DANA LETTER ON PEDICABS

Dear Mayor Adler and City Council:

Because DANA represents downtown residents, we are understandably concerned with mobility. It has come to our attention recently that pedicabs, which have always been helpful to us, are seeking to have the cap on the number of electric motors they can drive lifted. We heartily support this move.

Pedicabs help in not just last mile transport but also for somewhat longer trips. Also, they are accessible for those with mild to moderate mobility issues, which scooters are not; this is particularly helpful to older residents. Therefore, more pedicabs with electric (but NOT internal combustion) engines will help more pedestrians and residents without increasing air pollution.

Therefore, as long as inspections and safety regulations are included, and speeds are limited to no more than 20 mph., DANA supports including pedicabs in the bike/micromobility category, and embraces the contributions they already make to urban mobility; we look forward to even greater benefits for Austin pedestrians and the mobility-challenged, with these simple and common sense changes.

Respectfully yours,

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