



Street Impact Fees

**EQUITABLE.
PREDICTABLE.
TRANSPARENT.**



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What are Street Impact Fees?

- One-time fee for **New Growth**
- Calculation to determine the **cost of growth** for street infrastructure

What do Street Impact Fees pay for?

- Capacity-Related Projects:
 - ✓ Construction cost of capital improvements on the Street Impact Fee Plan
 - Roadways – additional lanes, bridges, sidewalks
 - Intersections – Signals, turn lanes
 - ✓ Corridor Planning and Preliminary Engineering
 - ✓ Survey and Engineering fees
 - ✓ Land acquisition costs
 - ✓ Debt Service of Street Impact Fee Plan
 - Existing projects (2010-2016 Bond Programs)
 - ✓ Study/Update Costs

What Street Impact Fees DO NOT pay for?

- Non Capacity-Related Projects:
 - ✗ Projects not included in the Street Impact Fee Plan
 - ✗ Repair, operation and maintenance of existing or new facilities
 - ✗ Upgrades to serve existing development
 - ✗ Administrative costs of operating the program

Who would pay Street Impact Fees?

- Developments (new growth) that generate increased traffic
- Fee is based on the amount of new traffic generated
- Assessed at Plat
- Paid at Building Permit

Why is Austin looking into Street Impact Fees?

- Determining a method for growth to pay for growth that is:
 - Equitable
 - Predictable
 - Transparent

Are these new fees or replacing existing fees?

- Current process/fee determinations will be modified
- Ordinance/Policy will determine how the Street Impact Fees complement or replace existing process/fee determinations
- Project is two phases:
 - Phase 1 is the study assumptions
 - Phase 2 is the ordinance and rates

What is the project timeline?

- February – August: Study Assumptions
 - April: Land Use
 - August: Capital Improvements
 - October: Approval of Assumptions
- September – December: Calculation of Fee
- January - ?: Ordinance and Policy Development

How to stay updated and provide input?

- austintexas.gov/streetimpactfee
 - FAQs, handouts, schedule
- Sign-Up for Updates
- Advisory Committee
 - Dates will be on website
 - “Office Hours” before meeting

