

2016 Mobility Planning Initiatives

The Austin Strategic Mobility Plan will be coordinated with other ongoing transportation planning efforts. This document represents a snapshot of transportation planning projects with public engagement components in 2016. Transportation planning in the region goes beyond the work of the City of Austin and is a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive process. We are pleased to share what planning efforts are underway this year. Capital projects and their associated public engagement processes are not included in this document.



Capital Metro

Project Connect - Central Corridor Comprehensive Transit Analysis

Purpose
Develop pragmatic transit solutions for a multi-modal transit system that improves travel into & within Downtown Austin

Project Timeframe
March 2016 - September 2018

Public Input Timeframe
Public involvement and stakeholder participation will be running parallel to the entire process. Additional events will be scheduled, but currently dates are unknown

Primary Focus of Public Input
Establish informed consensus with public, stakeholder groups, and agencies:

- Communicate outcomes of planning
- Solicit feedback on alignments and modes
- Clearly describe purpose and need
- Obtain high level of participation
- Identify supporters and/or champions
- Conduct "straw polls" on public positions

Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)

Mobility Transformation Initiative

Purpose
Partner with City of Austin and community stakeholders to identify and advance solutions to mobility challenges and single occupancy vehicle ridership. The initiative seeks to enable a shift to on-demand services that are electric and autonomous, in a city that is designed to encourage that shift. The initiative is currently comprised of 5 key projects:

- Mobility as a Service
- Interoperable Transit Data
- Fleet Electrification
- Mobility Oriented Development
- Autonomous Vehicles

Project Timeframe
September 2015 - 2018+

Public Input Timeframe
May 2016 - 2018+

Primary Focus of Public Input
Public input will be sought throughout the process through the project's Advisory Council and a new community engagement initiative, "Mobility Solutions Network," that will be launching in May

City of Austin Austin Transportation Department

Non-Radioactive Hazardous Materials (NRHM) Route Designation Study

Purpose
To fulfill state and federal requirements to develop NRHM routes

Primary Focus of Public Input
Focus of public input will be on NRHM routing needs and objectives education, routing factors considerations, and routing alternatives feedback

Project Timeframe
April 2016 - October 2017

Public Input Timeframe
Public input will happen throughout. The estimated timeframe for seeking public input after identification of recommended routes is March to July of 2017

Travis County

Travis County 2045 Transportation Plan

Purpose
Develop a comprehensive, multi-modal transportation plan for the unincorporated area of Travis County in accordance with growth guidance planning policies outlined in Travis County's Land, Water & Transportation Plan (LWTP). The County is coordinating plan development with state, regional, and local jurisdictions and agencies

Public Input Timeframe
Public input will occur throughout plan development. There will be two primary rounds of public input: an initial public engagement phase from June - December 2016 and a second phase after a draft plan is developed in mid-2017

Primary Focus of Public Input
Share the LWTP and collect input on transportation needs and potential solutions throughout the County, with an emphasis on securing participation and input from those that are located in the unincorporated areas of the county and those that are generally underrepresented in public engagement efforts

Project Timeframe
February 2016 - March 2018

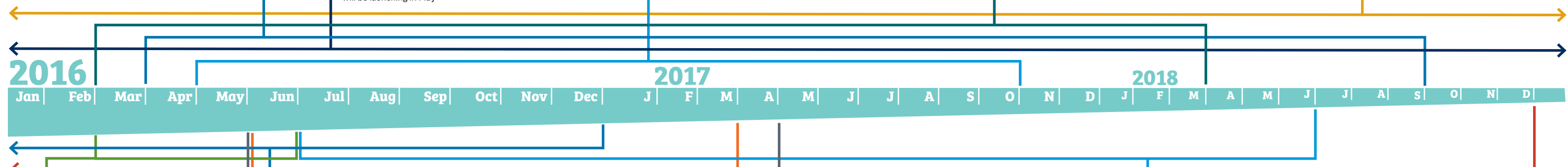
Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Park & Ride Initiative

Purpose
In collaboration with CapMetro and CAMPO, identify and develop park & ride facilities that will provide express service using CTRMA's transportation corridors. The initiative will result in a Park & Ride Regional Plan within the service area and growth opportunities in the Central Texas region

