



RECOMMENDATION

Pedestrian Advisory Council

Recommendation Number: 20170109-03B: Pedestrian & Driver Rules & Regulations Information

WHEREAS, The Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) shall advise City of Austin on pedestrian planning, policy, design, funding, education, 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.

WHEREAS, City Council passed Resolution 20151001-058, amending the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan to prioritize transportation system safety and commit the City "to eliminating transportation-related deaths and serious injuries through a holistic Vision Zero approach;"

WHEREAS, there is a need for the PAC to educate and inform its members, City Council, boards and commissions, staff, and the public on road laws, rules, and regulations as they pertain to all road users to better inform discussions on issues of pedestrian safety, connectivity and accessibility across the city.

WHEREAS, the PAC subcommittee has spent one year working with the Austin Police Department, City of Austin Transportation Department, and Law Department on interpretation and application of the Texas Transportation Code and City of Austin Ordinances to create a Reference Document.

WHEREAS, the PAC requested this Reference Document be distilled to create an informational campaign for communicating the most relevant issues related to safe crossing of roads to the wider public (including pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The PAC recommends approval of the Pedestrian & Driver Rules and Regulations summary as drafted by the Technical Subcommittee and reviewed and commented on by the full PAC membership and that this summary is provided to the City of Austin as advice for content on pedestrian and driver information.

The PAC recommends that the City of Austin use the Reference Document and the Summary as resources for their efforts in creating a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and other efforts to implement the adopted Vision Zero Action Plan.

The PAC recommends that the Reference Document shall continue to be maintained, added to, and discussed as part of the Technical Subcommittee's ongoing tasks.

The PAC recommends that city staff continue to engage the PAC in the production of all informational campaign materials.

Date of Approval: January 9, 2017

Vote: Unanimously approved (9-0)

Attest:

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Emily Smith, staff liaison to the PAC