



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Urban Transportation Commission

Recommendation 20240402-004: Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Overlay

WHEREAS the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan aims to quadruple the number of Austinites commuting via public transit from 4% in 2017 to 16% in 2039, and identifies increasing “the number of people living and working within a 1/2 mile of the Transit Priority Network” as a key indicator of success;

WHEREAS the Federal Transit Administration’s software for ridership forecasting uses the number of people who can walk from their homes or jobs to a transit stop as its major input and forecast ridership is a major factor in FTA funding decisions

WHEREAS regardless of current zoning the presence of a transit stop will increase the demand for residential and commercial spaces regardless of base zoning, including those that are single family zoned, as is pointed out in RESOLUTION NO. 20230309-016

WHEREAS COUNCIL restrictions on which current base zones may be considered for the ETOD Overlay has resulted in a relatively small area being eligible for ETOD zoning

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Urban Transportation Commission recommends that the City Council direct the City Manager to direct staff to consider additional base zones for the ETOD Overlay subject to the considerations and limitations that staff has already used in selecting base zones as overlay candidates but omitting the restriction to non-single family zones, with a goal of enabling application of the ETOD Overlay to at least 50% of the land area within one-half mile of Phase 1 Austin Light Rail alignment and Priority Extensions.