



RECOMMENDATION

Pedestrian Advisory Council

Recommendation Number: 20161107-03A

Connections 2025 Draft Transit Plan

WHEREAS, the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) shall advise City of Austin on pedestrian planning, policy, design, funding, education, and enforcement efforts regarding the creation, maintenance and operation of pedestrian facilities in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable circulation for both commuting and recreation within the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, Cap Metro has been working on the Connections 2025 Plan, which outlines constrained recommendations for the next 5 years and unconstrained recommendations for long range planning; and

WHEREAS, Cap Metro has conducted both in-person and on-line community engagement activities, a stakeholder working group, and briefings with various groups, including the Pedestrian Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, frequency of service emerged as the top priority in the community engagement process; and

WHEREAS, Cap Metro's proposed frequent network will put 51% of the population within ½ mile of frequent transit (up from 31%); and

WHEREAS, Cap Metro can make these network changes with a minimal (7%) increase in the existing budget

WHEREAS, a PAC goal is to have paratransit service to all areas and that paratransit connectivity be provided to all adjacent communities

WHEREAS, Cap Metro will continue to work with the City to provide safe pedestrian crossings and safe pedestrian access and tie into the Sidewalk Master Plan and the Vision Zero Action plan

WHEREAS, a PAC goal is to see public restrooms provided at transit stops;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Austin Pedestrian Advisory Council recommends approval of the Connections 2025 plan, with the following considerations:

The PAC would like to see transit stops spaced not to exceed 1/3 of a mile on rapid routes.

The PAC would like to be assured that riders currently receiving paratransit services will continue to receive those services under the proposed plan.

Date of Approval: November 7, 2016

Vote: Unanimously approved

Attest:

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Emily Smith, staff liaison to the PAC