



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Bicycle Advisory Council

Recommendation 20240319-007: FY 24-25 Budget

WHEREAS, The purpose of the City of Austin Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) is to advise the City of Austin and other jurisdictions on all matters relating to the use of the bicycle.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends that the Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) fund the following priorities for the FY 24-25 budget:

- Work with Capital Delivery Services to accelerate projects funded by the 2016, 2018, and 2020 Mobility Bonds. In particular, utilize the remaining budgets: \$39,840,000 allocated for Bikeways and \$80,174,000 designated for Urban Trails (as of December 5th, 2023). Establish an aggressive timeline to ensure prompt project execution.
- Ensure that all TPW employees required to work in person are located at City offices where commuting via active transportation is reasonably accessible and safe;
 - Additionally, ensure TPW telework practices align with [City Council Resolution 20240215-014](#) and national best practices;
- Work with the Austin Police Department to create a Volunteer Bike Enforcement Program, set aside funding for the associated training and implementation, and purchase an electric bicycle fleet for Transportation Mobility Officers (see [BAC Recommendation 20230620-005](#) and [UTC Recommendation 20230711-004](#));
- Ensure Public Investment goals laid out in the 2023 Bicycle Plan, including:
 - Item 2.5.1a - Proactively budget and plan for the maintenance needs of all aspects of the All Ages and Abilities Bicycle Network within the operating budget of Transportation and Public Works Department and any other Departments necessary to achieve a high standard of care on an ongoing basis;
 - Item 4.7.1b- allocate \$14 million in funding to complete the following bicycle infrastructure at full build quality (new or upgrade): 5 miles of concrete or planted protected bike lanes, 5 protected intersections, 10 enhanced bus stops;
 - Item 4.7.4d - Allocate consistent funding for the Bicycle Plan from the general city budget, as is done for motor vehicle infrastructure;
 - Item 4.7.6b - Expand Active Transportation Program staff to meet the needs of the Bicycle Plan, specifically: planning, infrastructure design, management, construction, engagement (including community ambassadors), and program activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends that Austin Energy include sufficient funds in their FY 24-25 Budget to ensure that the Electric Ride (E-Ride) Rebate Program can meet demand and provide all rebates within 90 days of a rebate approval.

Record of the vote: Unanimous

Attest: Natalie Lione