"Establishing a robust cross-agency construction coordination and multi-modal travel management interface are incredibly important before some of Central Texas's largest public transportation and infrastructure projects break ground. These include I-35 Reconstruction, Airport Expansion, future Project Connect Light Rail coupled with many other vertical and linear construction projects in Austin. All major metropolitan areas heavily lean on this type of program to manage travel patterns and public expectations through prolonged periods of multi-year phased construction. It also offers an unique opportunity to positively impact travel demand and patterns for more sustainable outcomes for the region."

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