



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

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Austin Transportation Department

DATE: May 21, 2019

SUBJECT: **Micro-mobility Updates – Replacement of Item #58 with Item #59 on the May 23, 2019 Council Agenda and UTC Recommendation**

On March 23, 2019, staff asked for a postponement of item # 32, related to 12-1 (Traffic Regulation and Administration) and 12-2 (Bicycles), to continue key stakeholder outreach.

Item #58 on the May 23, 2019, agenda is the carryover from the March 28, 2019, agenda and is being withdrawn and replaced with item #59.

The additional time afforded Austin Transportation Department (ATD) resulted in a few changes to the proposed ordinance, including:

- Split bicycles from the definition of micro-mobility. Bicycles are now defined separately from micro-mobility
- Mention of dismount zone is removed.

Some suggestions, that were not incorporated by ATD, for rider safety, include:

- Delete definition of “child”.
- Allowing riders to operate on prohibited streets or sidewalks.
- Removal of the helmet provision for minors.

The Urban Transportation Commission approved a 7-0 recommendation that the City Council review the recommendations made by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Councils regarding the shared micro-mobility ordinance changes. Additionally, the UTC approved a 6-1 recommendation that when Council considers updates to Chapter 13, recommends that Council does not offer incumbent protection; remains fair to any applicants; takes into account the findings of the Austin Public Health study; and does not arbitrarily limit fleet size.

Below are links to the recommendations from advisory groups and our City Commission:

Group Name	Recommendation(s)
Bicycle Advisory Council	BAC – March adopted recommendation (March Rider Ordinance)
Bicycle Advisory Council	BAC – draft recommendation
Pedestrian Advisory Council	PAC – adopted recommendation (May)
Urban Transportation Commission	UTC – draft May 2019 minutes w/ recommendation (see item B)

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