

SRCC Neighborhood Association Living Streets



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Agenda:

Living Streets Introduction

- General information
- Activations
- Process

Living Streets Improvements – Healthy Streets

- Goals
- Transition Timeline

Living Streets



- Resolution No. – 20211021-02
- Council directs the City Manager to create the "Street Programs" - Living Streets
- Living Streets Program is a resident-led process.
- 60% of the residents of a proposed street must approve with a signature to support an activation.
- Uses quick install "soft" closures to reduce vehicle speed, improve safety, and create connectivity and community.
- Address equity issues by making Living Streets accessible

<https://www.austintexas.gov/LivingStreets>

Living Streets Program



Neighborhood Block Parties

- Block Parties are one-time closures of a single block to allow residents to hold small, locally-focused events.
- Permits are valid for the day of the event only. Each new event requires a new permit.



Play Streets

- Play Streets provide space for children and adults alike to gather and play in a local street by allowing residents to partially close a single block to motor vehicle traffic for a few hours per day several days per week.



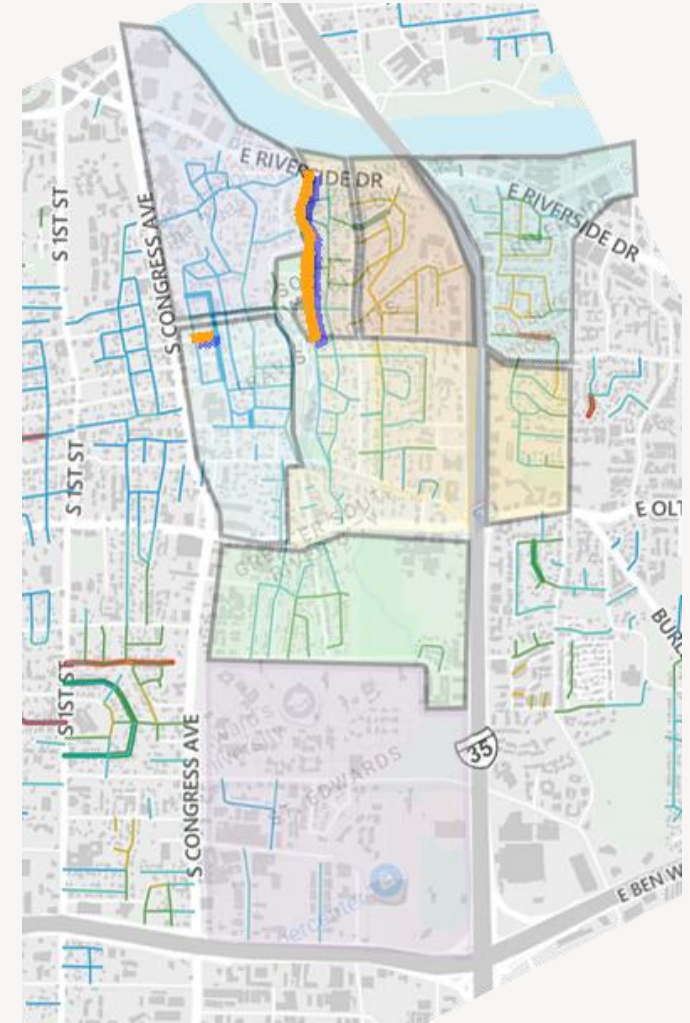
Healthy Streets

- Healthy Streets provide space for people to walk, bike, roll, exercise, and build community within the public right-of-way by discouraging motor vehicle traffic along several local streets.

Application Process



- 1. Express your interest** – The resident fills out an Expression of Interest (EOI) online.
- 2. Coordinate with City staff** – Program staff will communicate with the resident to choose the best nearby street for an activation.
- 3. Complete the application** – The resident will collect signatures, find a sponsor if needed, and complete the application.
- 4. Staff review** – City staff will review all applications submitted and choose the applications that best fit program intentions and resources.
- 5. Project installation** – City staff will install or deliver the equipment for the activation.



