



RECOMMENDATION

**Pedestrian Advisory Council**

Recommendation Number: 20161003-03D

Roadway Speed Reductions

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) is to advise the City of Austin and other jurisdictions on all matters relating to walking; and

WHEREAS, the PAC supports Vision Zero ATX in their efforts to reduce prima facie speed to improve safety for all people using streets and all modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the PAC recognizes that in 2015 there were 102 fatalities and 490 incapacitating injuries in the City of Austin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Austin Pedestrian Advisory Council:

Requests that City Council direct city staff to find out more information / potentially join with City of Houston on legislation at the Texas Legislature that would allow Texas' largest cities to reduce the prima facie speed limit to 25 mph (rather than 30) and allow cities to lower speed limits down to 20 mph where they deem appropriate and are willing to use appropriate signage.

Requests that City Council direct city staff to plan and execute pilot projects in one or more neighborhoods, for example the Mueller neighborhood. Those pilot projects would lower both speed limits and design speeds throughout the neighborhood.

Requests that City Council direct city staff to study how to optimize the safety, comfort, and capacity benefits of lower design speeds to include in the new Transportation Criteria Manual (TCM) and up-coming Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP.)

Date of Approval: October 3, 2016

Vote: Unanimously approved

Attest:

Emily Smith, staff liaison to the PAC