



Bicycle Advisory Council

Recommendation 20180821-05C: Zach Scott Street and Schieffer Avenue Proposed Design

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 Mueller Development was designed to support active transportation for all ages and abilities;

WHEREAS, Zach Scott Street is identified in Austin's bicycle plan as a recommended all ages and abilities east-west route with protected bicycle lanes and is also identified as a high priority project in the 2016 Mobility Bond Local Mobility Annual Plan (LMAP);

WHEREAS, the street cross section recommended by the Mueller Neighborhood Association Transportation Subcommittee narrows the buffer between the bike lane and parked cars, effectively returning the bicycle lane to the door zone of the parked cars;

WHEREAS, the street cross section recommended by the Mueller Neighborhood Association Transportation Subcommittee increases the potential for collisions between cars and bicycles, specifically at intersections due to obstructed sight lines created by parked cars;

WHEREAS, the project implemented on Barton Hills Drive, which has the same lane widths as the City's original proposal and the same speed limit as Zach Scott Street, has seen a 46% decrease of speeds in excess of 35 mph;

WHEREAS, the total proposed number of parking spaces that would be removed comprises only 10% of the available street parking spaces within one block of the project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC supports City staff's original proposed design for Zach Scott Street (Airport Boulevard to Berkman Drive) and Schieffer Avenue (Vineland Drive to Airport Boulevard) as presented at an August 8, 2018 open house.

Date of Approval: August 21, 2018

Record of the vote: 7-0 with Louviere-Ligons and Lentz absent

Attest:

Kathryn Flowers, BAC Vice Chair