

# Sidewalk Master Plan Update

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Human Rights Commission

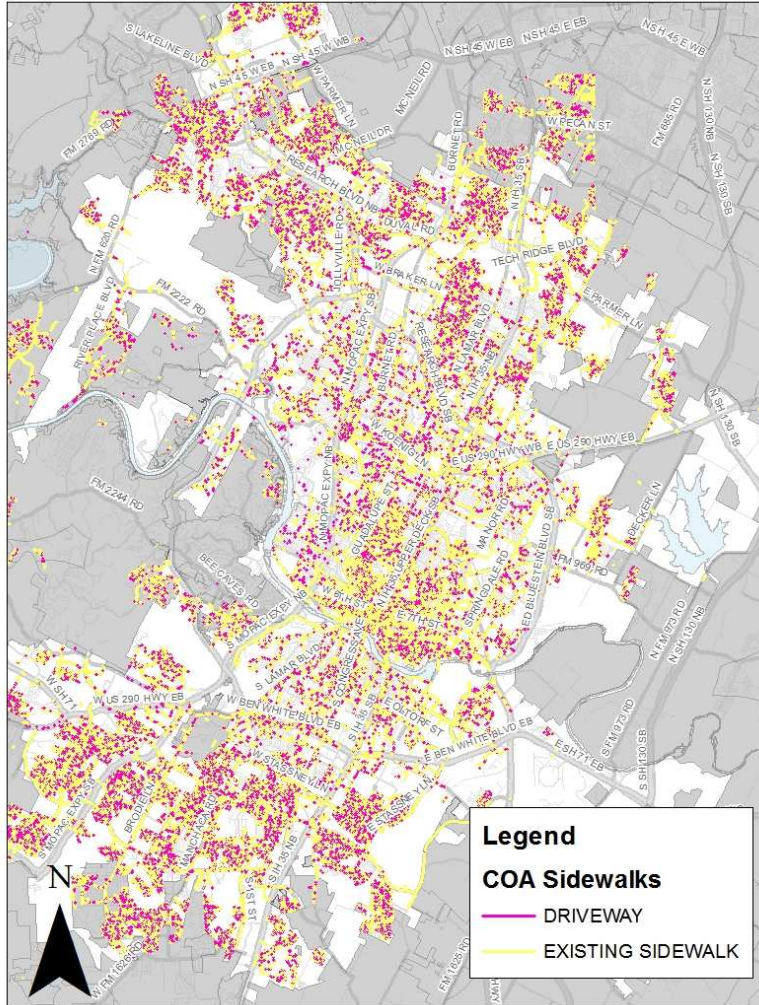


# Overview

- Sidewalk Background
- 2009 Sidewalk Master Plan
- Current Sidewalk Programs
- Imagine Austin
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# Current Sidewalk Statistics



TOTALS	
Sidewalk (miles)	2,650
# Driveways	110,000+
Driveway/Sidewalk (miles)	410+



# A brief history of Austin sidewalks

- **1969 Sidewalks Required with Subdivision (Building Permit)**
- **1988 Sidewalks Required with Site Plan**
- **1991 ADA Adoption**
- 1995 (Approx.) Code Changes Eliminate Land Owner Responsibility for Sidewalks
- 1998 Transportation Bond \$152M
- 2000 Pedestrian Plan Adopted
- 2000 transportation Bond \$150M
- 2002 Complete Street resolution (20% Rule)
- 2006 Subchapter E Standards Adopted
- 2006 Transportation Bond \$103.1M with approximately \$10.6 M for sidewalks
- **2006 City of Austin Sidewalk Maintenance Program initiated (driveways still landowner responsibility)**
- 2008 Sidewalks Required with Building Permit including infill and remodel projects (Fee-in-lieu initiated)
- **2009 Sidewalk Master Plan Adopted (Update)**
  - Absent Sidewalk Prioritization
  - Maintenance Prioritization Included but not Endorsed
- 2010 Transportation Bond included \$4.5M for sidewalk repair
- 2012 Imagine Austin Adopted (Compact and Connected)
- 2012 Transportation and Mobility Bond \$143.3M total with \$25M for sidewalks
- **2013 Updated Complete Streets Resolution**
- 2014 Pedestrian Advisory Council formed
- **2014/2015 Sidewalk Master Plan Update**



