



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024

Urban Transportation Commission

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

The purpose of the board is to serve as an advisory body to the city council, the city manager, and all other transportation-related departments concerning transportation-related matters including:

- transportation energy conservation matters;
- grant applications;
- streets and highways;
- bus and rail service;
- pedestrian and bikeway programs and projects;
- safety related programs and projects;
- provision for the needs of the mobility impaired;
- transportation franchise requests, renewals, rate adjustments, and hours of operation.

The commission shall:

- Review and make recommendations to the city council on all requests for taxicab permits, including annual permits and franchise permits.
- Annually review and report to the city council on the City's transportation system, including policies and programs.
- Review, study, and make recommendations to the Planning Commission on: transportation-related projects proposed for inclusion in the Capital Improvements Program; and plans and programs submitted by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Receive and study citizen comments and suggestions in all areas of transportation.
- In its deliberations: (1) recognize the relationship between transportation and economics, energy, safety, land use, neighborhood integrity, and environmental

- quality; and (2) consider transportation access to health care, employment, education, housing, and recreational facilities.
- Seek to promote close cooperation between the city council, other city boards and commissions, city departments, and individuals, institutions, and agencies concerned with transportation- related activities so that all similar activities in the City may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare.

1. Describe the board’s actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board’s mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

Presentations heard with no action taken:

- Transportation and Management Center Overview
- Transit Forward
- Arterial Management Division Overview
- Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons
- Congress Avenue Urban Design Project
- Safe Routes to School Program
- Equitable Transit Oriented Development Program
- City Mobility Bond Action Plan
- Project Connect Update
- Autonomous Vehicles in Austin
- Roles and responsibilities of each City department and office involved in the implementation of mobility-related projects and programs
- Austin Light Rail Update
- Public Engagement and Strategic Planning for Austin MetroBike
- Transportation and Public Works Grant Outlook for 2024
- Living Streets Program Update
- Green Streets Initiative
- I-35 Cap and Stitch
- Capital Delivery Services update with attention to Corridor Program community engagement and communication
- Urban Trails and Sidewalk program updates

Recommendations made:

- [Recommendation 20230711-003](#): Teleworking
- [Recommendation 20230711-004](#): Bike Lane Blockage
- [Recommendation 20231003-004](#): Parking Minimums
- [Recommendation 20240305-005](#): Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget
- [Recommendation 20240305-006](#): Climate Equity Investments
- [Recommendation 20240305-007](#): Vote Apportionment in CAMPO
- [Recommendation 20240402-003](#): South Central Waterfront
- [Recommendation 20240402-004](#): Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Overlay
- [Recommendation 20240402-005](#): Living Streets and Pedestrian Vibrancy

- [Recommendation 20240402-006](#): Traffic Safety around Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
- [Recommendation 20240507-006](#): Dockless Micromobility Regulations and Transportation-related Rulemaking

Other actions taken:

- Approval of seven vacations of right-of-way
- Approval of the Commission's 2024 meeting dates, and amendments thereof
- A motion to appoint Chair Somers as the alternate commissioner to the Joint Sustainability Commission
- A motion to elect Susan Somers as Chair of the Urban Transportation Commission
- A motion to elect Ruven Brooks as Vice Chair of the Urban Transportation Commission
- A motion to elect Spencer Schumacher as Parliamentarian of the Urban Transportation Commission

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

The Urban Transportation Commission's actions throughout the year comply with our mission statement. Through offering feedback informally during briefings as well as adopting motions and recommendations, the UTC has served as an active advisory body to the city council, the city manager, and all transportation-related departments on transportation-related matters.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

The Commission has a strong interest in a high-capacity transit network, micro-mobility options, and, generally, in providing opportunities to reduce single-occupancy vehicle dependency.

The commission will weigh in on all transportation plans, policies and programs impacting the City of Austin including, but not limited to, the following:

- Project Connect, including the ongoing Austin Light Rail environmental impact study
- I-35 Capital Express projects and related City of Austin Our Future 35 Cap and Stitch program
- Austin Strategic Mobility Plan implementation and updates
- ATX Walk Bike Roll updates
- Potential transportation bond investments
- Urban Trails and Red Line Parkway Initiative
- CAMPO governance, planning, and decision-making
- Micro-mobility regulations
- Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan 10-year review
- Austin Core Transportation Plan
- Transportation Criteria Manual

- Equitable Transit Oriented Development program development and implementation
- Transportation Safety and Vision Zero