

Pedestrian Advisory Council Recommendation:

City of Austin updates regarding new or upgraded pedestrian infrastructure

WHEREAS, the Pedestrian Advisory Council's (PAC) purpose is to advise the City of Austin and other entities on pedestrian planning, policy, design, funding, education, and enforcement regarding creating, maintaining, and operating pedestrian facilities;

WHEREAS, thanks to new funding sources, support from elected officials and the public, and staff commitment, the City of Austin has in recent years accelerated pedestrian infrastructure improvements;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has increased the frequency with which it is providing the public with updates on new pedestrian infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS, regularly updating the public through the PAC, social media, and other channels about new pedestrian infrastructure could help foster strong and widespread support for funding for more such facilities;

WHEREAS, visual images can be effective in quickly and effectively capturing public attention;

WHEREAS, Austin Transportation Department is creating a Mobility Project Database (MPD) that will pull together all data on pedestrian infrastructure and other projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the PAC supports giving a high prioritization to the swift development and completion of the MPD, which will provide a new standard of information to the public, allowing a new level of transparency and helping to stoke public support for more and higher quality pedestrian infrastructure;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the PAC recommends that, using the MPD and other available sources, the City of Austin increase public updates, through social media and other platforms, about all recently completed pedestrian infrastructure projects, such updates appropriately tagged for findability and sortability, geographically locatable, and including photos taken before and after such projects were completed.

Date approved: January 6, 2020

Vote: 6-0 with Mulcahy, Henderson and Armstrong absent.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Smith".

Emily Smith, staff liaison