

**Bicycle Advisory Council Recommendation -
Blanton Museum of Art: New Grounds Initiative
Recommendation 20210921-001**

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) is to advise 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, the Blanton Museum of Art is situated at the southern terminus of the University of Texas at Austin Speedway Pedestrian Mall, which is a main thoroughfare through campus for pedestrians, bicyclists, and people utilizing all modes of non-motorized transportation;

WHEREAS, the Larry and Mary Ann Faulkner Gateway will serve as a bridge between the Texas State Capitol and downtown Austin to the south and The University of Texas at Austin to the north;

WHEREAS, the original construction of the Blanton and the closure of Speedway approaching MLK Jr. Blvd. did not provide a plan or route for bicycle traffic traveling to the Blanton or between Speedway and Congress Avenue;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BAC recommends the final design of the New Grounds Initiative should include provisions for connecting bicyclists from the southern terminus of Speedway to Congress Avenue and with the bike lanes along Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, including both a route between the two main Blanton buildings and around the west side of the buildings;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BAC recommends the New Grounds Initiative maintain ample bicycle parking both during construction and in the final design to provide greater accessibility to patrons who reach the Blanton Museum of Art by bicycle;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BAC recommends that all temporary traffic control related to the construction of the new grounds maintains bicycle access to and through the area without unnecessary closures and overly long detours;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BAC recommends that any temporary traffic control related to the construction of the new grounds that affects bicyclists gives sufficient advance notice of traffic pattern changes and that any temporary changes are clearly signed;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BAC requests UT Austin follow-up with specific designs for a dedicated bike path and connectivity, as well as bike parking facilities with lockers.

Date: September 21, 2021

Vote: 6-0 with Selvaggio, Boone, and Smith absent

Attest: Briana Cohen, Chair Bicycle Advisory Council

Briana Cohen