



Pedestrian Advisory Council

Recommendation 20180910-05B: Interim safety improvements to reduce design speeds

WHEREAS, in 2017 76 people died and many more were seriously injured in vehicle-related crashes in Austin;

WHEREAS, in 2016 Austin City Council adopted the Vision Zero Action Plan to reduce fatalities and serious injuries by traffic crashes in Austin to zero by 2025;

WHEREAS, Imagine Austin lays out the vision of a compact and connected Austin that is safe and accessible to people of all ages and abilities;

WHEREAS, compared to conventional street safety improvement projects, "quick build" interim street safety improvements, such as those identified in the accompanying Interim Improvements Example List, are quicker and less costly to implement, allow for greater experimentation and more fluid iterations, encourage productive community participation, and provide effective paths to permanent measures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) recommends that:

- The Austin Strategic Mobility Plan lists all non-highway streets in Austin and attaches to each street a targeted safe design speed of no faster than 35mph;
- The City of Austin implements interim safety improvements that reduce street design speeds to the aforementioned targeted levels and facilitate multi-modality at serious or fatal crash sites, locations of concern highlighted by citizens and City staff, as part of routine street upgrade projects, and at other identified locations;
- The City of Austin creates an interim safety improvement pilot program that makes changes at selected locations and over a variety of time periods, including multi-day demonstrations led by the City of Austin and/or residents and longer term installations, and which develops tools and best practices with measurable outcomes, expanding the program when established criteria are met, and provides a path to make successful upgrades permanent;
- Once a year, the Fatality Review Board, and/or other relevant City entities, present to the PAC a representative sample of the crash locations its work addressed in the past 12 months, what improvements were made, and its progress on implementing interim measures, such as those included in the aforementioned Interim Improvements Examples List;

Date of Approval:

Record of the vote:

Attest: *(Staff or chair can sign)*