



Agenda Item Report

Legislative Board: City Council
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ITEM TITLE: Deliberation and possible action related to downtown pedestrian crossing improvements (Assistant City Manager Wendy L. Smith) [PUBLIC TESTIMONY]

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councilmember Matt Smith requested that staff re-visit pedestrian crossing improvements downtown. Options were presented to the Council Mobility Committee in June 2026, at which time the Committee recommended installation of pedestrian-actuated flashing signage at the Peach Street (near Brooklyn's/City Parking Lot) and Ash Street (Welcome Center) crosswalks.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

In March 2024, Council received a presentation on various options for improving pedestrian mobility downtown. At that time, Council approved 1) the Mobility Committee's recommendation to use luminescent thermoplastic paint with standard, non-flashing pedestrian crossing signage in lieu of more robust staff-recommended measures; 2) striping the new crosswalk on Main by the Welcome Center but holding off on new crosswalks south of 967 (such as at 2770) to be completed with bond projects/after TxDOT turnback; 3) re-striping existing crosswalks, as needed, along the corridor; and pausing consideration of crosswalks at 967/Austin St and 967/San Marcos St pending Austin St Reconstruction Project and TxDOT turnback. During discussion of the item, Councilmember Matt Smith requested periodic review of downtown pedestrian crossings. He requested that the item be considered again in Spring 2026. Staff took options to the Council Mobility Committee for discussion and recommendation(s) in June 2026.

3. ANALYSIS

Pedestrian improvements are consistent with the City Council's Strategic Plan objective to create a more walkable, pedestrian-friendly Buda Downtown.

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost estimate is \$3,500 per intersection plus in-house installation.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

HISTORIC AND VIBRANT DOWNTOWN

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Create a more walkable, pedestrian-friendly Buda Downtown

7. PROS AND CONS

Pros: Increased pedestrian safety in downtown Buda.

Cons: Some Councilmembers previously expressed concern over visual clutter from lighted signage.

8. ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives include those in the presentation or leaving the crosswalks in their current condition.

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Council Mobility Committee's recommendation of pedestrian actuated flashing pedestrian crossing signage.Â

Attachments:

[Presentation - Downtown Crosswalks 08042026.pdf](#)