



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

MOBILITY COMMITTEE

Date: April 17, 2018

Agenda Item #: 5

Agenda Item: Proposed Corridor Construction Program, including its relationship to public transit and Project Connect

Vote: 4-0

Sponsors: Council Member Kitchen and Council Member Flannigan

Presenters: Mike Trimble and Robert Goode

Summary of Discussion:

- Mike Trimble, Director of the Corridor Program Office (CPO), briefed the committee on CPO's current coordination with Capital Metro and described how the agencies would continue to coordinate in the preliminary engineering and design phases that would follow Council adoption of the Proposed Corridor Construction Program at the next full Council meeting on April 26.
- Council Member Kitchen presented draft resolution language and moved that the committee adopt the resolution. Council Member Garza seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a 4-0 vote.

Speakers:

- Ashkan Jahangiri donated their time to Jay Crossley
- Jay Crossley
- Heyden Walker

Recommendation: The Mobility Committee recommended the following to City Council:

- That the City Manager be directed to return to Council at the completion of the preliminary engineering phase of the Corridor Construction Program (CCP) for approval to proceed with further design and implementation of the CCP
- That the City Manager be directed to continue coordination with Capital Metro staff and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan to advance projects and programs that improve transit performance and availability through transit priority treatments, ensuring that the CCP planning does not preclude options for further transit investments along the corridors
- That the CCP preliminary engineering phase includes studying transit supportive corridor improvements recommended by Capital Metro in a memo dated June 13, 2016 titled "[assessment of City of Austin Corridor Improvement Proposals](#)" to maximize transit opportunities

RESOLUTION – Corridor Construction Program and Project Connect

WHEREAS, access to mobility options is a key component to addressing the traffic congestion problems in our community; and

WHEREAS, it is a shared goal and responsibility of both Capital Metro and the City of Austin to provide transportation solutions to our community that get us where we want to go, when we want to get there, safely and cost effectively; and

WHEREAS, Capital Metro is developing a high-capacity transit system plan (“Project Connect”) to address the region’s need for improved mobility choices, help manage rapid population growth, improve regional connectivity and reduce transportation costs for households to improve affordability; and

WHEREAS, Project Connect has been and will continue to be closely coordinated with City of Austin transportation initiatives including the 2016 Mobility Bond Corridor Program and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan and is complementary to and supportive of those programs;
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOBILITY COMMITTEE:

That the Committee recommends the City Manager be directed by City Council to return to Council at the completion of the preliminary engineering phase of the Corridor Construction Program (CCP) for approval to proceed with further design and implementation of the CCP, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager be directed by City Council to continue coordination with Capital Metro staff and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan to advance projects and programs that improve transit performance and availability through transit priority treatments, ensuring that the CCP planning does not preclude options for further transit investments along the corridors, and that the CCP preliminary engineering phase includes studying transit supportive corridor improvements recommended by Capital Metro in a memo dated June 13, 2016 titled “assessment of City of Austin Corridor Improvement Proposals” to maximize transit opportunities.