

## **Don't Play Games with the Lives of Austin Pedestrians!**

**The Americans with Disabilities Act became law in 1990. The ADA required that a transition plan to address sidewalk accessibility be implemented in 1992 and all of construction accessibility improvements be FINISHED by 1995.**

**However, there is no money in the City Manager's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 08-09 that will address sidewalks on major roadways. City Manager Ott has stated publicly on several occasions that there is \$1.2 million of GO Bond money in the budget to address sidewalk accessibility but this is misleading. GO Bonds are currently focused on residential areas where roadways are being resurfaced. The City Manager either is not aware of that policy or he has chosen to engage in political spin not recognizing his policies are a threat to the safety of pedestrians. The current draft of the proposed budget recommends spending \$1.8 million on parking space management. Why does Mr. Ott feel that parking space management is more urgent than the safety of his fellow citizens? There is an additional line item in the budget that could help fund this essential service. It is something called transfers and other requirements. Those funds add up to a combined total of \$7.5 million. Why is this prioritized higher than ADA compliant sidewalks?**

**According to the draft budget for the Parks and Recreation Department the City Manager recommends allocating \$5.3 million to the Golf Enterprise Fund. Why is this more important than ADA compliant sidewalks?**