DRAFT MOBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
October 1, 2026

Committee Members Present:
Paige Ellis, Chair
Zohaib "Zo" Qadri, Vice Chair
José "Chito" Vela
Krista Laine

Call to Order
Committee Chair Ellis called the committee meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Public Communication: General
There were three speakers.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the minutes for the Mobility Committee Meeting of September 3, 2026**
   The minutes were approved. The motion was made by Council Member Qadri and seconded by Council Member Laine. The motion passed unanimously with a 4 – 0 vote.

2. **Approve the corrected minutes for the May 17, 2025, and February 12, 2026, Mobility Committee Meetings.**
   The item was withdrawn by staff.

Briefings

3. **Briefing regarding electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft, which use electric motors and rotors to take off and land vertically, hover, and fly horizontally, and their potential uses, including considerations for emergency medical response operation resources within Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services (ATCEMS).**
   The committee received a briefing from Mike Rogers, Assistant City Manager from the City Manager's Office; Lewis Leff, Assistant Director from Transportation and Public Works and Christopher Lester, Division Chief - ATCEMS.

4. **Updates on the East 51st Street Mobility Project, which improves safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers on the section of East 51st Street from Berkman Drive to Cameron Road**
   The Committee received a briefing from Richard Mendoza, Director of Austin Transportation and Public Works

5. **Updates on the Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Implementation, a planning approach that places jobs, housing, goods, and services within walking and biking distance of transit stops to help communities reduce car use while providing them with more transportation options.**
   The committee received a briefing from Warner Cook, Principal Planner from Austin Planning.

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6. **Report by Austin Transportation and Public Works related to ongoing mobility programs and projects in the Central Texas region, including construction and service updates: monthly updates on the projects and operations of critical infrastructure departments.**
   The committee received a report from Director Richard Mendoza from Austin Transportation and Public Works.

7. **Fiscal Year 2025-2026 3rd Quarter Financial Report.**
   The committee received the financial report from Director Richard Mendoza from Austin Transportation and Public Works.

Future Items

8. **Identify items to be discussed at future meetings**
   Chairwoman Ellis did not specifically identify items.

Committee Chair, Council Member Ellis adjourned the committee meeting at 2:52 P.M.

9. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

Committee Chair, Council Member Ellis identified multiple items for future meetings. Moving bike month up to April. Investigating some of the new bike friendly infrastructure that has been implemented. Bond bridges and different funding sources. Citywide lighting plan, the crg briefing and other memos that may come out as appropriate. For the month of May, taking up TXDOT capital express construction. School district having issues with the autonomous driving vehicles and stopping for busses. Vice Chair, Mayor Pro Tem Vela discussed a letter in relation to the incident that happened after the mass shooting with Waymo.

Committee Chair, Council Member Ellis adjourned the committee meeting at 2:59 P.M.

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