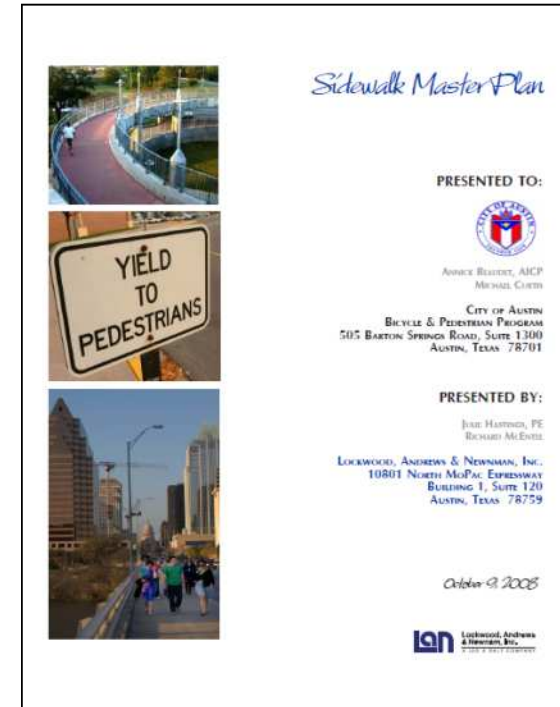
# 2009 Sidewalk Master Plan

## New Sidewalk Prioritization

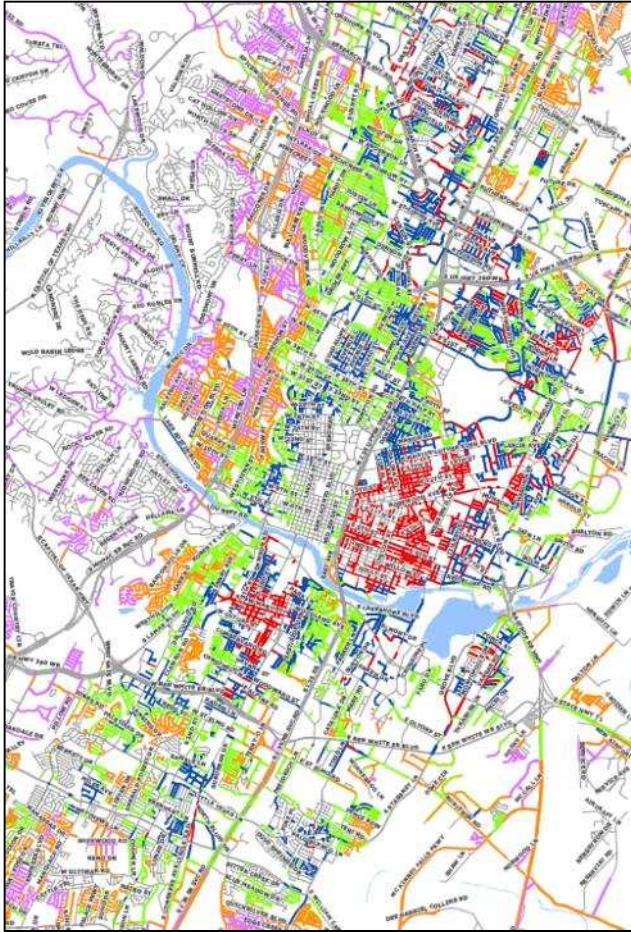
- GIS database of existing and absent pedestrian infrastructure
  - \$>\$824M to build new sidewalks

## ADA Transition Plan









- Improve existing sidewalks to meet ADA standards
  - \$ 120M estimate of total cost
  - Recommended Spending Strategy
    - \$5M in spending in 2009 - 2014
    - \$9M in spending from FY 2015 forward



# Master Plan - Project Prioritization



- Pedestrian Attractor Score (50%)
- Pedestrian Safety Score (40%)
- Fiscal Availability Score (10%)

PIMS ABSENT SIDEWALK SCORE	ABSENT SIDEWALK SEGMENT COUNT
 < 30.00 (Very Low)	15,072
 30.01 - 40.00 (Low)	5,889
 40.01 - 50.00 (Medium)	5,669
 50.01 - 59.00 (High)	4,091
 > 59.01 (Very High)	2,039
 WATERBODIES	<b>SCORING DISTRIBUTION</b> Minimum: 0.00 Maximum: 81.43 Mean: 40.01 Median: 39.26
 RIVERS	
 Roads	



