



What is Austin Smart Trips?

Austin Smart Trips is a communitywide encouragement program, currently focusing on North Central Austin that aims to reduce drive-alone trips and increase walking, biking and public transit use to access work sites, schools, recreation, shopping and medical facilities. The Active Transportation Program wants to make sure all Austinites are aware of all of the sustainable and active options they have for getting around town.

The Austin Smart Trips program provides residents with information about how to get around - by foot, bus, train, bike, and shared car. The primary goal of this pilot program is to help people get daily physical activity through active transportation such as transit, walking or bicycling. By choosing to walk, bike, take transit, and carpool, Austinites increase fitness, save money, reduce traffic congestion, and help maintain a livable environment.

Where is Smart Trips?

The City of Austin is proud to announce its first Smart Trips pilot program in the North Central Austin Area. Our hope is to reach out to 1,250 homes and provide information on active transportation options. This pilot program is one initiative of a two-part program titled Plan4Health. This program, which is funded by an American Planning Association federal grant, encourages healthy lifestyles by encouraging active transportation and healthy eating choices.

How do I get involved?

There are numerous opportunities to get involved! The Smart Trips Austin Representative (STAR) Program is a rewarding opportunity for volunteers to get hands-on experience with the City of Austin's Active Transportation staff to reach out to Austin residents. There are several kinds of volunteer opportunities for STARs, from tabling public events, assisting in toolkit delivery, helping with language translation to assisting with guided walks and bike rides. STARs are expected to commit to volunteering at a minimum of two events during 2015. Please contact the Smart Trips hotline at 512-974-7853 or email SmartTrips@austintexas.gov.

For more information visit: www.austintexas.gov/smarttrips