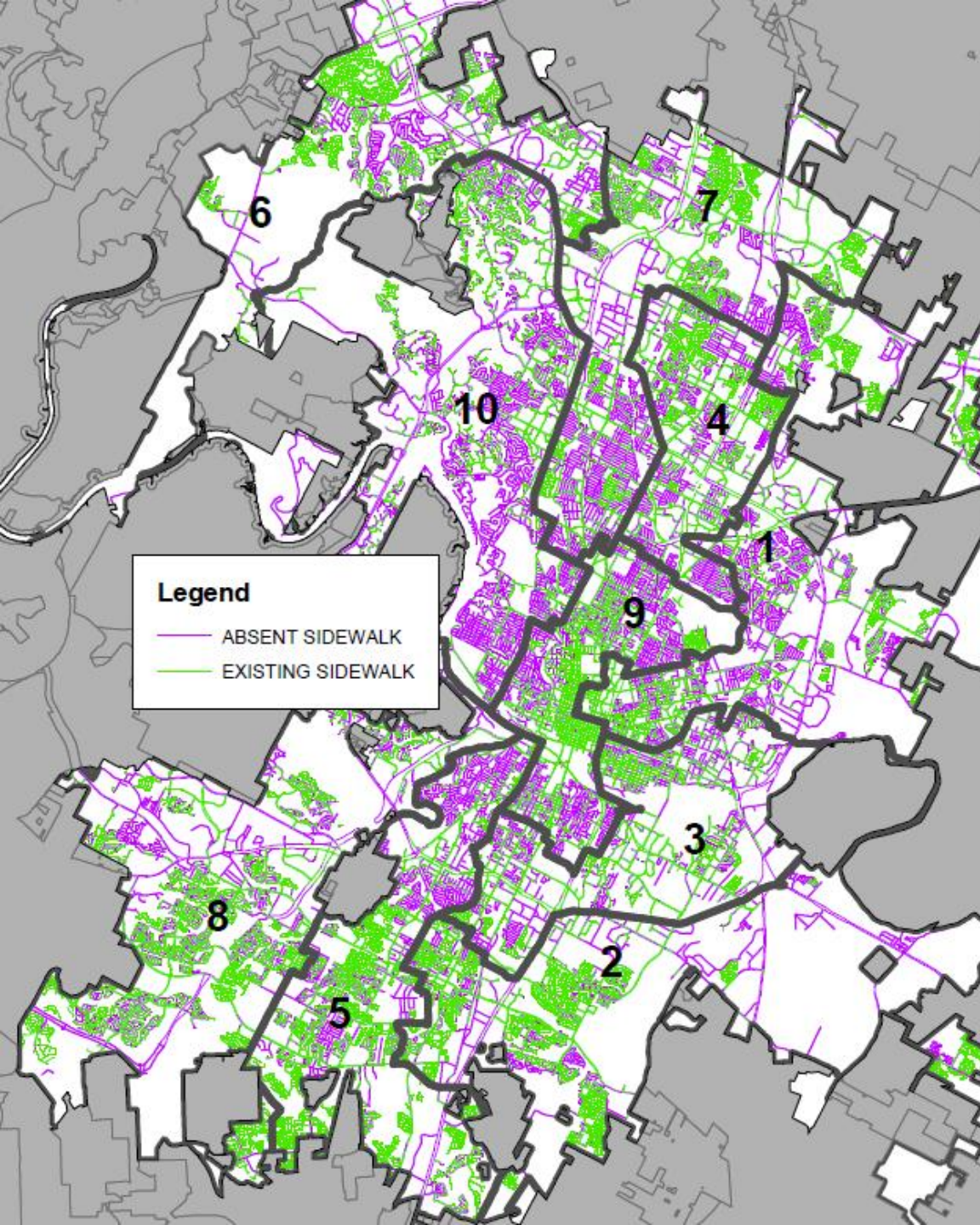




2016 Sidewalk Master Plan & ADA Transition Plan





Sidewalks by Council District

District	Existing		Absent	
	Miles	%	Miles	%
1	253	11%	345	13%
2	264	11%	196	8%
3	178	7%	154	6%
4	160	7%	146	6%
5	278	12%	222	9%
6	301	12%	271	11%
7	262	11%	292	11%
8	315	13%	279	11%
9	198	8%	197	8%
10	200	8%	476	18%
Total	2,408	100%	2,578	100%

