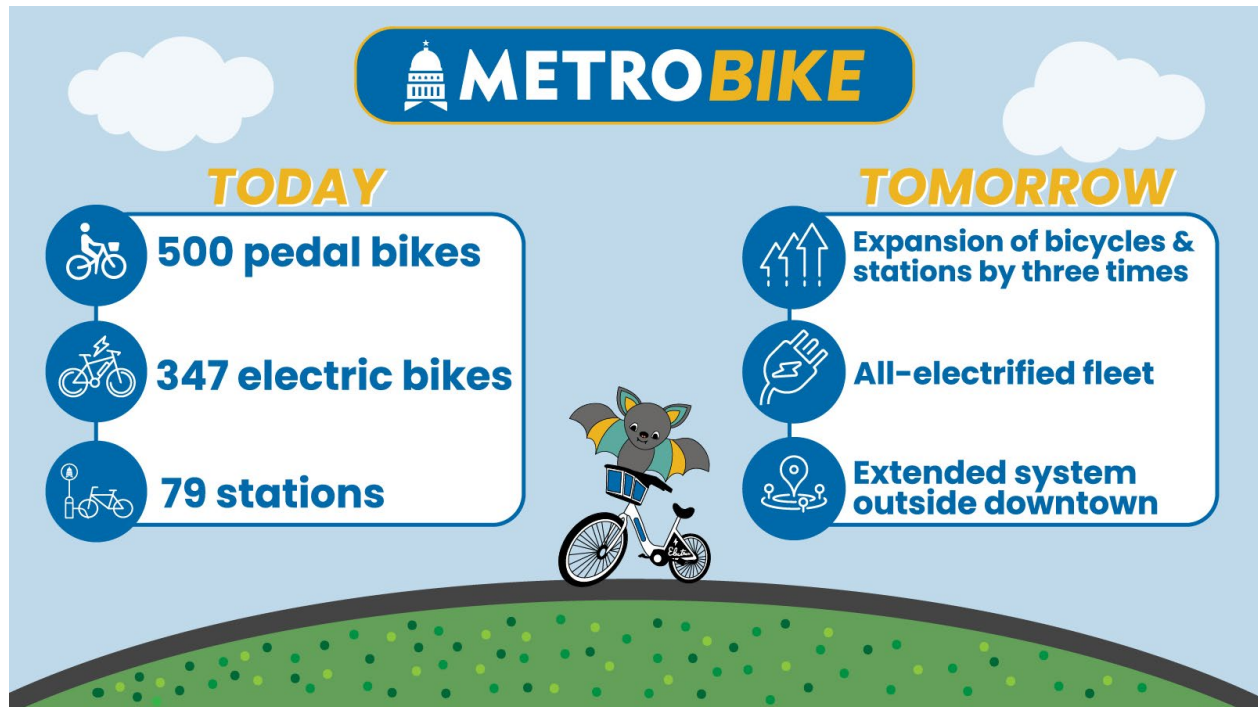
**Date/Time: September 20, 10am to 2pm**

**Location: 4140 Governors Row, Omni Southpark**



## Partner Recap

## MetroBike Program Set to Expand



Under an extended agreement [approved by Austin City Council](#) and the [CapMetro Board of Directors](#), the MetroBike program is set to expand significantly in the future.

According to the Interlocal Agreement, CapMetro will take over 100% of daily operations and maintenance while the City of Austin will continue to provide oversight of the program and ownership of the assets. This will allow for the necessary staff resources to oversee a program that is growing in popularity with Austinites. In 2013, the program, then called Austin B-Cycle, had 11 stations and 100 bicycles. Now, MetroBike has 79 stations with 500 pedal bicycles and 347 e-bikes. While e-bikes make up just over 40% of the total MetroBike fleet, they account for approximately 80% of all trips.

Under the extended agreement between the City and CapMetro, the MetroBike fleet is poised to fully electrify in the future. It will also expand, adding three times more stations and bicycles, while extending outside the downtown core. [You can learn more about MetroBike and find a map of stations here.](#)

## Move! That! Bus! Tactics for Transforming Transit in Two Years



The [National Association of City Transportation Officials](#) released a report in August that puts forth a simple concept: the most powerful tool leaders have to address climate change is the city bus, and options are available at the local level to improve bus service quickly.

[\*Move! That! Bus! Tactics for Transforming Transit in Two Years\*](#) provides an action plan for local officials to make quick decisions that lead to immediate results to reduce emissions and improve the lives of residents. The report focuses on three action items:

- Offering frequent all-day bus service,
- Redesigning streets to prioritize bus service, and
- Adopting local policy reforms that support transit.

The City and CapMetro are already implementing many of the recommendations in the report, including bus-only priority lanes to help deliver faster travel times and expanded service as part of CapMetro's Project Connect. [You can read the full report here.](#)

### Community Resources

[Weekly Mobility Newsletter Sign Up](#)

[2016 Bond Programs and Projects](#)

[Capital Projects Explorer](#)

[Austin Mobility Data and Performance Hub](#)

[Austin-Bergstrom International Airport](#)

[Upcoming Sidewalk Projects](#)

[Absent Sidewalk Map and Prioritization](#)

[Street Preventative Maintenance](#)

[Safe Ride Home Resources](#)

[Special Event Road Closures](#)