



## **Annual Internal Review**

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

### **Downtown Commission**

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

- (1) Advise the City Council and city staff regarding policies and projects impacting downtown Austin;
- (2) Serve as stewards for the Downtown Austin Plan (DAP) and, as such:
  - (a) Serve as a sounding board for the City Council and City of Austin (COA) staff on the implementation of the Downtown Austin Plan (DAP) and Land Development Code rewrite; and
  - (b) Offer recommendations on amendments to the DAP and Land Development Code rewrite as needed;
- (3) Maintain liaison relationships with City staff and other boards and commissions; and
- (4) Perform other activities as directed by City Council.

**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.**

The Commission has been meeting throughout the year and continues to maintain representation of voting and non-voting members. The Commission received briefings on:

- Downtown Austin Plan (DAP)
- Scooter Issues
- Downtown Resiliency Plan
- Project Connect
- 5th Street Mexican American Cultural Heritage District
- Driverless/Autonomous Vehicles
- Austin Public Library's Heating and Cooling Initiative
- Convention Center Expansion
- Palm District Plan
- Seaholm District Multimodal Connectivity Projects
- Public Safety Trends
- South by Southwest Festival 2024 Preparedness
- Red River Cultural District
- Downtown Historic Survey

## Downtown Commission Annual Review and Work Plan

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- Equity-Based Preservation Plan
- Mental Health Resources for People Experiencing Homelessness
- Outdoor Music and Performance Venues Sound Assessments and Disclosures
- Street Impact Fees
- Economic and Cultural District Framework Policy
- Creative Combining District and Development Bonus Program

The Commission passed the following recommendations:

- Austin Convention Center Expansion Advisory Board
  - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20240221-002
- Immediate and Future Funding for the Red River Cultural District
  - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20240320-002
- Downtown Vehicle Safety Mitigation Plan FY 2025 Budget
  - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20240320-003
- Centralize Graffiti Programs under New Department
  - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20240417-003
- Dockless Micromobility Regulations
  - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20240515-003
- Update to the Downtown Austin Plan
  - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20240626-005

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

The Commissions actions complied with the mission statement.

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

- Monitor and support the continued implementation and update of the Downtown Austin Plan
- Monitor and support Downtown's continuing economic vitality
- Monitor and support efforts to ensure that downtown is inclusive
- Monitor and support efforts related to health and safety issues affecting all who live and work in or visit Downtown including:
  - All modes of transit
  - Public safety matters
  - Safer Sixth Street Initiative
  - Parkland improvements and maintenance
  - Graffiti prevention and abatement
- Engage in Downtown development and design matters
  - Palm District Master Plan
  - HealthSouth Redevelopment Restart
  - Urban Design Guidelines
  - Rainey Street
- Monitor the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) to ensure that policies, programs and projects balance Downtown's current and future mobility needs.
- Engage with Downtown Stakeholders