



## **Pedestrian Advisory Council**

### Recommendation Number 20180709-05A: Shoal Creek Trail: Vision to Action Plan

WHEREAS, the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) advises City of Austin on pedestrian planning, policy, design, funding, education, and enforcement efforts regarding the creation, maintenance and operation of pedestrian facilities in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable circulation for both commuting and recreation within the City of Austin;

WHEREAS, the PAC has reviewed the Shoal Creek Trail: Vision to Action Plan (June 21, 2018 Draft);

WHEREAS, the PAC has considered the benefits of the Shoal Creek Trail improvements which include the following:

- Provides a continuous, shaded route for active modes of transportation that connects multiple neighborhoods to and from the central business district
- Increases safety by separating users from vehicle traffic
- Provides a recreational amenity to users which can improve physical and mental well-being
- Improves safe routes to schools for children

WHEREAS, the Shoal Creek Trail: Vision to Action Plan has outlined the following Priority Projects:

1. Shoal Creek Boulevard restriping from 38<sup>th</sup> St to Foster Ln creating bike lanes and wider side walks
2. Wayfinding & Interpretation for the entire Shoal Creek Trail Corridor
3. Build Safe Crossings at key safety “gaps” along the route, including the crossings at W. 34<sup>th</sup> and W. 38<sup>th</sup> streets as well as the intersection of W. 45<sup>th</sup> St and Shoal Creek Blvd
4. Cypress & Shoal: rehabilitation and re-use of the historic trestle bridge as a scenic overlook and public plaza
5. Critical infrastructure improvements between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pedestrian Advisory Council is supportive of adopting the draft plan as an addendum to the Urban Trails Master Plan and rapidly implementing the five Priority Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PAC encourages staff to ensure that the final designs promote increased access for users of all abilities and that signalization and intersection improvements prioritize active modes of transportation over vehicles. Examples of improvements include leading pedestrian intervals (LPis), raised cross walks, pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHBs), pedestrian refuge islands, automatic pedestrian recall, and themed wayfinding that identifies a clear path of travel.

Date of Approval: July 10, 2018

Vote: 5-0 with Gamble, Greenfield, Kinney, and Veazey absent

Attest:

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Branigan Mulcahy, Pedestrian Advisory Council Chair