

A Resolution of the City of Austin Zoning & Platting Commission

WHEREAS Mayor Steve Adler has declared 2016 the Year of Mobility;

WHEREAS a lack of adequate infrastructure to meet the demands of unprecedented urban growth makes mobility among the highest issues of concern to residents throughout Austin;

WHEREAS City Council has initiated the Mobility Talks public input process to garner ideas from this and other Boards and Commissions for easing congestion and improving mobility, including through a 2016 mobility bond;

WHEREAS the Urban Transportation Commission has passed a resolution calling for funding the bicycle master plan, high priority sidewalks, and corridor plans that increase opportunities for high capacity transit;

WHEREAS investment in meaningful alternatives to single-occupancy car trips, including bicycling, walking and public transit, is an efficient and proven way to reduce congestion and provide affordable means of transportation;

WHEREAS the Bicycle Master Plan, now including the Urban Trail Master Plan, have undergone extensive public input, planning, and will remove an estimated 20,000 car trips from the Central Business District every day;

WHEREAS the Sidewalk Master Plan and constructing sidewalks to schools and transit stops will help Austin achieve its Vision Zero street safety goals to eliminate traffic-related deaths;

WHEREAS the 2014 Strategic Mobility Plan identifies dedicated transit ways that must fully embrace an integrated, multi-modal system in order to meet the needs of a growing, highly urbanized region;

WHEREAS the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan includes a land use and transportation policy setting forth development of “intermediate transit solutions that allow the City to reach the ultimate goal of a complete transit network over the long-term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Zoning and Platting Commission urges the City Council to pursue a 2016 Mobility Bond that addresses as priorities the City of Austin

Regional Mobility, Corridor Mobility, and Local Mobility Needs using selection criteria that emphasizes projects that:

work in concert with adopted and future land use plans;

involve partnerships between City of Austin and other funding agencies; and

result from inter-departmental coordination and identification in the Long-Range Capital Improvement Program Strategic Plan.

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