



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

URBAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Recommendation Number 20240402-06 : Traffic Safety Around Austin-Bergstrom
International Airport**

WHEREAS, Recommendation 2024214-008, passed by the Airport Advisory Commission, seeks improved safety measures and enhanced communication with APD, AFD, EMS, TPW and TXDOT to avoid future incidents and to manage traffic in order that the roadways in and out of the airport remain safe and operational; and

WHEREAS, Fatal highway incidents on Northbound 183 (11/14/2022) and on Eastbound SH71 (11/15/2023) resulted in lane closures; and

WHEREAS, Fatal vehicle-related incidents occurred on the secure airfield side on 4/20/2023 and 10/31/2023; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhoods surrounding the airport are considered by the City of Austin Equity Analysis to be Most or Medium-High Vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, The City of Austin Transportation and Public Works department is currently working on a [intersection safety project at Burleson Road and SH 183](#); and

WHEREAS, The City of Austin, through its [Strategic Mobility Plan](#), is committed to ending traffic deaths as part of its Vision Zero program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Urban Transportation Commission recommends that Department of Aviation staff coordinate with Austin Police (APD), Fire (AFD) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS); Austin Transportation Public Works (TPW) Department Vision Zero Program; and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Vision Zero framework to promote pedestrian, bicycle, driver and vehicle safety in and around Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and also in order to keep at least one lane in each direction including airport entrances and exits open under most circumstances.

Motioned by: Commissioner Kavelman

Seconded by: Commissioner Somers

Date of Approval: 04/02/2024

Record of the vote: 7-0

Attest: Natalie Stone