

Late Backup



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Rob Spillar, P.E. *Robert Spillar P.E.*
Director, Austin Transportation Department

DATE: May 21st, 2009

SUBJECT: Austin Bicycle Master Plan - Change Addendum

The attached Change Addendum is a part of the 2009 Bicycle Master Plan for your consideration.

On April 24th City Staff mailed approximately 1,500 letters to City stakeholders, announcing the May 5th Planning Commission Public Hearing and the May 21st City Council Public Hearing. We also used e-mail to reach hundreds of additional stakeholders. In response, we received comments on the DRAFT Bicycle Master Plan. The attached Change Addendum includes substantive additions, deletions, and/or edits which reflect input on the DRAFT Bicycle Master Plan from stakeholders and additional clarifications staff felt necessary. This addendum includes contributions from the Urban Transportation Commission and the Environmental Board.

Any motion on the adoption of the plan should include this Change Addendum (and/or any revisions Council wishes) so that staff can incorporate the information into the final version of the plan.

Addendum Attached

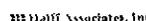


 **Why are We Here?**

- **2009 Bicycle Plan Update**
 - Revises originally adopted 1996, 1998 plan
 - Includes policies, bicycle lanes by street
 - Reflects changes in Austin



Goal: to increase neighborhood connectivity and develop a comprehensive network



Bicycle Plan Implementation

• Bicycle Plan Implementation

- 2002 Council Resolution - include bicycle lanes and sidewalks when reconstructing or rehabilitating streets
- 2008 Council Resolution – coordinate and connect bicycling, pedestrian and trails network
- Bike lane design coordinated with neighborhoods
- One-third of bicycle infrastructure in place
- Living document, annual updates

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Importance of Update Value of Continued Work

• Community Benefits

- 3,500 (1%) Working Austinites Bicycle to Work

- ~ 2 freeway lanes of vehicles at peak hour
- Reduction of 29 M pounds of CO2 / year



- \$5,500 Household Saving / Year

- Local Economy

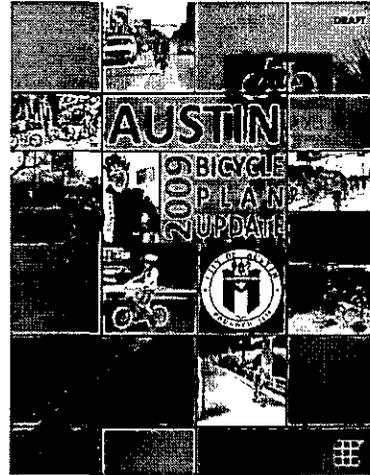
- \$5.5M from 2007 LiveStrong Challenge
- People visit Austin for bicycling
- Contributes positive City's image

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2009 Bicycle Plan Update

Vision:
**Transform Austin
into
World-Class
Bicycling City**



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2009 Bicycle Plan Update

Key Elements:

- **Bicycle Transportation System**
 - 2% Commuter Bicycle Use by 2015 & 5% by 2020
 - 70% of bicycle network by 2020 & 100% by 2030
- **Education & Promotion**
 - Influence increase of bicycle trips
 - Diversify transportation options
- **Safe Behavior & Enforcement**
 - Train bicyclists, motorists and enforcement staff
- **Implementation & Funding**
 - Bonds, Grants, Partnerships, Development Process
 - Total 2030 Build Out Cost Estimate - \$254M
 - Top 25 City of Austin Projects - \$10M



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Public Involvement Process

- Street Smarts Task Force - Spring 2007 - 2008
- COA Technical Advisory Committee – Fall 2007
- Public Input Meetings – Spring 2008
- Ongoing Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Review
- CAMPO Austin Bike / Ped Summit – May 2008
- Austin Neighborhoods Council – February 2009
- Open Houses – Spring 2009
- Urban Transportation Commission Briefing – Apr 14
- Parks & Recreation Board Briefing -April 28
- Planning Commission - Comp Plan Sbcmtc - May 5
- Environmental Board Briefing - May 6
- UTC Recommendation/ Public Hearing - May 12
- Council Briefing – May 14
- **Council Public Hearing, Adoption – May 21**

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Trails Master Plan

- **Coordinate Bicycle Lanes and Parks Systems**
 - Bicycle Master Plan
 - Sidewalk Master Plan
 - Parks Long Range Plan
 - Trails Master Plan
- **Projects in Progress**
 - Lance Armstrong Bikeway
 - Southern Walnut Creek Trail
 - Austin to Manor Trail



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