Transit/Sidewalk System



CapMetro

- 34+ million boardings/yr
- 22+ million boardings/yr walked to transit / had no option to use car*
- 3+ million boardings/yr by mobility impaired



From *The Atlantic*

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Why L.A.'s \$1.4 Billion Sidewalk Repair Case Is Such a Big Deal



Code Update Summary

- **Vegetation Maintenance**
 - Landowner responsible for maintaining clear path
- **New subdivisions**
 - Sidewalk construction required when road constructed (not building permit)
- **Driveways**
 - Landowners required to provide ADA compliant sidewalk
 - Enforcement through sidewalk construction projects (commercial only) and 311/code compliance
- **Site plan & building permit approval**
 - Rehabilitation of existing sidewalks to meet ADA requirements if necessary
- **Fee in lieu – revised applicability**

A 10%

B 10%



20% Functionally Acceptable

C 25%

D 50%

F 5%



80% Functionally Deficient

Assessment Results

Vegetation Maintenance





20% → 40%

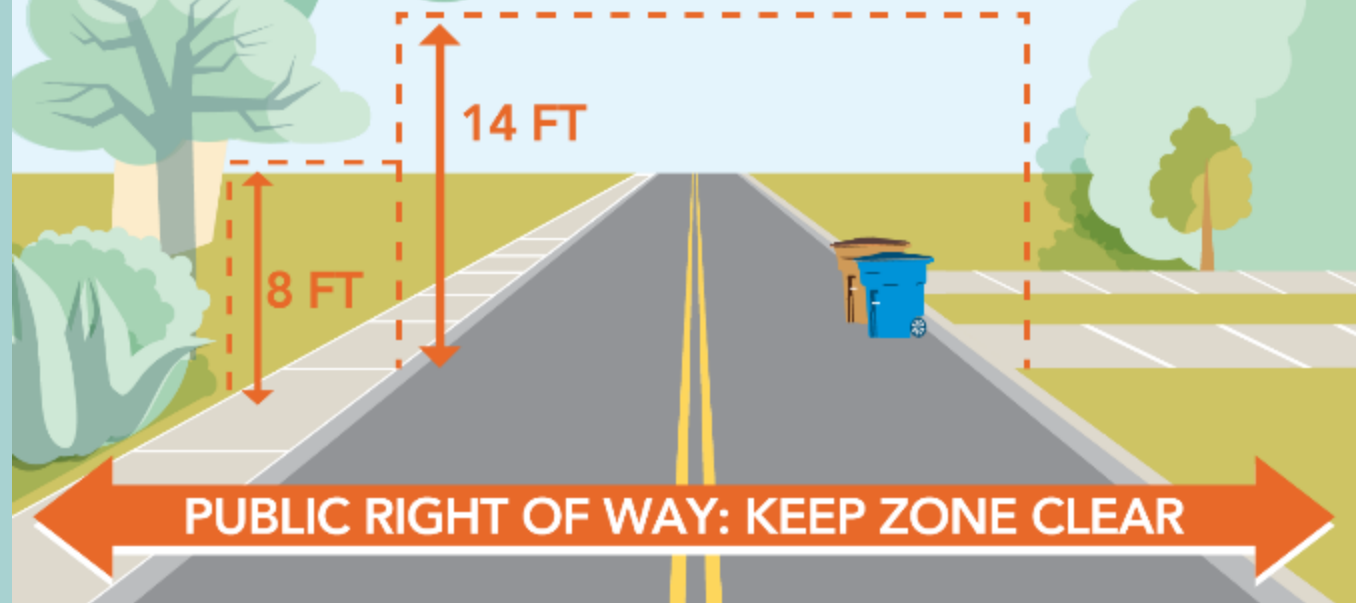
Functionally Acceptable

Ongoing
Public
Awareness
Campaign

Active
Enforcement

Funding for
Removal
Programs

KNOW THE RIGHT OF WAY, CLEAR THE RIGHT OF WAY



It's a jungle out there, but the public right of way shouldn't be. Did you know it is the responsibility of property owners to keep sidewalks clear and private tree limbs, plants, and other vegetation trimmed to 8 feet above the sidewalk and 14 feet above the street?

