

RESOLUTION NO. 20120426-077

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is committed to providing a functional multi-modal transportation network; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 020418-40 established the policy for incorporating sidewalks and appropriate bicycle facilities during construction if they add less than 20% of the entire roadway construction, reconstruction, or major rehabilitation project costs; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Streets Smarts Task Force recommended adopting a set of guidelines to address and accommodate cyclists' needs during temporary construction projects; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Bicycle Plan Update provides the framework and actions necessary to build a complete bicycle system; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has made significant progress on implementing the plan with over 140 miles of bicycle lanes, 50 miles of urban trails, and 420 miles of shared lanes installed by the end of 2011; and

WHEREAS, the established bicycle facilities and bicycle routes are used regularly by riders for both recreation and commuting purposes; and

WHEREAS, Public Works Department staff have already identified internal processes to incorporate a more thorough review of temporary accommodations for bicycle access for trail closures due to construction; and

WHEREAS, construction projects within the City may present a significant long-term barrier to bicyclists when there are not sufficient detour signs presenting alternative routes; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

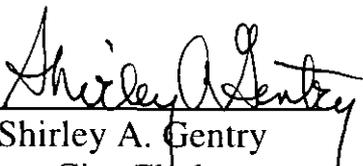
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to incorporate bicycle detours as a requirement within the scope of work for all capital improvement projects that affect bicycle routes and any multi-use trails, if the cost of those detours would add less than 20% of the entire roadway construction, reconstruction, or major rehabilitation project costs. The costs of designing and implementing the temporary bicycle detours shall be paid for as a project cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to provide Council with a status update by June 18, 2012.

ADOPTED: April 26, 2012

ATTEST: 
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk