



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020

Urban Transportation Commission

(Official Name of Board or Commission)

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

The purpose of the board is to serve as an advisory body to the city council, the city manager, and all other transportation-related departments concerning transportation-related matters including:

- transportation energy conservation matters;
- grant applications;
- streets and highways;
- bus and rail service;
- pedestrian and bikeway programs and projects;
- safety related programs and projects;
- provision for the needs of the mobility impaired;
- transportation franchise requests, renewals, rate adjustments, and hours of operation.

The commission shall:

- Review and make recommendations to the city council on all requests for taxicab permits, including annual permits and franchise permits.
- Annually review and report to the city council on the City's transportation system, including policies and programs.
- Review, study, and make recommendations to the Planning Commission on: transportation-related projects proposed for inclusion in the Capital Improvements Program; and plans and programs submitted by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Receive and study citizen comments and suggestions in all areas of transportation.
- In its deliberations: (1) recognize the relationship between transportation and economics, energy, safety, land use, neighborhood integrity, and environmental quality;

and (2) consider transportation access to health care, employment, education, housing, and recreational facilities.

- Seek to promote close cooperation between the city council, other city boards and commissions, city departments, and individuals, institutions, and agencies concerned with transportation- related activities so that all similar activities in the City may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare

1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

The Commission's actions continue to support this mission statement through a combination of deliberative discussion, Recommendations, and other actions.

Recommendations made:

- 20200805-02A: Project Connect funding and governance
- 20200805-02B: Safe Mobility Bond
- 20200710-02A: Street Impact Fee Recommendations
- 20200310-02C: Complete Access to Project Connect
- 20200310-03A: Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) 2045 Transportation Plan
- 20191112-02D: University Neighborhood Overlay Code Amendments
- 20191101-02A Part 1: Land Development Code Revision - Subdivision Connectivity
- 20191101-02A Part 2: Land Development Code Revision - Setbacks
- 20191101-02A Part 3: Land Development Code Revision - Transit Oriented Development Zones
- 20191101-02A Part 4: Land Development Code Revision - Parking
- 20191101-02A Part 5: Land Development Code Revision - Walkability
- 20191101-02A Part 6: Land Development Code Revision - S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program Requirements
- 20191101-02A Part 7: Land Development Code Revision - Transportation Chapter
- 20190813-04B: Authorizing Electric-Assist Pedicabs and Group Cycles
- 20190813-04C: Speed Management Program

Presentations heard with no official Recommendation taken:

- Urban Trails Plan and Sidewalk/ADA Transition Plan Update
- ATD FY21 Proposed Budget
- PWD FY21 Proposed Budget
- Recommended Speed Limit Modifications for Urban Core, Residential, and Downtown Streets
- Electric bike and scooter parkland trail pilot
- Austin Green PUD zoning case

- CAMPO 2045 Regional Transportation Plan
- Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative- Pedestrian Advisory Council May 2019 Recommendation
- Smart Trips Austin
- Tiny Transit

Other Actions include:

- Multiple motions to support City Council, Mobility Committee, Austin Transportation Department, PAC and BAC recommendations, initiatives, projects, budgets, and programs.
- Multiple and diverse Right-of-Way Vacation Applications decisions
- A motion to elect Mario Champion as Chair of the Urban Transportation Commission
- A motion to elect Dan Hennessey as Vice Chair of the Urban Transportation Commission

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

The Urban Transportation Commission's actions throughout the year comply with our mission statement. Through offering feedback informally during briefings as well as adopting motions and recommendations, the UTC has served as an active advisory body to the city council, the city manager, and all transportation-related departments on transportation-related matters.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

The Commission has a strong interest in a high-capacity transit network, a street network which is safe and useful for all people of all ages and abilities across all modes of transportation including, public transportation, bikes, pedestrians, wheelchairs, micro-mobility options, and cars and trucks, generally aimed toward providing opportunities to reduce dependency on single-occupancy vehicles.

The commission will continue to listen and offer advice on all transportation plans, policies and programs impacting the City of Austin including, but not limited to, the following:

- High capacity transit, including rail and Bus Rapid Transit
- Vision Zero Action Plan
- Austin Strategic Mobility Plan implementation
- Project Connect
- Capital Metro and CAMPO plans and projects
- Land Development Code rewrite, as relates to transportation opportunities and especially transit-supportive density along Imagine Austin Corridors
- Micro-mobility, vehicle for hire and transportation network company regulations