

RECOMMENDATION

Bicycle Advisory Council

Recommendation Number 20170321-04D: Consideration of Bicycle Use in AISD Facilities Master Plan

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) is to advise the City of Austin, and other jurisdictions, on all matters relating to the use of the bicycle; and

WHEREAS, one of the seven values of AISD is physical, social, and emotional health and safety for its children; and

WHEREAS, one of the guiding principles of the AISD Facilities Master Plan includes the District's commitment to ensure a healthy school environment; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of schoolchildren is directly impacted by their commute to school; and

WHEREAS, the AISD Facilities Master Plan represents the opportunity to evaluate facilities for better integration of active transportation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends that the AISD Facilities Master Plan includes the following:

- Recommendation that the front/main access to all new schools constructed be located on streets with a posted speed limit below 35 mph, preferably with the traffic volumes of a local street.
- Recommendation that all school properties be designed with pedestrian and bicyclist access in mind and
 ensure a safe, reliable, and easily accessible ingress and egress from the street to bicycle parking and
 campus destinations, especially during peak periods.
- Special attention should be paid to the effect or impact of drop-off and pickup queuing on bicycle facilities.
- Recommendation that all schools be required to provide at least the minimum amount of bicycle parking to ensure that there is enough bicycle parking to meet the current and future demand.
- Recommendation that AISD coordinate with local transportation jurisdictions to include active transportation facilities and connectivity approaching schools for all ages and abilities.

Date of Approval: March 21, 2017

Record of the vote: Unanimously approved 8-0, with David Orr absent

Attest:

Sophia Benner, Chair of the BAC

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