

# City of Austin Mobility Outcome Report

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## Monthly Highlights

### ***National Public Works Week***

May 16 – 22 was National Public Works Week, an annual event that puts a spotlight on the critical services and infrastructure often unseen by local communities. Austin's Public Works Department is one of many around the country that celebrated its workforce and the impact they make in our community. Austin Public Works oversees everything from street reconstruction to sidewalks, urban trails, major capital construction projects, and neighborhood-sponsored improvements. As noted in their [2020 Annual Report](#), the department maintains more than 2,700 linear miles of sidewalk, 7,900 lane miles of streets, and continues to build and expand our mobility network as well as manage the delivery of our capital projects, such as the new Montopolis Recreation and Community Center, and the new Fire/EMS station in Del Valle.

### ***Passenger Activity, Non-Stop Services Increase at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS)***

Following a significant reduction in passenger activity over the past year, AUS is seeing an uptick in travel as we approach the summer months. According to the most recent data, passenger traffic was up 4.9% in March 2021 compared to March 2020. Additionally, airlines are showing strong confidence in Austin's market as AUS will offer more nonstop destination options this summer than it did during summer 2019. This includes American Airlines' announcement of 10 new, resuming and seasonal routes. Internationally, Viva Aerobus will begin service to both Monterrey and Mexico City in June. AUS anticipates more international carrier service may soon resume for the summer.

### ***Fleet Management Services Department Receives National "Best 100 Fleets" Designation***

The City of Austin's Fleet Mobility Services has been recognized as a peak-performing fleet operation by the National Association of Fleet Administrators (NAFA), 100 Best Fleets in the Americas: 2021. This award recognizes top-performing public fleet operations through annual evaluation criteria such as accountability, use of technology, and collaboration. Austin's Fleet and Mobility Services manages and supports approximately 6,800 fleet units across multiple City departments. This recent designation is in light of the department's efforts compared to more than 38,000 public fleets in North America. [Read more](#) about the latest efforts from Fleet and Mobility Services.

### ***Vision Zero Releases Equity Analysis***

The City's Vision Zero team recently released a [StoryMap](#) highlighting racial disparities in Austin's traffic crashes and injuries. Some findings of the report show that the Black / African American community makes up a disproportionate share of severe crash victims in Austin, while the Hispanic or Latino community makes up an increasing share of severe crash victims (increase of 10% since 2016). The report aims to highlight how and why these disparities might exist, and steps the Vision Zero program can take to advance racial equity through its transportation safety efforts. This includes reforming existing and current prioritization frameworks to ensure future investments account for the racial disparities seen in the severe crash data. The Vision Zero team is also participating in the Reimagining Public Safety process to bring these insights into the ongoing, broader community conversations related to achieving safer streets for our community.



## Looking Ahead

### ***Sealcoat Season is Ramping-up Citywide***

Public Works' annual effort to upgrade portions of Austin's streets will be underway in the coming weeks. Each year, Street and Bridge crews conduct routine sealcoat operations on residential streets to help maintain and preserve the condition of these roadways. The sealcoat process results in a smoother surface eliminating the hairline cracks that lead to potholes. The treatment must be done in warm, dry conditions, and is usually performed between May and October, as weather permits. Crews will notify residents in advance of maintenance treatments in neighborhoods with door-hangers that list procedures and ask vehicles to be temporarily removed from the street. You can learn more about PWD's street preventative maintenance program on their [website](#).

## Bond Program Updates

### ***Mobility Departments Coordinating with Q2 Stadium Ahead of Events***

Q2 Stadium and City departments including Austin Center for Events (ACE), Austin Transportation Department (ATD), Corridor Program Office (CPO), and Capital Metro are working together to prepare for the first events at the new stadium beginning in June 2021. CPO has been working to implement long-term 2016 Mobility Bond improvements near the stadium, including bike and pedestrian projects ahead of the home opener. In addition to virtual community meetings with impacted stakeholders, this interdepartmental team will launch a robust marketing campaign to ensure parking, transit and transportation options are clearly communicated ahead of upcoming events. More information will be shared at [austintexas.gov/ace](http://austintexas.gov/ace) as available.

### ***Construction of Safety and Mobility Improvements Begins Along Parkfield Dr.***

Following a recent resurfacing of Parkfield Dr. in north Austin, the Public Works and Transportation departments have begun implementing multiple mobility and safety improvements. These projects, which stretch between Mearns Meadow Blvd and Payton Gin Rd., will help provide safe access to and from Woolridge Elementary School. The 2016 Mobility Bond-funded project includes upgraded bicycle lanes and pedestrian crossings features. Along with these efforts, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects are continuing along Duval Road (Amherst Dr. – Research Blvd.), Manor Road (Dean Keeton St. to Springdale Road), and Guadalupe Street (Koenig Ln. – Airport Blvd.).

## Partner Recap

### ***I-35 Coordination with TXDOT***

The City project team, in collaboration with the Downtown Austin Alliance and community stakeholders, is coordinating Cap and Stitch communications and public outreach strategies with TxDOT in consideration of alternatives for the Capital Express-Central Project. City staff have also amplified the announcement of TxDOT's new community engagement initiative for IH35 called "CapEx VOICE." The most recent CapEx VOICE public meeting was held on Wednesday, May 26 and featured discussion of safety and accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians. The City is coordinating with the TxDOT project team on subsequent public outreach/community meetings anticipated for summer 2021.



### ***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 both April 21 and May 19. Action items included:

#### April 21 Meeting:

##### Action Items:

1. Approval of the minutes from the March 17, 2021 board meeting.
2. Approval of the Austin Transit Partnership's Ethics, Conflicts and Nondisclosure Policy.
3. Approval of the designation of Austin Transit Partnership's General Counsel as its Public Information Coordinator pursuant to Section 552.012 of the Public Information Act.

The Board also had a discussion item related to Federal requirements, and report from the Executive Director regarding quarterly procurement.

#### May 19 Meeting:

##### Updates Items:

1. Community Engagement and Involvement Update
2. Project Connect Technical Update
3. Administrative Update

##### Action Items:

1. Approval of the minutes from the April 21, 2021 Board meeting.
2. Approval of the Austin Transit Partnership Board Procedures Policy.

The Board also had a discussion item related to the Project Connect Blue Line Alignment Review.

The full agenda packets and video of both meetings are available on [the ATP Board Meetings webpage](#).

The next meeting of the ATP Board will occur on June 16.

### ***Capital Metro Board***

The meeting of the Capital Metro Board of Directors took place on May 12. The board took up multiple action items, including:

1. Approval of minutes from the February 10, 2021 Finance, Audit and Administration Committee meeting.
2. Approval of updates to the Capital Metro Code of Ethics.
3. Approval of minutes from the April 14, 2021 Operations, Planning and Safety Committee meeting.
4. Approval of a contract for MetroRail Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) Auxiliary Cooling Units.

The Board also discussed items related to FY2020 Financial Results, its March 2021 Financial Report, the FY2022 Proposed Budget Calendar as well as internal audit reports related to PTC Expenditure Controls



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and DBE/SBE Program Controls. The board also discussed Title VI policy updates and received public comments.

#### Community Resources

[Weekly Mobility Newsletter Sign Up](#)

[2016 Bond Programs and Projects](#)

[Capital Projects Explorer](#)

[Austin Mobility Data and Performance Hub](#)

[Austin-Bergstrom International Airport](#)

[Upcoming Sidewalk Projects](#)

[Absent Sidewalk Map and Prioritization](#)

[Street Preventative Maintenance](#)

[Safe Ride Home Resources](#)

[Special Event Road Closures](#)