

Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Recommendation:

Improved Pedestrian & Bicycle Crossing at I-35 Frontage Road and 4th Street

WHEREAS, the purpose of the BAC 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;

WHEREAS, the bicycle path at the crossing of 4th Street and the I-35 frontage road is a major connection for cyclists and pedestrians seeking to cross the highway corridor;

WHEREAS, the 2014 Bicycle Master Plan commits to an all ages and abilities network and the City of Austin's Vision Zero goals commit to safety for all road users first;

WHEREAS, the existing crossing of the bicycle path at 4th Street and the I-35 frontage road presents a unique danger due to rapidly moving traffic, limited signage to indicate a pedestrian/bicycle crossing, and obscured sight lines depending on parking load;

WHEREAS, the BAC acknowledges that the I-35 frontage road is a TxDOT managed road and currently is in the midst of a long-term redesign;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that a short-term solution be implemented as soon as possible to install a Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB) or similar device to indicate pedestrian and cyclist presence to the oncoming vehicular traffic;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC requests that TxDOT adhere to an all ages and abilities framework when implementing the long-term redesign for this crossing, and that TxDOT bring any design change for this crossing to the BAC at 30% design stage.

Date of Approval:

Vote:

Attest: