



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2021

Downtown Commission

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

- (1) Advise the City Council and city staff regarding policies and projects impacting downtown Austin;
- (2) Serve as stewards for the Downtown Austin Plan (DAP) and, as such:
 - (a) Serve as a sounding board for the City Council and City of Austin (COA) staff on the implementation of the DAP and Land Development Code rewrite; and
 - (b) Offer recommendations on amendments to the DAP and Land Development Code rewrite as needed;
- (3) Maintain liaison relationships with City staff and other boards and commissions; and
- (4) Perform other activities as directed by City Council.

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 has been meeting throughout the year and continues to maintain full representation of voting and non-voting members. The Commission received briefings on:

- Downtown Right of Way Management
- Waller Creek Conservancy
- Austin-Travis County Sobriety Center Local Government Corporation
- Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan
- Austin Core Transportation Plan
- Downtown Waste Collection Contract
- Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative
- Rainey Street Shared Streets Program
- Palm District Master Plan
- Homelessness Initiatives
- Capitol Complex and North Congress Avenue
- Project Connect

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- Downtown Crime and Cleanup Statistics
- ATX/HELPS
- Parking Enterprise
- Downtown Development
- Writing on the Walls
- Our Austin Stories
- Downtown Public Safety
- Downtown Density Bonus Program Recalibration
- Austin Police Department Downtown Activity

The Commission passed the following recommendations:

- Downtown Homeless Initiatives
 - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20190515-05
- Downtown Right of Way Initiative
 - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20190717-04
- Waller Creek Conservancy
 - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20190717-05
- Austin Core Transportation Plan (ACTP)
 - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20190821-06
- Palm District Master Plan
 - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20191016-08
- Our Austin Stories
 - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20200219-05
- Downtown Public Safety
 - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20200219-06
- APD Downtown Activity
 - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20200617-04-2
- APD Downtown Activity
 - Downtown Commission Recommendation 20200617-04-1

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

The Commissions actions complied with the mission statement.

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

- Monitor and support efforts to ensure that downtown is inclusive.
- Monitor and support efforts to manage downtown public health and safety policies, creating a safer and cleaner environment.
- Support the City's initiative to create appropriate interventions to reduce the homeless population and develop a long-term strategy to find permanent housing for the homeless population.
- Monitor and advocate for the integration of the Downtown Austin Plan.
- Advocate for an update of the Downtown Austin Plan (DAP) as originally

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recommended in the DAP.

- Monitor the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) to ensure that policies, programs and projects balance downtown's current and future mobility needs.
- Monitor the Land Development Code rewrite and its implications for Downtown Austin.