

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 58271 Agenda Number 51.

Meeting Date: 6/9/2016 Department: Public Works

Subject

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance adopting an updated Sidewalk Master Plan / ADA Transition Plan (Suggested date and time: June 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas)

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	March 5, 2009, Sidewalk Master Plan adopted by City Council (Resolution No. 20090305-035)
For More Information:	John Eastman, 512-974-7025
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	As of May 12, 2016 the Sidewalk Master Plan Update has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Pedestrian Advisory Council on May 2, 2016; Zoning and Platting Commission on May 3, 2016; Urban Transportation Commission on May, 10, 2016; and Commission on Seniors on May 11, 2016. Additional scheduled review includes: Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities on May 13, 2016; Bicycle Advisory Committee May 17, 2016; and Bond Oversight Committee on May 18, 2016.
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This plan works to implement elements of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and the City of Austin Complete Streets Policy by encouraging walking as a viable mode of transportation, improving pedestrian safety, and enabling people to walk to and from transit stops. The plan also updates the City's ADA Transition Plan for Sidewalks as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Sidewalk Master Plan / ADA Transition Plan is also intended to:

- Help control air pollution and traffic congestion, and improve the quality of life in Austin, by including sidewalks and other pedestrian facilities as necessary and integral components of the transportation system
- Provide an objective mechanism for the City's use in prioritizing new sidewalk construction and existing sidewalk repair and rehabilitation projects

The Adoption Draft of the 2016 Sidewalk Master Plan / ADA Transition Plan is available on the Sidewalk Program website: https://austintexas.gov/department/pedestrian-program