



RECOMMENDATION

Bicycle Advisory Council

Recommendation 20180515-04B: Detour Standards for Bikeways

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;

WHEREAS, the 2014 Austin Bicycle Master Plan calls for an "all ages and abilities" bicycle network;

WHEREAS, the city of Austin has a permitting process for the temporary use of the right of way, and that such use will at times encroach upon the right-of-way depended upon by people who bike;

WHEREAS, missing or inadequate bicycle detours around obstructions increase the risk to people using bikes, among the right-of-way's most vulnerable users, and constitute an interruption in the bicycle network;

WHEREAS, the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) offers Compliance Information documents to aid permit applicants, contractors, and engineers in complying with regulations, codes, and practices;

WHEREAS, those documents include a series of Mobility Guidelines (MG), Bike Lane Standard Details (Standard No. 804S-1), and a Traffic Control Plan (TCP) Submittal Checklist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends that the Compliance Information documents be added to and amended as follows:

- That the Active Transportation Division of ATD create a new MG document specifically on cycling considerations
- That the MG document and standards for bike lanes include wayfinding signage so the continuation of the bike lane around construction is clear, and, on roads where a marked detour is deemed unnecessary, that additional signage be erected that states "Bicycles May Use Full Lane"
- That the MG document reiterate the standards specified in the Bike Lane Standard Details, including in the 5' minimum width for bikeway detours
- That the TCP Submittal Checklist include the current condition of cycling facilities as part of plan preparation, and that the checklist include reference to the cycling MG document

- That, in addition to the current point on the checklist that the detour should be driven prior to implementation, the checklist include a point that the detour should be biked prior to implementation
- That Mobility Guideline MG-03, Closures and Detours, be amended to advise against the closure of bikeways and include reference to the new Mobility Guideline concerning facilities for people who bike

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC requests that ATD returns to the BAC with a draft Mobility Guideline document for possible revisions or endorsement.

Date of Approval:

Record of the vote:

Attest:

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