Living Streets

FY 25 Stats

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NBPs	40	1	-
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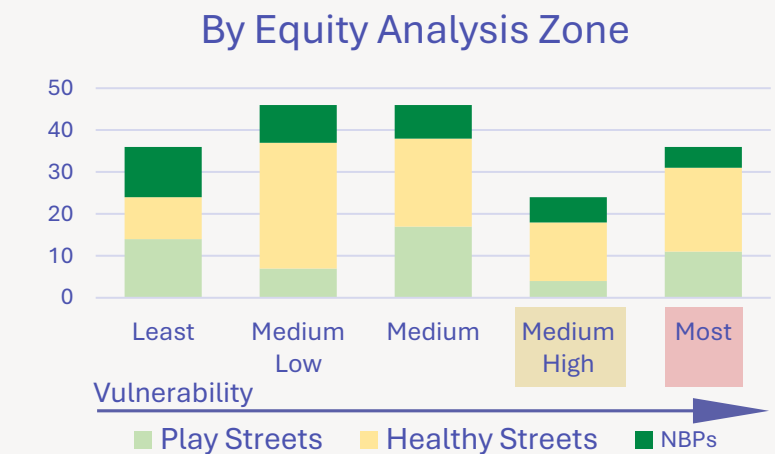
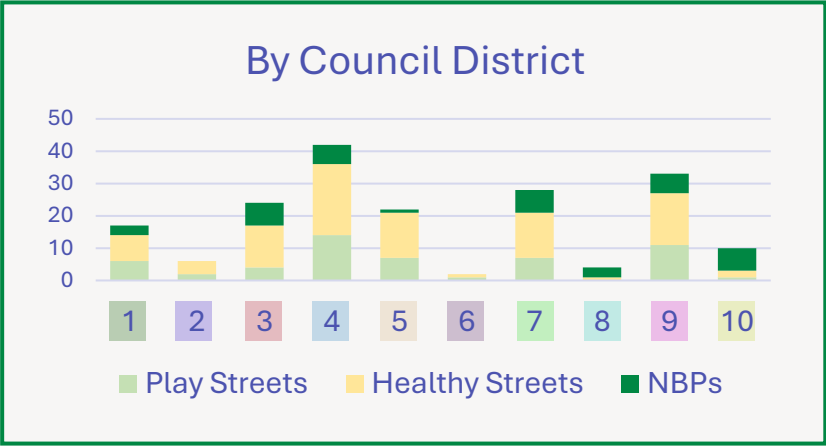
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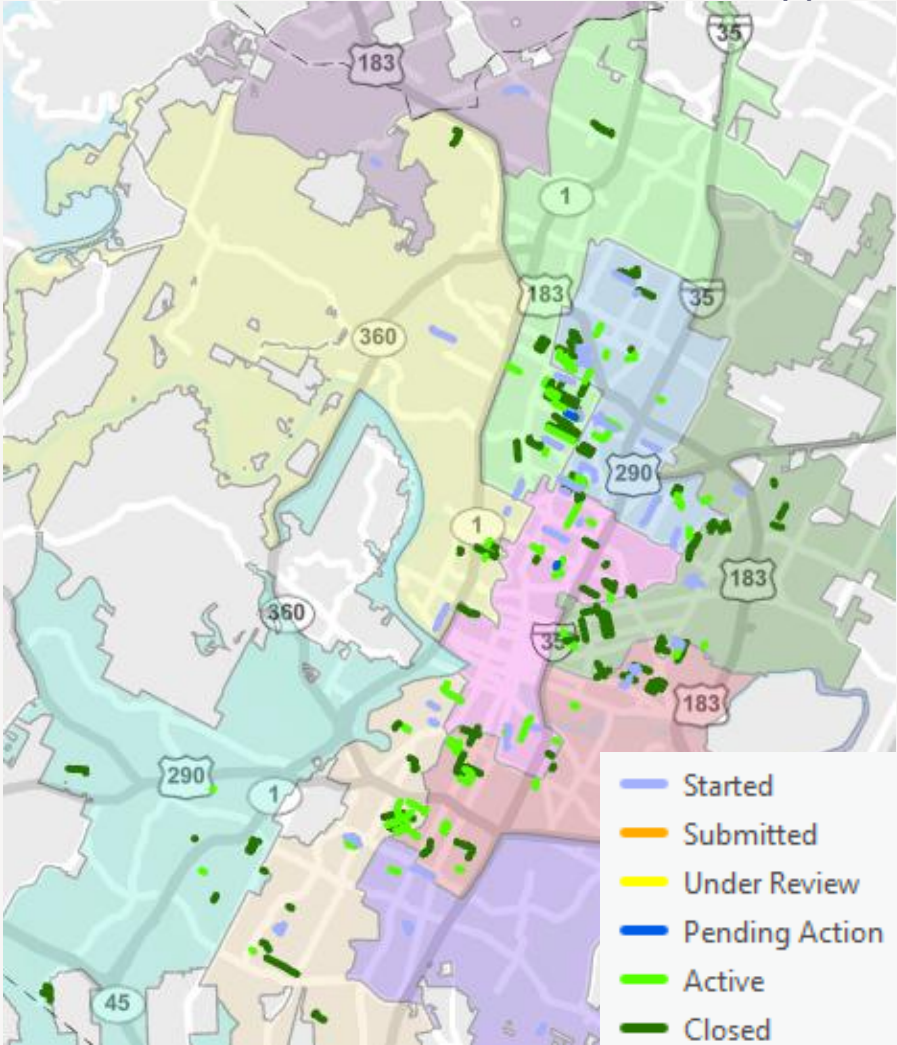
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Activations and Council Districts Mapped