Do your part to keep Austin's sidewalks and streets safe and accessible. Know the Right of Way, Clear the Right of Way.

Call 3-1-1 or visit us online at www.austintexas.gov/cleartherow for more information.



Code Updates – Vegetation

Current	Proposed
<u>Unclear:</u> Vegetation not allowed to obstruct public use of ROW	<u>Clarify requirements:</u> Provide specific clearance requirements for each type of transportation facility <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14 feet over roads• 8 feet of urban trails• 80 inches over sidewalks
No defined penalties	§ 6-3-27 – PENALTY - A person who violates this article commits a Class C misdemeanor and is subject to the penalty prescribed by Section 1-1-99 (Offenses; General Penalty). Each occurrence of a violation of this article is a separate offense.

THE CODE OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS; TITLE 6. – ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND CONSERVATION; CHAPTER 6-3. – TREES AND VEGETATION



New Subdivisions

Code Updates – Subdivisions, Site Plans, and Building Permits

Current	Proposed
Sidewalk construction required Prior to CO for building permit	<u>Subdivisions:</u> sidewalk construction required Prior to acceptance of roads and other utilities/infrastructure
Sidewalk Waivers - allowed with approval of multiple department Directors under limited circumstances	No waivers; sidewalk construction or payment of fee in lieu required
New sidewalks required if absent but no review of existing sidewalks	Require all sidewalks (new or existing) to meet ADA standards

