RECOMMENDATION

Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Recommendation Number: 20180511-3A: citizen concern regarding the impact of speed cushions on people with musculo-skeletal disabilities

WHEREAS, there has been extensive testimony before the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities (MPCD) regarding the significant harm and suffering caused by speed cushions currently installed in West Austin, including specifically on Mesa Drive, Far West Boulevard and Lakewood Drive, to persons who have muscular skeletal injuries or disabilities;

WHEREAS, Mesa Drive, Far West Boulevard and Lakewood Drive, are designated collector routes and the only route for ingress and egress for several residents of the area who have muscular skeletal injuries or disabilities;

WHEREAS, the installed speed cushions have been demonstrated to cause significant pain and suffering to people with muscular skeletal injuries or disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities encourages the Austin City Council to allocate funds and explore all available means in order to (1) remove speed cushions currently installed on Mesa Drive, Far West Boulevard and Lakewood Drive, which are designated collector routes and the only route for ingress and egress for several residents of the area who have muscular skeletal injuries or disabilities and the installed speed cushions have been demonstrated to cause significant pain and suffering to people with muscular skeletal injuries or disabilities; and (2) consider the impact that the future installation of such speed cushions has on people with muscular skeletal injuries or disabilities.

Date of Approval: May 11, 2018

Record of the vote: 6-2 (with Vice Chair Franks and Commissioners: Joey Gidseg, Chris Masey, Danny Saenz and Sarah Webb voting yes and Commissioners Robin Orlowski and Diane Kearns-Osterweil voting no)

Attest: David G. Ondich, Staff Liaison to The Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

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(Staff or board member can sign)