



## JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 20230329-3

Date: Mar 29, 2023

Subject: Resolution in support of ATX WalkBikeRoll Plan

Motioned By: Anna Scott

Seconded By: Heather Houser

WHEREAS the Austin Climate Equity Plan has the goal that “50% of trips in Austin are made using public transit, biking, walking, carpooling, or avoided altogether by working from home”; and

WHEREAS the Austin Climate Equity Plan has the goal that 75% of new housing be located within 1/2 mile of activity centers and corridors; and

WHEREAS Addressing Austin’s affordability and displacement crisis is necessary to achieve equitable outcomes; and

WHEREAS All Austinites, regardless of income should be able to live where there are safe places to walk, bike, and roll ; and

WHEREAS In order to achieve the aforementioned, the City must prioritize integrated affordability, anti-displacement, land use, and mobility programs and policies; and

WHEREAS Austin has 1500 miles of absent sidewalks and the Sidewalk Fee-in-Lieu program has resulted in many private developers not building sidewalks, even when no hardships are present; and

WHEREAS the 2016 Sidewalk Master Plan / ADA Transition Plan Update Appendix I details line-by-line code changes that would increase incentives to build sidewalks by private developers and increase the amount of sidewalks in the City of Austin.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE JOINT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION THAT:

- The Joint Sustainability Committee endorses the Austin Walk, Bike, Roll plan (ATXWBR)
- The Joint Sustainability Committee recommends that the Austin City Council direct the City Manager to implement changes to the Code of the City of Austin, Texas- Title 25- Land Development, Chapter 25-6 Transportation, Article 5- Driveway, Sidewalk, and Right-of-Way Construction, and the City of Austin Transportation Criteria Manual Section 4- Sidewalks and Curb Ramps , as outlined in Appendix I of the 2016 Sidewalk Plan in order to better ensure that developers are building sidewalks in most situations.

Vote: 11-0

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For: Diana Wheeler, Kaiba White, Rodrigo Leal, Christopher Campbell, Alberta Phillips, Kelsey Hitchingham, Greg Anderson, Anna Scott, Randy Chapman, Heather Houser, Frances Deviney

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Melissa Rothrock, Haris Qureshi, Yureisly Suarez

Attest: Rohan Lilauwala, Staff Liaison



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