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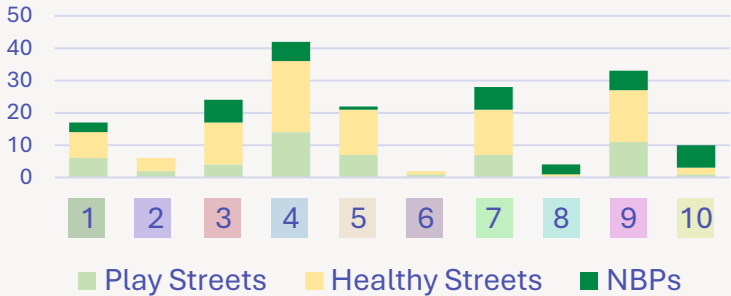
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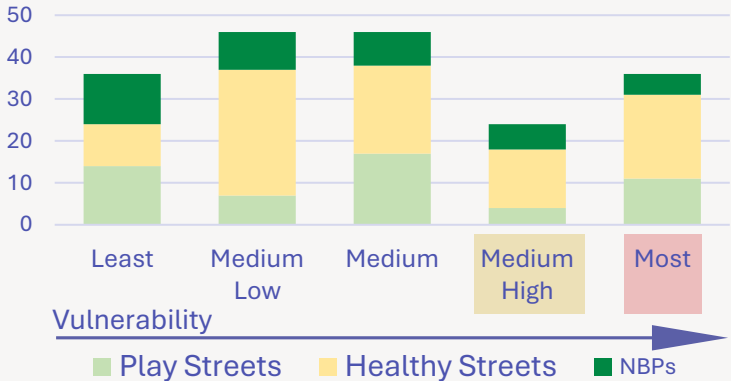
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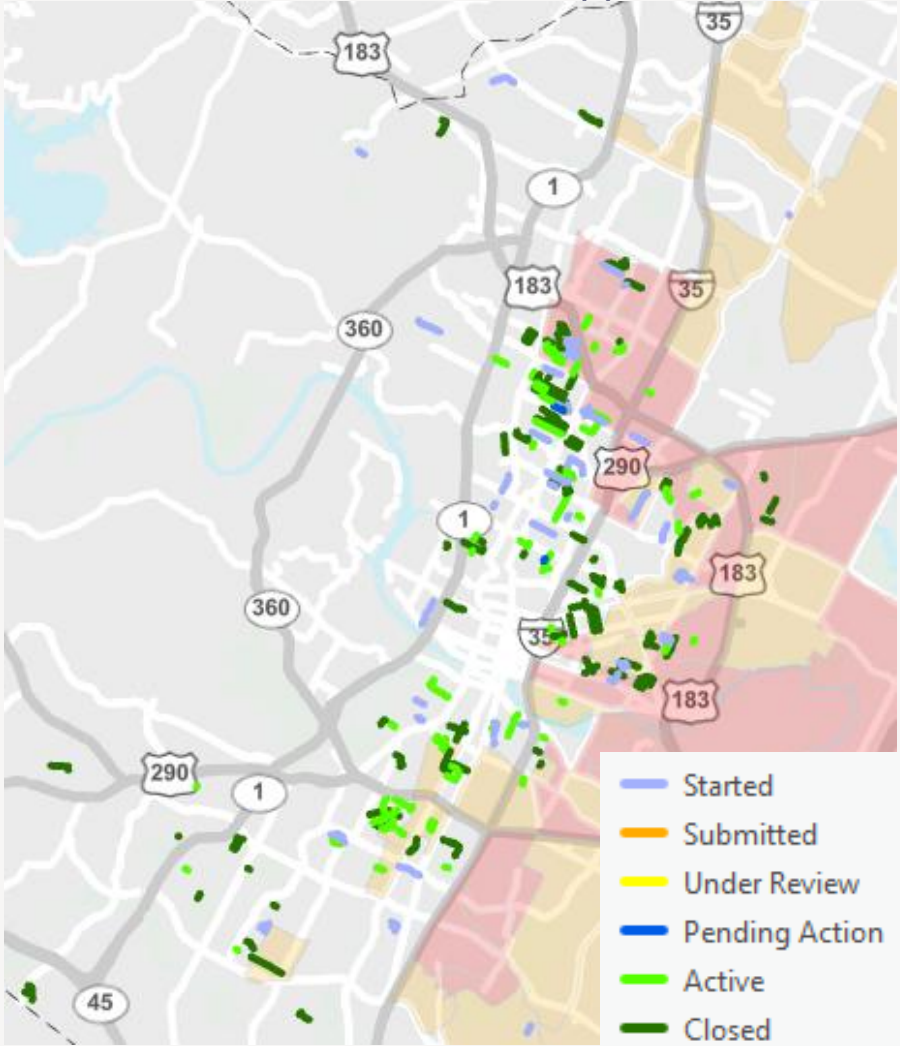
By Council District



By Equity Analysis Zone



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Living Street Improvements

Healthy Streets

Goal 1: Healthy Streets

New Equipment + Improved Aesthetic



Move away from temporary devices
No more orange cones & barrels



Move to long-term equipment types
Use of planters & curb stops



Original



Interim



Final

Goal 2: Healthy Streets

Option for Conversion to Shared Street



Healthy Streets can serve as
a precursor to **Shared Streets**



First conversion is underway
Healthy Street to Shared Street



Healthy Street



Shared Street



Thank you Questions?

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