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# ADA Transition Plans for Pedestrian Crossings and Urban Trails

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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# Today's Presenters



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# Meeting Agenda



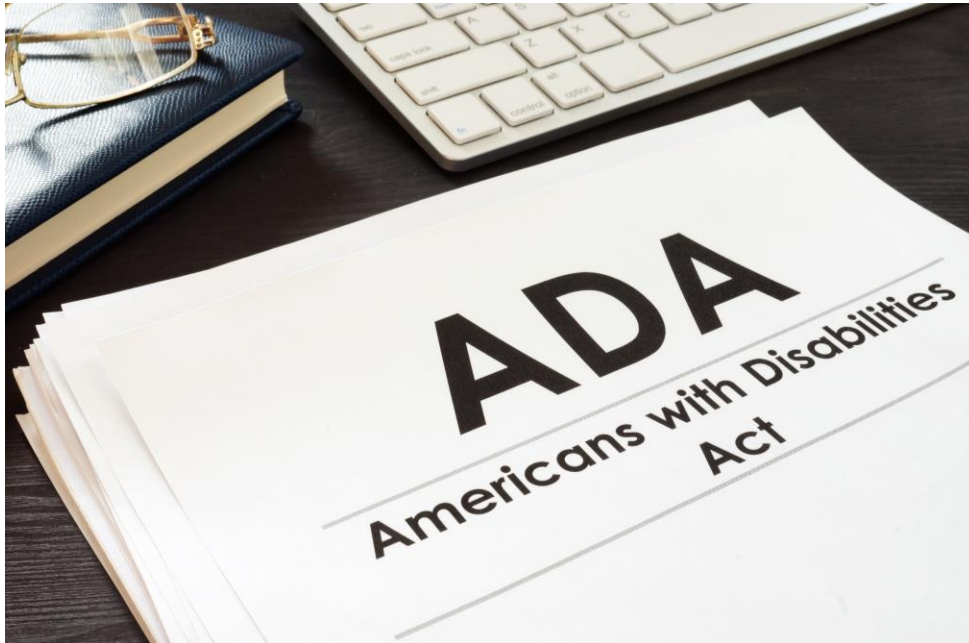
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- Overview of ADA Transition Plans
- Project goals & tasks
- Accessibility focus areas
- Ways to participate
- Questions & answers

# What is the ADA?



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- Americans with Disabilities Act

- Civil rights law
- Signed on July 26, 1990
- Ensures access for people with disabilities
- Requires public infrastructure to be accessible

# What is an ADA Transition Plan?



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A required government document



Identify barriers that make it hard for people with disabilities to access places



Includes plans and timelines for fixing these barriers and improving accessibility



Helps cities like Austin offer safe and fair access to transportation for everyone

# Project Purpose



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ADA Transition Plan for  
Pedestrian Crossings



ADA Transition Plan for  
Urban Trails

# Project Focus Areas



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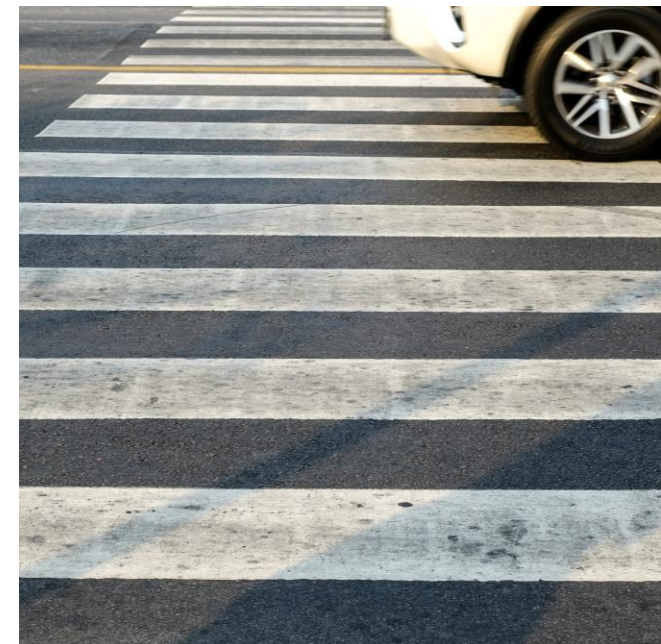
## Pedestrian Crossing Barriers



- Missing pedestrian push buttons



- Pedestrian signals that are too fast



- Missing or faded crosswalks

# Project Focus Areas



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## Pedestrian Crossing Barriers



