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CITY OF HOUSTON MOBILITY GUIDELINES

A reliable transportation infrastructure is crucial for supporting quality of life, encouraging economic expansion and supporting population growth within the city. The City of Houston seeks to carefully balance current and future mobility needs, responsible use of funds and available right-of-way. We will do this by focusing on projects and partnerships that improve the lives of all Houstonians by providing a range of mobility options, including access to employment, schools, places of worship, housing, recreation and everyday life activities.

- Transportation infrastructure projects in the City of Houston will: Consider how all existing users will be impacted by a roadway design.
- Preserve and/or improve existing mobility options without reducing the number of general-purpose traffic lanes or lane widths.
- Incorporate additional mobility options (transit and bikes), where prudent, while maintaining or improving the existing modes.
- Ensure safe usable sidewalks and paths by repairing existing sidewalks at current width or using the guidance found in the Houston Public Works Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM)
- Provide new sidewalks constructed in accordance with the recommended guidance in the IDM. The possibility of wider sidewalks will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, after considering pedestrian demand and safety.
- Provide safe sidewalk crossings in suitable locations factoring in qualitative and quantitative data and in accordance with Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the American Disability Act.
- Maintain or enhance city service delivery for emergency responders and solid waste collection.

The City's partnerships with the Counties, METRO, TxDOT and others are key to having a robust transportation infrastructure to improve mobility within the city. The goal is to leverage combined financial resources for the benefit of all Houstonians.

Responsibility for implementing these guidelines lies with Houston Public Works and the Planning and Development Departments. Projects will be reviewed by both Departments for compliance with these guidelines. Projects that do not meet these guidelines will need to undergo redesign and review to ensure compliance with these guidelines before proceeding.