

The City of Austin is building a network of walking and biking trails totaling 268 miles to help residents access the city using active transportation modes.

City: Austin, TX

Purpose: A system of urban trails totaling 268 miles that equitably connects all of Austin so that all residents can travel around the city in a safe and healthy way.

Lead Stakeholders: Government, Community

Process: The original Austin Urban Trails Plan, developed in 2014, set a vision for connecting the Austin area with a series of walking and biking trails. The Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, developed in 2019, further amplified the need for active transportation systems.

The City of Austin launched the ATX Walk Bike Roll engagement framework to ensure all residents had the opportunity to weigh in, via targeted and multilingual engagement - surveys, online open houses, and pop-up events.

The city released an updated plan in 2023, which reviews the progress made on the original plan and updates priorities for the next decade.

Outcomes:

- 37 miles of urban trails have been constructed since the 2014, bringing the city's total to 68 miles.
- 37% of the city's population lives within 0.5 miles of the urban trails network
- \$109 million provided for the program through urban mobility bonds.