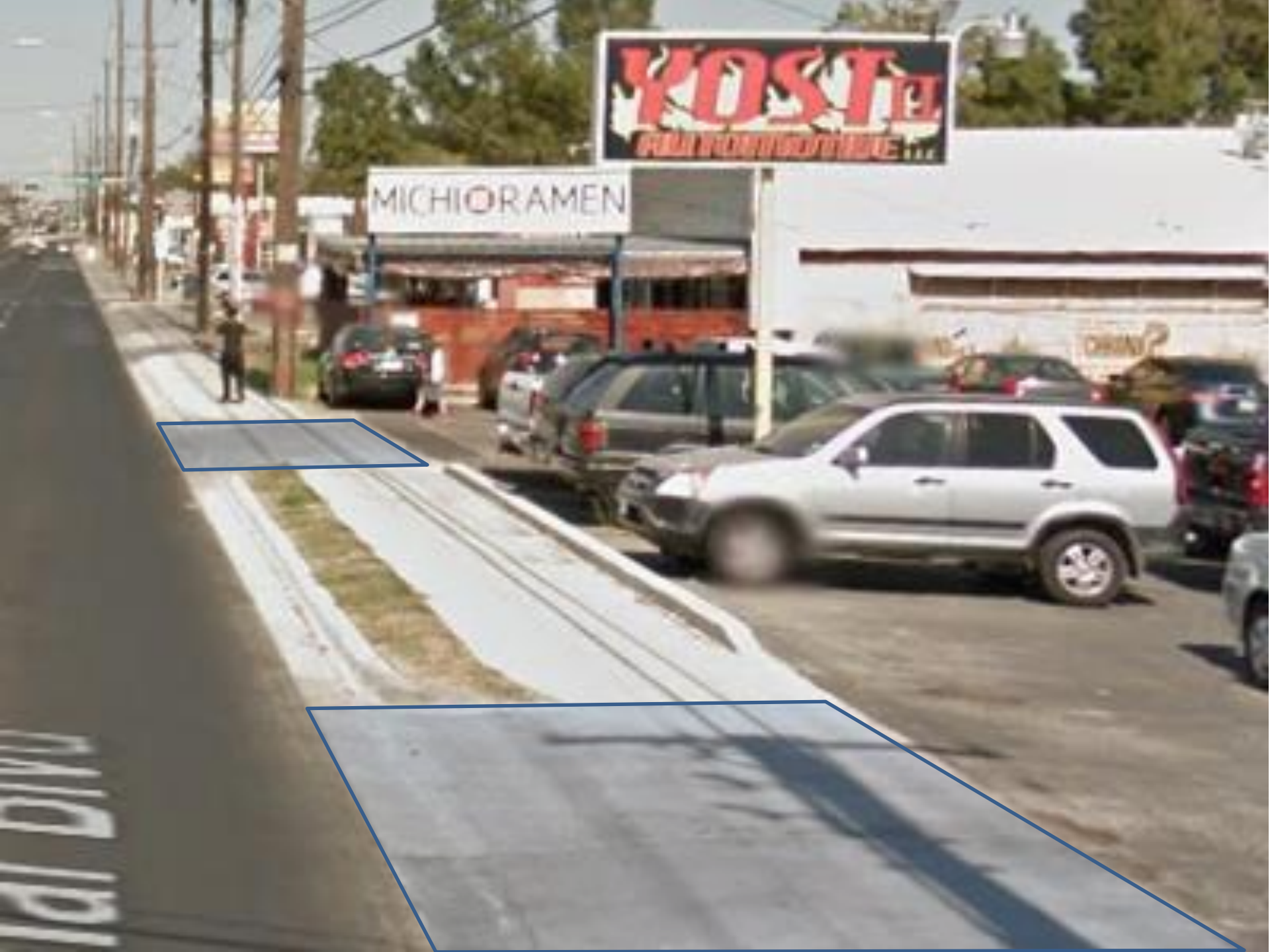
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ARTICLE 5. – DRIVEWAY, SIDEWALK, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTION;
Division 5. – Sidewalks § 25-6-351 - SIDEWALK AND/OR URBAN TRAIL
INSTALLATION IN SUBDIVISIONS.***

Driveways



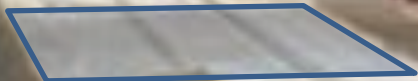


**Assessments on new projects to
incentivize “Drivewalk” reduction**



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Code Updates – Maintenance

Current	Proposed
Driveway aprons: maintenance requirements removed from code in 1999	The person owning any property abutting a driveway approach shall be responsible for installation, repair and maintenance of the driveway approach consistent with appropriate and applicable standards for construction in the public right of way and shall keep such driveway approach in a good and safe condition free from any defects and hazards of any kind or character.
Sidewalk Maintenance: no requirements	Require any person making special use of any sidewalk, pedestrian way, curb, gutter, or driveway approach for the purpose of ingress/egress, downspout drains, or any other special use of any character, to keep such sidewalk, pedestrian way, curb, gutter, or driveway approach abutting such property in a good and safe condition and free from any defects and hazards of any kind and character.

“Special Use”

**Parking lot drainage; dented
steel plate creates trip
hazard/ADA compliance issue**



“Special Use”

Repaired by City; after code change would be landowner responsibility

Fee in lieu



Code Updates – Fee in lieu

Current	Proposed
<u>Landowner option</u> if certain criteria are met	<u>Restricted Landowner option</u> only on street frontages where City determines future sidewalk connection are unlikely. In residential areas with extensive missing sidewalks sidewalk construction may be required on one side of the street and fee in lieu allowed on the opposite side

***TITLE 25- LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; CHAPTER 6. – TRANSPORTATION;
ARTICLE 5. – DRIVEWAY, SIDEWALK, AND RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTION;
Division 5. – Sidewalks § 25-6-354 - PAYMENT INSTEAD OF SIDEWALK
INSTALLATION.***

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“...when you construct a good sidewalk, you are constructing democracy. A sidewalk is a symbol of equality.”

Enrique Penalosa, former Mayor of Bogota Columbia