Project Timeframe
Conceptualization of the initiative began in late 2015. Planning, design development, and public outreach are likely to begin mid 2016 and extend through 2018

Primary Focus of Public Input
Anticipated public outreach activities will focus on the Park & Ride Initiative's vision and goals, design criteria, future regional planning, and priority projects



City of Austin Capitol Planning Office

Mobility Talks (2016 Mobility Conversation)

Purpose
Collect public input on priorities for improving mobility throughout Austin as well as funding preferences to present to City Council per Resolution 20160211-017

Project Timeframe
February - June 2016

Public Input Timeframe
March 21 - May 8 2016

Primary Focus of Public Input
Focus of public input is on priorities surrounding four primary community benefits: manage congestion, improve safety, improve connections in my neighborhood, and improve the quality of streets. Additional information includes current primary modes of transportation and preferred modes of transportation as well as preferences regarding current funding levels and timeframe for additional funding for mobility improvements

Capital Metro

Connections 2025: A Transit Plan for the Future

Purpose
Conduct an in-depth review of transit system and develop short-term (1-5 year) and long-term (6-10 year) recommendations

Project Timeframe
October 2015 - December 2016

Public Input Timeframe
Public input is occurring throughout, with another intensive round of public input planned for September 2016. The first round occurred in February 2016.

Primary Focus of Public Input
The first round of input focused on understanding how people currently use transit, what changes to transit they would like to see, and the priority for those changes. The second round of input will focus on feedback on the draft short-term plan

DownTown Austin Alliance

Downtown Austin Parking Supply and Demand Analysis and Parking Management Strategy

Purpose
Identify solutions to manage parking and access more efficiently in the downtown area to support downtown's enhanced vitality. Includes a comprehensive inventory of downtown parking supply and projection of future parking demand scenarios

Project Timeframe
May 2016 - April 2017

Public Input Timeframe
May 2016 - April 2017

Primary Focus of Public Input
Three workshops are planned to engage the community at key milestones: an open house at project onset; a review of initial findings of the parking inventory; and a review of the proposed recommendations and strategies. Input will also be solicited through focus groups, stakeholder interviews, and an electronic survey

Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)

2045 Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP)

Purpose
Document and provide a shared vision for the development of a safe and highly-functional active transportation network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities and amenities for the six-county CAMPO Region. The plan is meant to further detail concepts outlined in the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, and provide guidance for the development of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan, consistent with CAMPO's Platinum Planning Program, as applicable

Primary Focus of Public Input
The RATP will include a facility inventory; a review of the most current data, and policies for region; the 2045 vision and priority networks; guidance and recommendations on facility design and policy; and an implementation plan with project and policy priorities for the next 25 years

The RATP outreach will also engage underserved populations and others who could directly benefit from a high-quality active transportation network. This outreach includes low and moderate income populations, zero-car households, school-aged children, senior citizens, rural and suburban residents and individuals who may not have considered walking and biking as a viable form of transportation, or may have some concerns about using active transportation modes

Project Timeframe
May 2016 - March 2017

Public Input Timeframe
Public input will be solicited throughout the study in various ways, including an advisory committee, small group meetings, larger public meetings, and online engagement

City of Austin Austin Transportation Department

Austin Strategic Mobility Plan

Purpose
Update the City's transportation element of Imagine Austin

Project Timeframe
June 2016 - June 2018

Public Input Timeframe
Public input will occur throughout the planning process. Mobility Talks is the kick-off for public engagement and will be followed up with additional input in the fall/winter of 2016

Primary Focus of Public Input
Focus of public input will be on the community's vision and goals related to mobility, proposed scenarios, and the policies, programs and projects needed to implement the plan

Lonestar Rail

Lone Star Regional Rail Project

Purpose
Progress the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and advance the public-private partnership (P3) procurement process

Project Timeframe
October 2014 - 2018

Public Input Timeframe
There will be at least two more rounds of public engagement prior to the ROD. Input on alternatives will be sought in the fall of 2016

Primary Focus of Public Input
Focus of public input will be on project alternatives and the draft EIS