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Business and Community Groups Announce Support for \$720 Million City of Austin Mobility Bond Proposal

Austin, TX – A growing number of local business and community groups today announced their support for a mobility bond proposal of \$720 million in line with Mayor Steve Adler’s ‘Go Big’ approach.

Business organizations include the Austin Chamber of Commerce, Real Estate Council of Austin, Austin Board of Realtors, Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce, Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce and Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. Community groups include leaders of the Get Austin Moving campaign: AustinUP, Bike Austin, Bike Share of Austin, College Houses, Hill Country Conservancy, Old Austin Neighborhood Association, ReConnect Austin, Shoal Creek Conservancy, Walk Austin and Waller Creek Conservancy.

“Austin’s traffic congestion has reached and surpassed crisis level,” said Ward Tisdale, President of the Real Estate Council of Austin. “We strongly support Mayor Steve Adler’s call to make 2016 a ‘Year of Mobility’ in Austin, and our organization is ready to go to the mat to help make it happen.”

“Austin’s transportation system is failing, plain and simple,” said Ted Siff, Board President of the Shoal Creek Conservancy and member of the Get Austin Moving campaign. “Getting Austinites where they’re going is primarily a matter of investing in our roads, sidewalks, urban trails and bike infrastructure, and that’s exactly what our coalition is advocating for.”

Also announced on Wednesday were the results of a recent survey of Austinites showing that 56% of voters support the proposed \$720 million package, based on a tax impact of \$5 per month for the average household.

By contrast, only 36% of respondents said they would vote to support a \$300 million package that would fund fewer improvements but cost taxpayers less.

“The first step is to get a transformative bond proposal on ballot,” said Siff. “Once that happens, all of our organizations are fully united in our commitment to do what it takes to run a winning campaign this fall.”

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