

Bicycle Advisory Council Recommendation:

Mobility Improvements on South Pleasant Valley Road, Todd Lane, and Burleson Road (Oltorf Street to Onion Creek Park)

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) advises 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; and

WHEREAS, the South Pleasant Valley Road, Todd Lane, and Burleson Road project area is a vital north-south bicycle connection in southeast Austin, with few other alternatives;

WHEREAS, the project area currently features varied accommodations for bicycles, including a buffered lane in some areas and no accommodations in others, creating a major connectivity issue and creating an unsafe environment, especially for vulnerable and less confident riders;

WHEREAS, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) calls for South Pleasant Valley Road, Todd Lane, and Burleson Road within the project area to become an all ages and abilities bicycling corridor by receiving protected bicycle lanes;

WHEREAS, enhancing network connectivity in any one area of the city enhances the whole network and provides increased safety and comfort for road users across the city when they travel between destinations;

WHEREAS, the proposed preliminary designs would provide connections to Onion Creek Metro Park, the Country Club Creek Trail, and Rodriguez and Perez Elementary Schools, providing safe routes to school and to recreational facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC generally supports the current proposed preliminary designs shared at the December 11, 2019, public meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that Austin Transportation Department implement a bicycle lane with full protection along the entire length of the project corridor, with separate spaces for pedestrians and cyclists to maximize safety for all road users;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that shared use paths and/or mixing zones only be implemented through intersections as a last resort when no other safe solution for separating all road users is possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that any proposed shared use path must be at least 10 feet wide at a minimum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that bus bulb outs with cut-throughs for the bicycle route be used at bus stops within the project region to prevent conflicts between buses and people using bicycles.

Date:

Vote:

Attest:

[Chair, Vice Chair or Staff Liaison signature]

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