

April 10, 2014

Nathan Wilkes
City of Austin Public Works Department
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Re: Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities along TXDOT High Speed Roadways with Limited Access

Dear Nathan:

Whereas the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) is in nascent form, without official members or a chair to submit a recommendation on the group's behalf, I submit this letter to you as PAC staff reflecting the group's recommendation regarding the your design proposals for bicycle and pedestrian facilities along TXDOT high speed roadways with limited access. An official vote count is included of all members of the public in the audience.

The PAC was formed in summer 2013 in order to advise City of Austin and other entities on pedestrian planning, design, funding, and enforcement efforts regarding the creation, maintenance and operation of pedestrian facilities in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable circulation for both commuting and recreation within the City of Austin. The PAC's goal is to ensure sensitivity to pedestrian issues in the design and implementation of all public and private projects impacting pedestrians.

At the April 7, 2014 regular meeting you briefed PAC regarding design solutions to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists along TXDOT facilities. The bulk of the conversation focused on the designs labeled as "least desired" and "not appropriate" and whether those designs should be forwarded as options at all. Some group members felt it was preferred to submit only superior design options.

The group identified two specific recommendations:

- 1.) Change the title of the proposal to read "Recommended Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Along High Speed Roadways with Limited Access" in order to more accurately reflect the users impacted by the design recommendations; and
- 2.) The last design option should be re-labelled from "Not Appropriate" to "Not Acceptable".

After consideration of the designs and the above points, the group voted 15-2 in favor (with 5 abstaining, including 4 staff present) to support the design proposals being forwarded to TXDOT. The PAC supports pedestrian facilities on all TXDOT roadways and, therefore, find the proposed designs for bicycle and pedestrian facility options useful to engineers as they design, rebuild, or resurface roadways.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the recommendations of the Pedestrian Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Anderson", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert Anderson

Community Transformation Grant Planner and Pedestrian Advisory Council Staff
City of Austin Planning and Development Review Department

cc: Pedestrian Advisory Council