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Subject: request for work session presentation

Dear City Manager Cronk,

Our 5/3/2022 Council Work Session conversation included discussion around transportation challenges in and around Zilker Park and other nearby cultural assets along the south shore of Lady Bird Lake. I would like to have an item scheduled in an upcoming work session and have ATD and CapMetro provide an in-depth presentation to illustrate the challenges and potential solutions to moving more people without cars into and around this area. The presentation will want to be scheduled ahead of the next Zilker Community meeting anticipated in the fall later this year. A tourist component to these conversations exists, as well as potential to connect to downtown and other future areas with similar clustering of cultural, performance, innovation, recreation, and/or entertainment. There is a need to pilot / bring back an updated, dillo type circulator service that individually links assets in an area and can anticipate connecting to other future circulator loop areas.

The Statesman PUD additionally portends dramatic traffic increases to and from and through the area. With limited ROW along Barton Springs Road, area segments of South Lamar and Riverside, and the area's cultural assets being some of the greatest generators of multi-modal and pedestrian activities, it is important we take steps to provide the needed infrastructure to ensure the area remains successful and sustainable in its use.

We have passed several resolutions that have recognized this issue and potential solution- the DAC item, Zilker planning items, Climate and Cultural Innovation District item- all anticipating the increasing traffic / parking challenges. I believe staff recognizes this as well and has done tremendous work to seek solutions to the challenges within the confines of status quo solutions. But status quo solutions will, in the end, compound the problem enabling more car trips in an already overly congested area. And staff has no real means to kick-start and make the solution viable. We need to use this opportunity to create a path to viability.

Can we get a work session presentation coordinated for Council on this topic and let me know when you will be able to have it scheduled?

Highest regards,

Ann