- Non-ADA compliant ramps



- Poorly aligned crosswalks



- Obstacles in the way of the crossing

### Pedestrian Crossing Barriers



- Crosswalk sound cues are missing



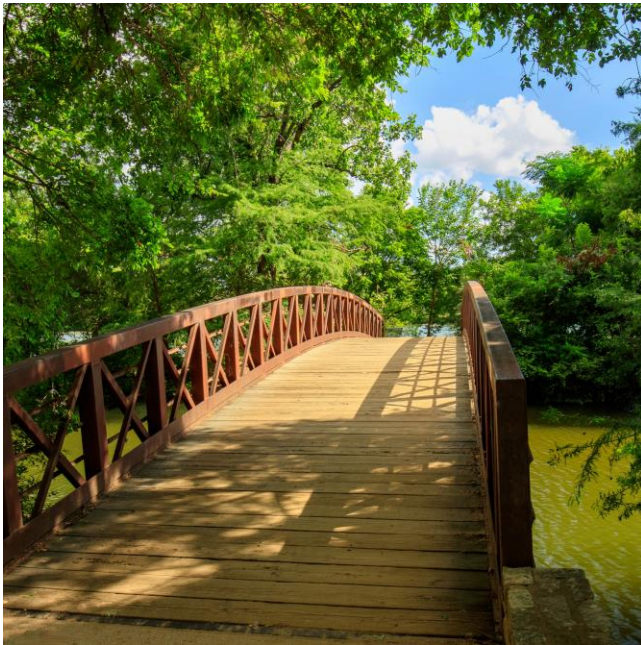
- Unsafe feeling to cross due to visibility issues

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## Urban Trail Barriers



- Steep inclines



- Lack of signage



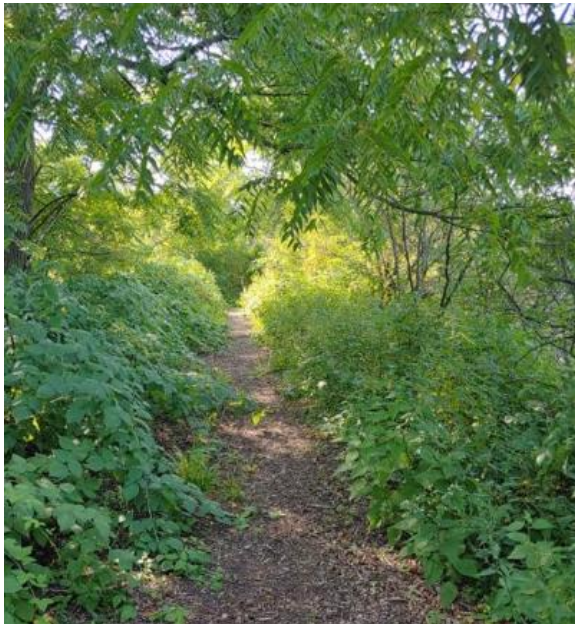
- Cracked pavement/missing pedestrian railing

# Project Focus Areas



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## Urban Trail Barriers



- Narrow trails or not enough space to pass



- Obstacles in the way of the trail



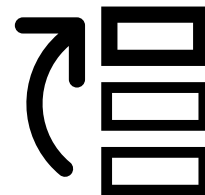
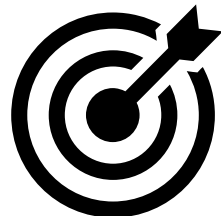
- Dark conditions / insufficient lighting

# Your Feedback Matters



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- ❑ Your input helps shape the final ADA Transition Plans
- ❑ We're using your feedback to:
  - Identify barriers and areas of concern
  - Prioritize locations for inspection and improvement
  - Develop recommendations that reflect community needs




# How You Can Participate



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Speak Up Austin > ADA Transition Plans for Pedestrian Crossings and Urban Trails




ADA Transition Plans for Pedestrian Crossings and Urban Trails

Help improve accessibility in Austin! Share your input on pedestrian crossings and urban trails to support the City's ADA Transition Plan.

Thank you for taking part in this survey about improving pedestrian crossings and urban trails in Austin. Your feedback will help the City identify areas that need improvement and make them more accessible. This survey will be open through July 21, 2025.

This survey is anonymous, unless you decide to share your contact information for follow-up. If you need help with any questions or would like someone to read the questions or enter your answers, please email [MobilityBonds@austintexas.gov](mailto:MobilityBonds@austintexas.gov) for assistance.

Provide your input on the interactive map. You can add a point and comment on a need, opportunity or concern on accessibility to pedestrian crossings and urban trails.



1. Complete the online survey
2. Share survey with your network

*English Survey:*

<https://speakupaustin.org/austinada>

*Encuesta en español:*

<https://speakupaustin.org/austinadaesp>

# ADA Transition Plan Timeline



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- ❑ Public Outreach - June 24 – August 15, 2025
- ❑ 50% Draft Plan – anticipated November 2025
- ❑ Final Plan – anticipated June 2026

# Next Steps



- ❑ A summary of this meeting and all outreach will be included in the Final ADA Transition Plans.
- ❑ For questions or follow-up, contact us at:  
[MobilityBonds@austintexas.gov](mailto:MobilityBonds@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-2300