

**Bicycle Advisory Council Recommendation:**  
**Bluebonnet Lane and Melridge Place Improvements**

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;

WHEREAS, Bluebonnet Lane provides access to Zilker Elementary School, Little Zilker Park, and the Zilker and South Lamar neighborhoods, and peak traffic coincides with the greatest presence of vulnerable road users;

WHEREAS, Bluebonnet Lane offers bicyclists an alternative route to South Lamar Boulevard, a heavily trafficked street with inadequate cycling infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) has an opportunity to make improvements to Bluebonnet Lane and Melridge Place due to a planned resurfacing of the streets; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements generally exemplify the City of Austin's commitments under the Bicycle Plan, Vision Zero, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, and other Council-approved documents and policies; and

WHEREAS, painted street murals have been gaining support among planners for their ability to improve safety and make for stronger neighborhoods;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that the changes to the streetscape to improve mobility and safety be implemented as initially proposed by ATD, with the following additions:

1. The bicycle lane on Melridge Place be widened at the curve to accommodate a larger turn radius for people using bicycles on the downhill;
2. The painted buffer where the two-way bikeway borders residences be sufficiently wide to accommodate recycle bins, so the bins do not obstruct the lane and pose a hazard to bicyclists.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends the city consider "experimental" and neighborhood-appropriate traffic calming treatments, such as painted intersection murals, for the intersections of Bluebonnet Lane with Hether Street and/or Ford Street, provided the treatments do not negatively affect road users with vision impairments.

Date: February 18, 2020

Vote: 8 – 0 with Flowers absent

Attest:



Emily Smith, staff liaison