

Pedestrian Advisory Council Recommendation:

Redesigning railroad crossings for safety of bicyclists and pedestrians

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

WHEREAS, pedestrian treatments at railroad crossings often include narrow sidewalks close to high speed traffic in the adjacent lane;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the PAC 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 without entering motor vehicle lanes;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the PAC recommends that the specific locations of hazardous railroad crossings to be considered for improvements include, but not be limited to, the railroad crossings on Vinson Dr/Emerald Forest near St. Elmo, on W. Mary St. near Evergreen, on Rosewood Ave. near the Pleasant Valley underpass, and on the northbound and southbound MoPac frontage road between Gracy Farms Ln. and Park Bend Rd. at the Red Line.

Date of Approval:

Record of the vote:

Attest: