

Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Recommendation:

Draft Responsible Rider Ordinance

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, bicycle infrastructure, and individuals of all ages and abilities who utilize bicycles;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin lacks a complete all ages and abilities bicycle network for vulnerable road users;

WHEREAS, the final draft of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) cites safety as the number one priority in transportation planning;

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments to City Code did not go through adequate public engagement with stakeholders;

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments contain major changes that impact bicyclists that were unanticipated;

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments contain clerical errors and improperly indicated changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC recommends this item be delayed from City Council consideration to allow engagement from all stakeholders, including the public;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC finds several concepts problematic and requiring further review, including but not limited to:

- Micro-mobility devices
- Dismount zones
- Vague definition of “reasonable and prudent manner” in 12-2-16
- Sidewalk riding prohibitions
- Micro-mobility device parking
- Arbitrary increase in fines

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that a full consideration be given to the creation of low speed travel lanes or reduced car access in place of increased restrictions on vulnerable street users.

Date of Approval: March 19, 2019

Vote: 8-0 with Alcorn absent

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Flowers', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Kathryn Flowers, BAC Chair