

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Street Smarts Task Force convened March 29, 2007 to transform Austin into a world class bicycling city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's bicycle network is incomplete; and

WHEREAS, bicycle facilities provide both transportation and recreational opportunities that enhance Austin's high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is proactively planning and implementing bicycle facilities corridors; and

WHEREAS, Education, promotion, law enforcement and safe behavior must also be considered; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is working towards a balanced, equitable and efficient transportation system that provides a range of transportation choices, reinforces the livability of neighborhoods, supports a strong and diverse economy, reduces air and water pollution and lessens reliance on the automobile while maintaining accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of making bicycles an integral part of daily life include healthier residents; reduced traffic congestion, parking demand, energy use, air pollution; and transportation costs; more efficient use of land and road space; and increased personal mobility and community livability; and

WHEREAS, encouraging and enhancing the use of alternative transportation, including bicycles, is a goal of the Austin Climate Protection Plan, and

WHEREAS, the bicycling community contributes significant economic benefits to the City of Austin, including numerous bicycle-related businesses, major events such as the Ride for the Roses, nearly daily year-round bicycle rides and activities, tourism, bicycle racing, and the attraction of new residents and families to Austin because of our bicycle-friendliness; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That with passage of this resolution the City of Austin establishes its intent to become the first Texas city to attain Gold level bike-friendly status from the League of American Bicyclists; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Council of the City of Austin supports the work of the Street Smarts Task Force January 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council directs the City Manager to study and report back to Council with recommendations for inclusion of the Street Smarts Task Force

findings into the Austin Bicycle Master Plan as part of the Master Plan update process.

ADOPTED: _____, 2008 **ATTEST:** _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

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