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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	31987	Agenda Number	79.
Meeting Date:	6/12/2014		Department:	Transportation	
Subject					
Set a public hearing to consider amending the Austin Bicycle Master Plan (Suggested date and time: June 26, 2014, at 4:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas)					
Amount and Source of Funding					
There is no fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Fiscal Note					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	June 11, 2009, The City of Austin Bicycle Plan Update (Ordinance No. 20090611-075)				
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Boards and Commission Action:	March 10, 2014, reviewed by the Comprehensive Planning Committee (Planning Commission); April 8, 2014, approved by the Urban Transportation Commission; reviewed by the Environmental Board on April 16, 2014; Planning Commission on May 13, 2014; and Parks and Recreation Board on May 27, 2014.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					
<p>This plan works to implement elements of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan by creating a connected and protected active transportation network that will provide transportation options for the citizens and visitors of the City of Austin. The Vision of the Bicycle Master Plan Amendment is to, “maximize the contribution of bicycling to Austin’s quality of life.”</p> <p>The two overall goals of this plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To significantly increase bicycle use across the City of Austin over the next decade, and• To increase bicycle safety across the city of Austin. <p>The plan is strategically oriented to pursue these goals by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning for a network of protected bicycle facilities creating an all ages and abilities network. The current bicycle lane network planned in the 2009 plan is adequate for less than 20% of Austin’s population due to concerns from safety in traffic. A protected class network will enable over 55% of Austin’s population to choose a bicycle for transportation representing a significant increase in potential bicycling to contribute to					

the goals in the Imagine Austin Plan.

- Targeting the capture of short trips by bicycle by prioritizing protected bicycle network improvements where short trips naturally exist. Trips between 0 and 3 miles are ideal candidates for bicycle trips. The focus areas for network improvement areas to capture short trips are: 1) in the central city, where short trips are pervasive and 2) linking destinations to regional transit stations to extend the last mile connections that transit depends on, subsequently increasing the market for transit.

The combination of these two strategies is forecasted to have quantifiable positive impacts not just for bicyclists, but the community at large on a regional scale. These impacts include improving traffic congestion, public health, the local economy, affordability, sustainability and quality of life.

Other elements of the Bicycle Master Plan update include:

- Updated on-street bicycle facility recommendations
- Updated implementation strategy