

Pedestrian Advisory Council Recommendation:
Electric-Assist Pedicab Regulation

WHEREAS, pedicabs are helpful to pedestrians and non-drivers in getting around, and make being a pedestrian easier by providing last-mile transport for longer distances; and

WHEREAS, pedicabs are accessible for those with mild to moderate mobility difficulties; and

WHEREAS, electric motors in pedicabs will assist pedicabs in transporting those who are otherwise pedestrians, without increasing air pollution; and

WHEREAS, pedicabs are a safe and effective mode of transportation in an urban environment and contribute to a truly trimodal society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) supports allowing all pedicabs to choose, if they wish, to move to electric motors as soon as possible, but NOT an internal combustion engine;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends ATD and pedicab industry stakeholders establish safe and common-sense practices for handling batteries and battery charging; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC recommends that pedicabs have a top assisted speed limited to 20 mph, or a speed limit consistent with city e-bike regulations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC supports allowing the numbers of passengers carried to be amended based on the width and number of seat benches;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC supports the inclusion of pedicabs in the micro-mobility category, and embraces the contributions they already make to urban mobility, and the even greater contribution they will make to Austin pedestrians and the mobility-challenged, with these simple and common-sense changes.

Date of Approval:

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