

Bicycle Advisory Council Recommendation:
Temporary Bike Lanes on Congress Avenue

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) advises 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, downtown Austin currently lacks north-south streets with protected bike lanes (other than a couple one-block fragments on Trinity between E.3rd & E.4th and on Guadalupe between 18th & MLK);

WHEREAS, Congress is the widest north-south street downtown;

WHEREAS, Congress is centrally located, fairly flat, and connects to the traffic-restricted streets in the Capitol complex;

WHEREAS, this stretch of Congress carries no bus service, so there is no conflict with buses or bus stops;

WHEREAS, the 2014 Bicycle Plan and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan call for a protected, all-ages-and-abilities facility all the way from Riverside to the Capitol;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC recommends the Austin City Manager and Transportation Department install temporary protected bicycle lanes on Congress from Riverside to 11th;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends temporarily converting the back-out angled on-street parking on Congress north of 3rd into public space, which will also give pedestrians using the sidewalk more space to social distance.

Date: June 21, 2020

Vote: 7-0 with Merlino and LeBlanc absent

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Smith".

Emily Smith, staff liaison