

Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) Recommendation:

Austin Strategic Mobility Plan

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) is to advise the City of Austin on pedestrian planning, policy, design, funding, education, and enforcement efforts regarding the creation, maintenance and operation of pedestrian facilities;

WHEREAS, adoption and usage of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) is very important to the city;

WHEREAS, climate change is an urgent issue and providing all Austinites with meaningful ability to choose walking or wheelchair use throughout their daily lives is an effective strategy to reduce production of greenhouse gases;

WHEREAS, quality of life is positively impacted by an efficient transportation system, improving air quality and health;

WHEREAS, the dangerous state of our transportation system must be addressed and thus we support Vision Zero goals to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on roadways;

WHEREAS, people of all abilities have a right to efficient, safe and reliable methods of transportation, including access to continuous sidewalks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the PAC supports the overarching prioritization of safety in the ASMP;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC strongly endorses the Supply: Sidewalk System section, and encourages the Austin City Council to prioritize achieving the vision of ubiquitous access for people of all ages and abilities to safe sidewalks throughout the city, including fully funding the Sidewalk Master Plan / ADA Transition Plan in the FY2020 budget, filling the estimated \$30 million sidewalk funding gap from the previous two years, and explicitly adding ;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends the following modification for the Demand: Transportation Demand Management Programming section:

- Make it clear in the introduction this is about the Austin Transportation Department's specific program for better understanding by the average reader

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Pedestrian Advisory Council recommends the following modification for the Demand: Land Use section:

- Policy 1: Add the word "affordable" as follows: *Promote affordable transit-supportive densities along the Transit Priority Network: Focus on requiring or incentivizing affordable transit-supportive densities along Transit Priority Network corridors through small area planning and zoning review processes*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends the following modification for the Supply: Public Transportation System section:

- Discussions of sidewalk priorities should be tied to transit access and the plan should recognize that transit cannot be used without safe pedestrian access

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends the following modifications for the Supply: Roadway System section:

- Policy 1: change term from “vehicles” to “people” or imply people-carrying capacity so as to not seem to prioritize single-occupancy vehicles
- Policy 5: strike the word “Roadway” in the policy description or change it to right-of-way so there is understanding that single-occupancy vehicles are not the only priority
- Make sure that maximizing capacity is always clearly intended for all users
- Include discussion about trying to provide more access to places and needs by enabling shorter trips

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends the following modifications for the Supply: Bicycle System section:

- Clarify that the bicycle system is equivalent to a broader “small vehicle” system
- Explicitly discuss providing a complete network for small mass, lower speed vehicles including scooters, which will increase access and keep the pedestrian system safe for pedestrians

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC supports adopting a goal of reducing Single Occupancy Vehicle commute mode share to less than 50% by X and recommends that this goal be explicitly incorporated into funding policy in the Implementing Our Plan: Financial Sustainability section to prioritize allocations to long-underfunded strategies that will allow Austinites not to have to drive alone so much.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends developing standards and practices for deploying interim improvements to rapidly meet community needs as the full ASMP is implemented.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends that Council adopts the ASMP and ensures that it is used to guide policy, funding, and planning decisions.

Date of Approval:

Vote:

Attest: