



## City of Austin Complete Streets Policy

PREPARED FOR THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



Austin Mobility

Making mobility better, together.

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## GOAL

**POLICY TO COUNCIL - MAY 22**

## POLICY DEVELOPMENT

**CROSS DEPARTMENTAL INPUT**

**STEERING COMMITTEE + TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM**

**ADDRESS KNOWN ISSUES**

## FOCUS

**IMPLEMENTATION = CROSS DEPARTMENTAL**

**BUILDING ON SUCCESS + CHALLENGING OURSELVES**

# What are Complete Streets?



Complete Streets are streets for everyone, no matter who they are or how they travel.



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Safe    Comfortable    Convenient



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# Americans want choices

**66%** of Americans want more options for transportation

**73%** feel they have no choice but to drive as much as they do.

**57%** would like to spend less time in the car.

Future of Transportation National Survey (2010)



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# The tremendous potential

Of all trips:

39%

are less than  
3 miles

17%

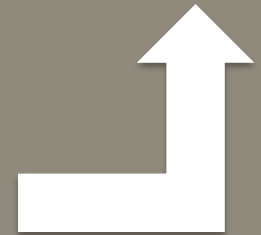
are less than  
1 mile

47%

are driven



of these trips...



National Household Travel Survey (2009)



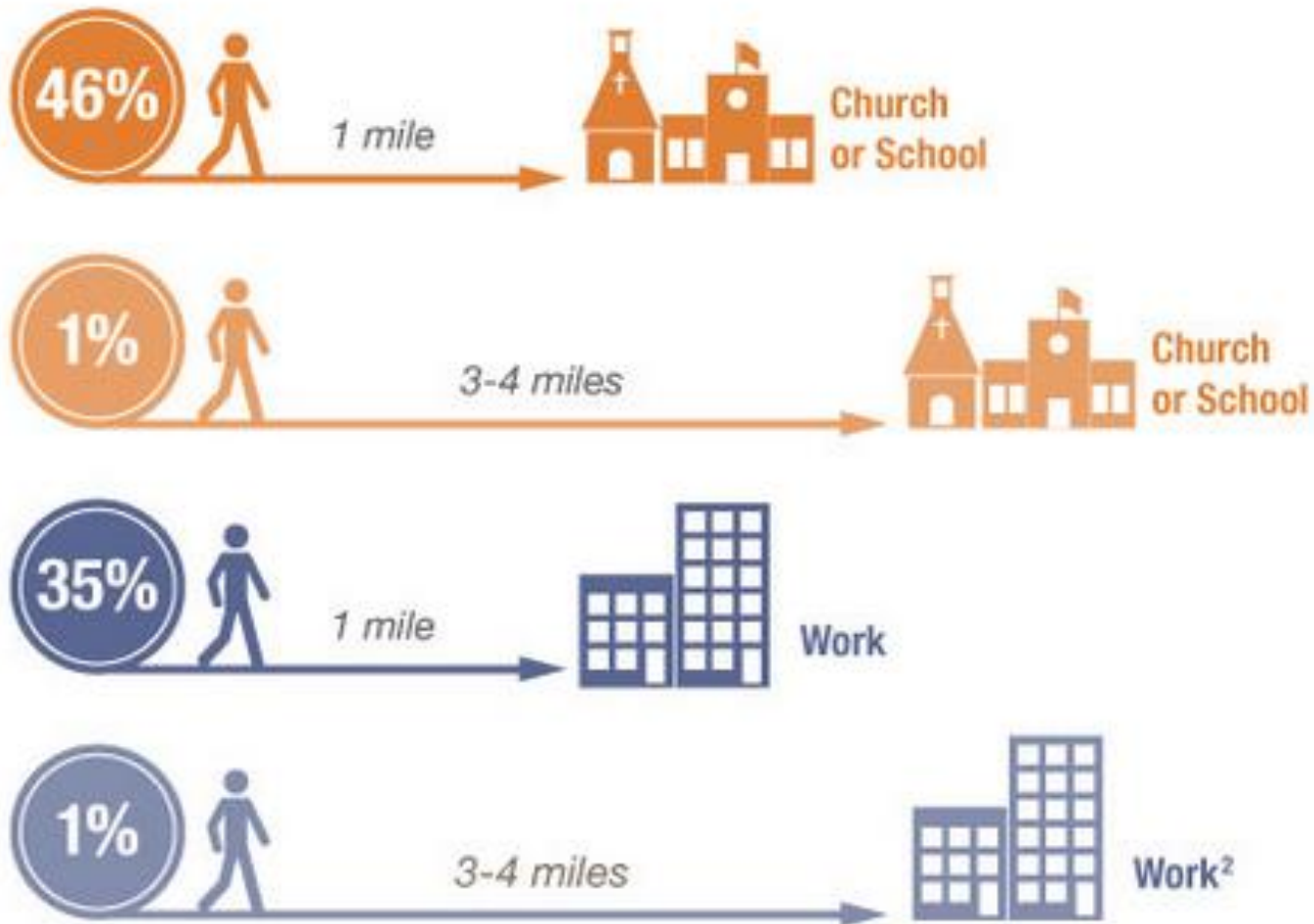
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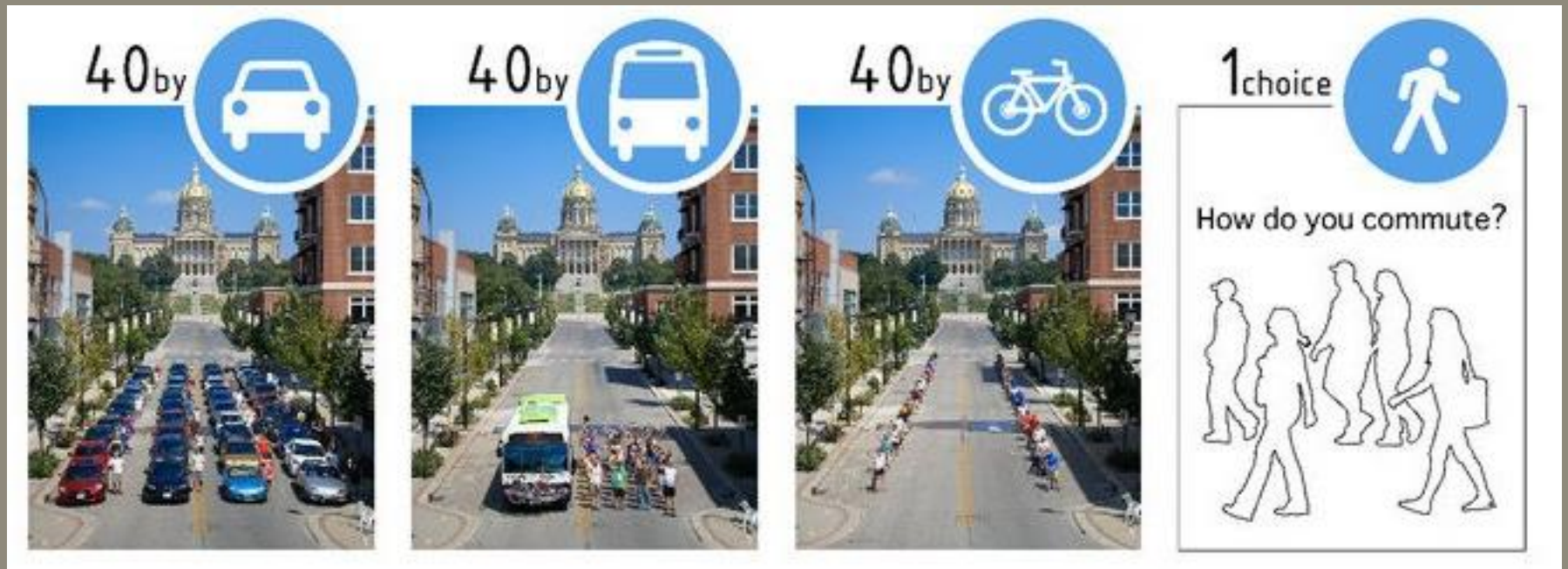
## STUDIES SHOW PEOPLE WILL WALK TO DESTINATIONS:



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2012, [newpublichealth.org](http://newpublichealth.org)



# Benefits: Increase Capacity



# Benefit: Affordability

Transportation ~18% of family budgets

Low income households can spend up to 55% of budget on transportation.

Complete Streets create real lower-cost choices.





# Green Streets



Make Complete Streets 'Green Streets' that improve environmental sustainability.



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## VISION AND INTENT

Complete Streets are a tool to advance multiple long-term community goals defined by the vision and policies of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

The intent of this Complete Streets policy is to enhance Austin's quality of life by advancing mobility, public health and safety, livability, sustainability, equity, affordability, economic activity, climate resilience, green infrastructure, excellence in urban design and community character.



