

City of Austin Mobility Outcome Report

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MOBILITY

Monthly Highlights

Winter Weather Emergency

The highlight of the February was the teamwork and commitment to the Austin community demonstrated by the Mobility Departments as they supported the preparation and response to the winter weather emergency. Despite facing the same tough conditions as most Central Texas residents, teams from Fleet Mobility Services, Public Works, Austin Transportation and Aviation collaborated to clear 190 miles of priority roadways, treat bridges and elevated roadways, provide fuel and generators to vulnerable residents and facilities, supported emergency response and transport, cleared the runway in two days to restore operations at the airport, restored power to all traffic signals citywide, and much more. For more information about the Mobility Departments' response, [click here to read a special edition of the Austin Mobility Newsletter](#).

AUS Cargo Stands Out in 2020, Passenger Traffic Down 62% for the year

The Aviation Department [published](#) the annual recap of passenger and cargo activity at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS). Passenger activity followed aviation industry and broader economic trends. Air cargo numbers grew significantly, increasing by more than 20% over 2019, reflecting the role of AUS in the Austin region's recovering economy. A major contributor to this growth was the start of new cargo operations by Amazon Air early in the year. December passenger traffic was its highest since the pandemic began with 515,962 passengers flying during the month due to the holiday season.

Looking Ahead

AUS to Hawaii Air Service Begins

Hawaiian Airlines will begin new nonstop service between AUS and Honolulu's Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL) beginning in April 2021. Austin will become the airline's first connection into Texas.

Austin Transportation Continues Progress on New Traffic and Pedestrian Signals

The Austin Transportation Department continues its commitment to safety and mobility by making progress on a number of traffic signals citywide. Residents can visit the [traffic signals projects webpage](#) to keep up with ongoing work. Residents can also see the status of signal requests received by ATD on the [traffic signal request webpage](#).

Bond Program Updates

Boggy Creek Trail

Trail construction is now complete on the Boggy Creek trail, Austin's first ever dual-track trail. The project was made possible through a partnership with Austin Public Works, Austin Transportation, and the Parks and Recreation Department, by the 2016 Mobility Bond. The new dual-track connects Rosewood Ave to E. 12th Street, where it joins the existing Boggy Creek Trail. Dual-track trails separate people walking from people biking and using other wheeled devices, which improves safety and creates



more space for the different paces of users. [Learn more and take a virtual tour on the Boggy Creek Trail website.](#)

City Council approval of 2020 Proposition B items

Austin City Council approved the release of funds from the 2020 Active Transportation and Safety Bond, which Austin voters approved last November as Proposition B. The action by Council allows Austin Transportation and Austin Public Works to hire the initial staff necessary to begin work on the \$460 million in local mobility projects across the City. While significant, today's action marks the next step in a multi-year process to deliver these projects to the public. [Learn more about the action taken by Council and the projects and initiatives featured in Proposition B online here.](#)

Corridor Work to be Completed ahead of Soccer Stadium Opening

The Corridor Program Office is working to complete planned safety and mobility improvements ahead of the opening of the Austin FC Q2 Stadium. The improvements are located near the intersection of Braker Lane and Burnet Road and include pedestrian and vehicular safety improvements. Completing the project on time and on budget will allow the area around the Q2 Stadium to be clear of construction activities when operations and events begin later this year.

Partner Recap

Austin Transit Partnership

The [Austin Transit Partnership \(ATP\)](#) continues activities necessary to advance Project Connect and the creation of the ATP as a local government corporation. The Austin Transit Partnership Board met on February 24. Action items included:

1. Approval of the minutes from the January 20, 2021 board meeting.
2. Approval of an interlocal agreement with certain local governments for participation in cooperative procurement opportunities via the Texas Interlocal Purchasing Cooperative.
3. Approval of Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director to enter into and execute contracts.
4. Approval of an interlocal agreement with the City of Austin for certain dedicated technical support functions related to design, review and permitting for the implementation of the Project Connect System.

The Board also had discussion items including a monthly community engagement and involvement update, a program update, an organizational development presentation, and a National Environmental Policy Act overview.

The full agenda packet and meeting video are available on [the ATP Board Meetings webpage](#).

The next meeting of the ATP Board will occur on March 17.

Capital Metro Board

The meeting of the Capital Metro Board of Directors scheduled for February 22, 2021 was cancelled due to inclement weather. The [Capital Metro Board webpage](#) will contain information about the meeting, if/when it is rescheduled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 29, 2021.



CAMPO Policy Board

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Policy Board met on March 8, 2020. The Transportation Policy Board is the governing body for CAMPO and is the body that makes decisions on CAMPO policy and decides how CAMPO funding is allocated.

Action items included:

1. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on February 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes
2. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on CAMPO Executive Director to Begin Negotiation on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Contract
3. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on Federal Performance Measure Targets
4. Discussion and Take Appropriate Action on FY 2020 & 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment Four

The Policy Board also had several discussion items, including an update from the CAMPO Transportation Policy Board Bylaws Subcommittee, a briefing on CAMPO Code of Conduct and Ethics Policies and a report on transportation planning activities in the region.

The full agenda packet is available online on the [CAMPO Policy Board's webpage](#).

Community Resources

[Weekly Mobility Newsletter Sign Up](#)

[Upcoming Sidewalk Projects](#)

[2016 Bond Programs and Projects](#)

[Absent Sidewalk Map and Prioritization](#)

[Capital Projects Explorer](#)

[Street Preventative Maintenance](#)

[Austin Mobility Data and Performance Hub](#)

[Safe Ride Home Resources](#)

[Austin-Bergstrom International Airport](#)

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