

Bicycle Advisory Council recommendation:
Active transportation facilities along and across IH-35

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) 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; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of people who were walking or riding bicycles or micromobility devices have been killed or seriously injured on or along Interstate Highway 35 (IH-35) in Austin; and

WHEREAS, facilities for people who walk and for people who ride bicycles along and across IH-35 are inadequate; and

WHEREAS, federal highway safety funding is available for pedestrian and bicycle projects; and

WHEREAS, transit service currently releases passengers near IH-35 frontage roads; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Urban Transportation Commission (UTC) recognized the public safety hazards on IH-35 and recommended the use of federal highway safety funding to improve facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians on IH-35 at the October 16, 2000 UTC meeting; and

WHEREAS, the UTC identified the following locations as needing consideration for improvements:

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| 1. Capital Plaza at 55 th Street | 5. Immediately north and immediately south of William Cannon Drive |
| 2. Downtown between Lady Bird Lake and 7 th Street | 6. Immediately north of Slaughter Lane |
| 3. Near Riverside Drive | 7. US Hwy 183 |
| 4. Near US Hwy 290 E/RM 2222 | 8. Immediately south of 51 st St |
| | 9. Hancock Center |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends the use of federal highway safety funds for the design and construction of continuous, protected, usable facilities for bicyclists and pedestrians on the frontage roads of IH-35 throughout Travis County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends the use of federal highway safety funds for the design and construction of safe bicycle and pedestrian crossings of IH-35, including the locations identified by the UTC, and listed above.

Date: May 19, 2020

Vote: 7-0 with Boone and LeBlanc absent

Attest:



Emily Smith, staff liaison