# Current Sidewalk Programs

## Improvements Program

- Includes new sidewalks and improvements to meet ADA standards
- Prioritization from Sidewalk Master Plan
- Bond funded \$5M - \$7M annually

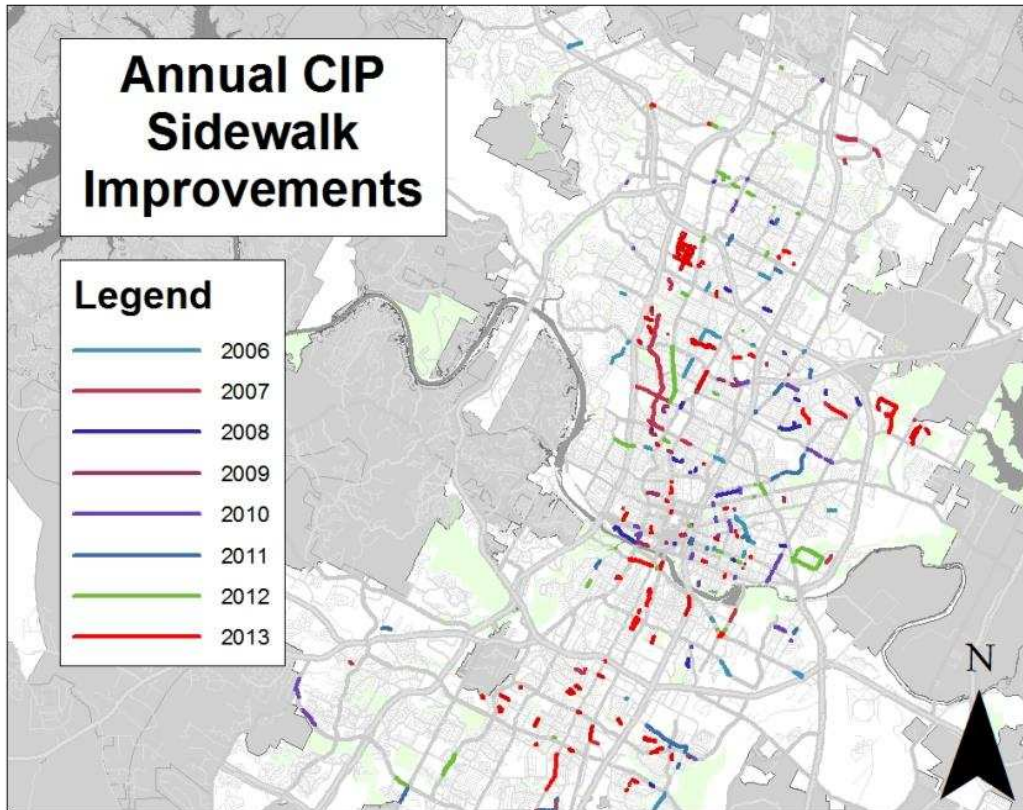
## Rehabilitation Program

- Sidewalk repairs
- Primarily bond funded with some Transportation User Fee (TUF) funding

**(Street Reconstruction & other Capital Improvement Projects also include sidewalk improvements)**



# Improvements Program Overview



TOTALS	
New Sidewalk (miles)	103
ADA Transition Plan Repairs (miles)	21
Total Sidewalk Improved (miles)	124
Ramp Repairs	2,500
Expenditures	\$55M

NOTE: Figures do not include repairs performed by Street & Bridge crews or work included in Street Reconstruction projects.





- Sidewalk Program Supports Imagine Austin Priority Programs:



Priority Program #1:  
Invest in Compact

Priority Program #8:  
Align Code

Priority Program #3:  
Workforce Development

Priority Program #5:  
Creative Economy

Priority Program #2:  
Sustainable Water

Priority Program #4:  
Green Infrastructure

Priority Program #6:  
Household Affordability

Priority Program #7:  
Healthy Austin



# Update Priorities

- Peer Cities Review
- Absent Sidewalk Prioritization Map Update
- Sidewalk Maintenance Program Development
- ADA Sidewalk Transition Plan Update

# Questions

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