

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN STAFF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 2011-01

OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN STAFF COUNCIL GENERAL SESSION SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE FOR MODIFICATIONS TO CAPITAL METRO ROUTES FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACCESS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN MAIN CAMPUS COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS several existing Capital Metro local service routes pass within a moderate distance of the core UT Austin campus, yet do not maximize convenience for UT Austin campus riders and potential riders; and

WHEREAS parking for private vehicle commuters to campus is scarce and traffic is congested; and

WHEREAS shifting commuters from private vehicles to mass transit will relieve traffic and parking congestion for the greater UT community; and

WHEREAS improving the locations of bus stops to be closer to the core of the main campus supports the goal of the University of Texas at Austin Campus Master Plan to "place almost every major campus destination within a five-minute walk to a transit stop"; and

WHEREAS The University of Texas at Austin Staff Council has a vested interest in making the University a desirable, accessible, and competitive work environment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The University of Texas at Austin Staff Council requests that Austin Capital Metro adopt the attached recommendations for local service route modifications from the University of Texas at Austin Staff Council Transportation Solutions Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon implementation of all or part of these recommendations by Capital Metro, the University of Texas at Austin Staff Council recommends that appropriate communications from Human Resource Services, Parking and Transportation Services, and/or other appropriate UT Austin offices be created and distributed to ensure whole University community awareness of improved transportation alternatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that informational copies of this resolution be sent to President Powers, to Human Resource Services, to Parking and Transportation Services, to the Faculty Council, to Student Government, and to the Graduate Student Assembly to keep them informed about this request to Capital Metro.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the University of Texas at Austin Staff Council the 20th day of January, 2011.

AYES: 44



Benjamin H Bond, Chair

NOES: 0

The University of Texas at Austin Staff Council
Transportation Solutions Committee
Request for Capital Metro Route Modifications
January 2011

In the interest of improving access to the Capital Metro system for the entire UT main campus community, we have identified seven Capitol Metro local routes passing within a distance of between four and eight blocks of the UT core campus. This distance is a long enough walk that it deters potential bus commuters from using these routes to get to the UT main campus.

We are requesting modifications to these routes to improve direct access to the east (San Jacinto) and west (Guadalupe) edges of the core campus. As discussed with Capital Metro's Roberto Gonzalez in the November Staff Council Transportation Solutions subcommittee, the suggested route modifications are as follows:

1. Modify the following local routes to include travel and stops along Guadalupe Street for all of, or at least some portion of, the west side of the campus core between Dean Keeton Street and 21st Street:
 - Route 3
 - Route 19

2. Modify the following local routes to include *travel and stops* along San Jacinto Blvd. for all of, or at least some portion of, the east side of the campus core between Dean Keeton Street and 21st Street:
 - Route 10
 - Route 18
 - Route 20
 - Route 37
 - Route 137

Thank you for considering these route changes to improve the accessibility of the UT main campus to bus commuters.