

Bicycle Advisory Council Recommendation: Longhorn Dam Multimodal Improvements

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Bicycle Advisory Council is to advise the City of Austin and other jurisdictions on all matters relating to the use of the bicycle, bicycle infrastructure, and individuals of all ages and abilities who utilize bicycles;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's Vision Zero goals commit to safety for all road users and 38 people have lost their lives in auto related crashes in 2019;

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council adopted the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, which provides a comprehensive road map for reaching a 50/50 mode share by 2039;

WHEREAS, departments under the purview of the City Manager and City Council are responsible for providing safe and equitable access for all people to all modes of transportation;

WHEREAS, the current "sidewalks" along the Pleasant Valley Bridge are prohibitively narrow and not ADA compliant;

WHEREAS, the current barrier between the street and the sidewalk occupies otherwise useable sidewalk space;

WHEREAS, the interim improvements proposed at the June 10th public engagement meeting still represent a sub optimal facility for all users of the Pleasant Valley Bridge;

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Valley Bridge is one of the few connections across the Colorado River;

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Valley Bridge is a key link in the Butler Trail's 10 mile loop;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) recommends immediate implementation of the interim improvements proposed at the June 10th public engagement meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that Austin Transportation Department and the Public Works Department prioritize rapid implementation of any of the draft alternatives presented at the June 10th public engagement meeting.

Date approved: June 18, 2019

Vote: 6 – 0 with Alcorn and Ortega absent

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Flowers', written over a faint circular stamp.

Kathryn Flowers, BAC Chair