# Complete Streets Principles (1/2)

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- Complete Streets serve all users and modes
- Complete Streets require connected travel networks
- Complete Streets enhance community character
- Complete Streets protect Austin's sustainability and environment

# Complete Streets Principles (2/2)

- Complete Streets are the work of all City departments
- Complete Streets include all elements of the transportation system and all projects and phases
- Complete Streets require best-practice design criteria and context- sensitive approaches
- Complete Streets require appropriate performance measures



# Complete Streets Success Stories in Austin



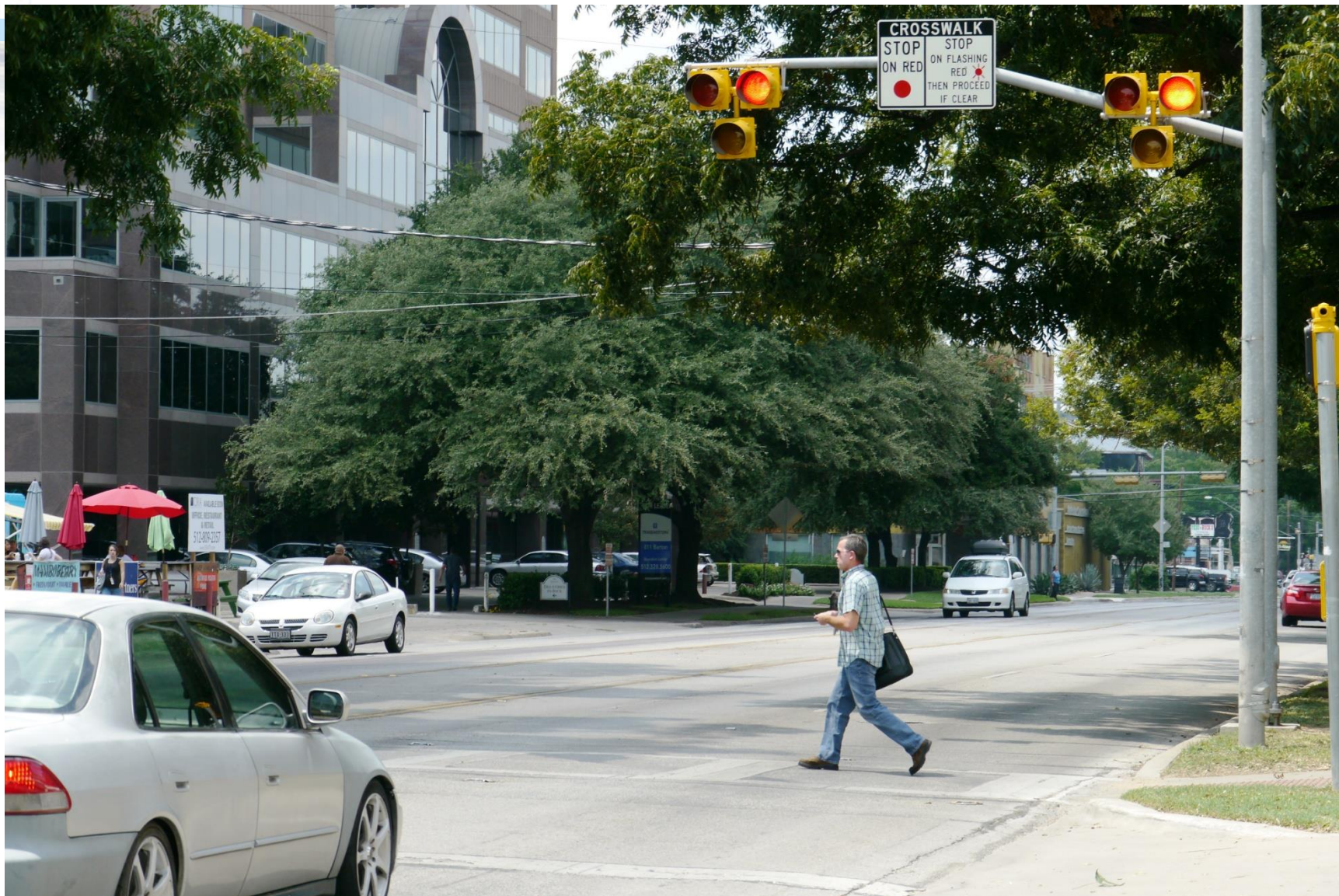












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# The Policy Opportunity

- One Citywide Vision & Mission
- More Complete Projects
- More Complete Collaboration
- A Better Austin



# Great Cities Do Great + Complete Streets Austin Can Too!



Barcelona – Spain



Austin – USA