

City of Austin Mobility Outcome Report

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Monthly Highlights

Leading the Charge: Commitment to Electric Vehicle Adoption



The City of Austin is working to become carbon neutral by increasing its EV fleet and saving millions of dollars along the way. Right now, 7% of the City's fleet is on track to be electric by the end of 2022. Part of that goal includes adding 330 electric vehicles to its fleet by the end of this year. Due to higher gas prices, cost savings to date are ahead of initial forecasts predicting savings of \$3.5M over 10 years.

Austin started adding electric vehicles to its City fleet in 2017,

the majority of which consists of sedans and SUVs. This year, new electric trucks were also added, including the Ford F-150 Lightning.

To support the electric transportation strategy, Fleet Mobility Services is partnering with Public Works and Austin Energy to facilitate the construction and installation of charging infrastructure for the City's electric vehicles at various municipal buildings and parking garages. To date, 137 charging ports have been installed, with 52 more planned for the coming fiscal year.

In addition to the new charging infrastructure to power these City of Austin electric vehicles, Austin has more than 1,300 charging ports to serve EV users. Austin Energy's Plug-in EVerywhere Driver Program is made possible through partnerships with community station hosts throughout the city and allows drivers unlimited charging access for \$4.17 a month.

Multimodal Transportation Improvements Underway on Airport Blvd.

Construction is underway in Central Austin on Airport Boulevard, one of the voter-approved corridor projects funded by the 2016 Mobility Bond. The section between 55th Street and North Lamar Boulevard will receive safety improvements for all modes: walking, biking, taking transit and driving.

Upgrades include shared-use paths on both sides of the roadway, a new traffic signal and crosswalk at Clayton Lane, traffic signal improvements at five intersections, additional bus stop amenities and better drainage management.



Austin's Corridor Program Office is leading the project, which is one of nine major Austin roadways, or corridors, receiving improvements in the coming years. Altogether, the corridor plans span more than 50 miles. You can learn more about the Airport Boulevard project and others at [AustinTexas.gov/CorridorMobility](https://austintexas.gov/CorridorMobility).

Trail Completion at Holly Shores Creates Full Butler Trail Hike & Bike Loop

A missing piece of Austin's Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail is now complete. Austin Transportation leaders joined colleagues from Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works and many others to celebrate the opening of the Holly Shores Lakefront Trail, which runs along Lady Bird Lake across the site of the decommissioned Holly Power Plant.



The new span of ADA-accessible trail creates a continuous loop along the shores of Lady Bird Lake. Users can also take in new views of the water or approach the shores to fish. This segment of the trail connects to the recently completed shared-use pathways across the [Longhorn Dam bridge](#), providing a critical connection within our [All Ages and Abilities Bicycle Network](#). That network includes well over 200 miles of trails, shared-use pathways and bike routes to make getting around Austin safer, easier, equitable and more comfortable for everyone.

Before being decommissioned in 2007, the Holly Power plant operated on the property since its construction in 1958. The final decommissioning phase was completed in 2017, followed by groundbreaking for the trail segment last December. You can learn more about the [Holly Shores Vision Plan](#) at the project's website.

Answering the Call: Fleet Mobility Services & Austin Energy in Florida



In the wake of Hurricane Ian, crews from Austin Energy, with support from the City's Fleet Mobility Services Department, were dispatched to Southwest Florida to help restore power to millions of customers. Crews have been in Florida since last week and are working around the clock as the recovery efforts continue.

Community Feedback: Shape the Future of Urban Trails, Bikeways & Sidewalks



Visit the [ATX Walk Bike Roll Choosing Our Path virtual open house](#) to:

- View three ways urban trails and bikeways could be built in the future. Help decide what types of connections the City should prioritize in order to have the greatest positive impact for people walking, biking, or rolling.



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- Learn about Shared Streets, a way to build safer places to walk in less time and at a lower cost than constructing sidewalks.
- Rate how important pedestrian crossings are at select locations to help determine where to build them first.
- Give feedback on transportation policy questions that could make walking, biking, or rolling safer and more equitable for residents.

After you visit the virtual open house, take the online [survey in English](#) or [Spanish](#) to give feedback by Sunday, Oct. 23.

Partner Recap

Survey Underway to Improve Transit Access



Austin Transportation and CapMetro are leading a community engagement effort to shape transit enhancements to be developed over the next few years. The focus is on transit accessibility and is funded by the [2020 Safety and Active Transportation Bond](#).

It's designed to improve the transit rider experience by implementing a range of infrastructure projects that promote safer, more efficient and accessible transit service within the City of Austin. Infrastructure improvements could include transit priority lanes, transit-specific traffic signals and improved location of bus stops. Several in-person and online outreach opportunities are planned over the next month. Rider feedback will help develop cost-effective projects that improve the speed and reliability of bus service, as well as make that service easier and safer to access.

The online survey is available now at bit.ly/EnhanceTransitATX and En Español:



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bit.ly/MejoraTransporteATX). Feedback will help planners understand the delays and difficulties riders experience using transit and guide infrastructure improvements that can make the greatest difference in system efficiency. You can learn more about the Austin Transit Enhancement program at AustinTexas.gov/Transit.

Community Resources

[Weekly Mobility Newsletter Sign Up](#)

[Upcoming Sidewalk Projects](#)

[2016 Bond Programs and Projects](#)

[Absent Sidewalk Map and Prioritization](#)

[Capital Projects Explorer](#)

[Street Preventative Maintenance](#)

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