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**After question three, which questions from the flowchart are you prepared to answer?**

Is there funding?  
Which department holds the funding?  
What are the impacts, and gaps?

## Root Cause Analysis

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**Story: What did you hear from the community?**

This recommendations looks to provide equitable transportation options and services in traditionally and currently underserved Hispanic and African American communities throughout the city.

Time and time again, we are hearing that a lot of resources are being allocated for transportation; however, there continues to be lack of sidewalks, lack of lighting for people to walk safely during the night, and lack of viable public transportation options for the Eastern Crescent specifically.

People on the Eastern Crescent rely more on public transportation, walking, etc., and barely have access to viable transportation options. While biking is a great alternative, creating bike trails is not the only solution. Additionally, Cap Metro has shades on several of the bus stops on the Western Crescent, but people on the East Side have no shade and Cap Metro is very unreliable. Sometimes people have to wait hours to get onto the bus.

Also, the request for speed bumps is more difficult now and negatively impacts safety. When you drive on the west side, there are a bunch of speed bumps, but you do not see the same on the east side. The cops are always speeding down the street incredibly fast and violating the speed limit without having their lights on. This is incredibly obvious on Springdale lane in District 1. Dove Springs has requested more lighting and more mobility options and sidewalks.

**Problem: What is the problem you identify?**

There needs to be more equitable access to sidewalks, speed bumps and viable transportation. There is a huge problem with the current proposed land development code and density. Due to this, they are not really prioritizing the east side on transportation and mobility issues.

<b>How does the problem show up in your community? Who is most impacted by the problem?</b>	Students, Hispanics, African Americans, people with disabilities, and individuals without cars are most impacted. The problem also disproportionately impacts low-income communities.
<b>Is there funding to address the problem?</b>	Yes
<b>Do multiple departments administer these funds?</b>	Yes
<b>What is the primary department that administers the funds?</b>	Austin Transportation
<b>What is the secondary department that administers the funds?</b>	Parks and Recreation
<b>What are the impacts of the funding?</b>	Students, Hispanic/Latinos, African Americans, people with disabilities, and individuals without cars are served, as well as other members of the community. ATD data is not broken down by race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, and income level. Through the equity assessment tool, ATD reports it does not allocate a specific line item budget of the departments budget to capturing resident's satisfaction with programming services. ATD states it follows a planning process to identify when public meetings are appropriate and when public comment is beneficial for issues surrounding citizen safety. The department does not evaluate the effectiveness of community engagement efforts. Therefore, we continue to see gaps in services for low-income areas and for minorities.
<b>Considering all of the information you have or have not collected above, how do we solve for this problem?</b>	<p>The Commission recommends allocating funding for the construction of sidewalks, bus shelters, and lighting in areas where many Latinx communities and low-income communities live and commute. The Commission recommends the following to solve for this problem:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Include the Equity Office.</li> <li>- Prioritize the East Side.</li> <li>- Identify why APD is speeding down the East Side all the time without their lights on. They should not be speeding all the time if it's not for an emergency. It is constant on Springdale. They need a speed bump there.</li> <li>- More sidewalks near Huston-Tillotson University and in Dove Springs.</li> <li>- Capital Metro needs more shade and bus shelters on the East Side.</li> <li>- Understand that biking is not the only solution.</li> <li>- Add more lighting for people walking home at night.</li> <li>- The streets on the East Side on Riverside by Pleasant Valley (Town Lake apartments, Wickersham, Oltorf) are falling apart from years of neglect. The streets in District 1 on Springdale, East 12th Street, Walnut Creek area, etc have been deteriorating, including cracks in the road. Fix these roads for better mobility.</li> </ul>