

Bicycle Advisory Council

Recommendation 20181016-06B: Redesigning railroad crossings for safety of bicyclists and pedestrians

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Bicycle Advisory Council is to advise the City of Austin and other jurisdictions on all matters relating to the use of the bicycle, bicycle infrastructure, and individuals of all ages and abilities who utilize bicycles; and

WHEREAS, railroad crossings can present a special hazard for conveyances with narrow wheels, including bicycles, wheelchairs, and scooters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends the allocation of funds necessary to redesign and reconstruct railroad crossings, allowing bicyclists and wheelchair users to cross the tracks at a safe angle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends that the specific locations of hazardous railroad crossings to be considered for improvements include the railroad crossings on Vinson Dr/Emerald Forest near St. Elmo, on W. Mary St. near Evergreen, and on Rosewood Ave. near the Pleasant Valley underpass.