



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;

WHEREAS the purpose of the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) is to advise the City of Austin and other jurisdictions on all matters relating to pedestrians, pedestrian infrastructure and individuals of all ages and abilities who walk;

WHEREAS the purpose of the Get There ATX team in the Austin Transportation Department is to provide up-to-date information to Austinites while directly managing or supporting the programs and policies in Austin's Transportation Demand Management Program and to maintain the [www.getthereatx.com](http://www.getthereatx.com) website;

WHEREAS the citizens of Austin deserve the right to walk, ride bicycles and use other alternatives to motor vehicles without the risk of serious injury and death;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BAC and the PAC request that Austin Transportation Department (ATD) denounce threats to public safety, all forms of harassment, and oppressive attempts to force vastly different cultural norms of one group on another regardless of mode of transportation or group affiliation.

BE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED the BAC and the PAC request that Austin Transportation Department (ATD) include "The Austin Transportation Department denounces threats to public safety, all forms of harassment, and oppressive attempts to force vastly different cultural norms of one group on another regardless of mode of transportation or group affiliation" in the Active Transportation and Street Design section of the Austin Texas Government website.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the BAC and the PAC request that Austin Transportation Department (ATD) create an informational social media campaign through their "Get There ATX" team to educate cyclists about the dangers of creating threats to public safety that can be avoided while riding as an individual or engaging in group rides. Examples of topics to include:

- Riding in the opposite direction through the middle of a group causes unnecessary confusion and increases the risk of crashes.
- Practice or perform tricks (e.g., wheelies, skitches, skidding, no-hands riding) while riding independently or with groups that condone that riding style.
- Blocking identified ride leaders on group rides prevents efficient and safe movement for groups traveling as traffic mixed with other modes of transportation.
- Engaging in oppressive actions to discourage groups or individuals from riding in their preferred riding style has the potential to decrease the number of individuals and groups that ride, which simultaneously increases the level danger for all people that ride bikes.
- Swerving erratically between cars or other people increases the risk of crashes as they may not have the required level of experience to avoid a crash.
- Riding directly into oncoming traffic or playing “chicken” with unsuspecting motorists as increases the risk of the motorist swerving into the group to avoid a head on collision.
- Unprovoked aggression toward other road users, and especially toward motorists, increases the chances of crashes.
- Unprovoked aggression from people on group bicycle rides toward a motorist increases the chances of that motorist engaging in dangerous or retaliatory future interactions with people riding bicycles.

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BE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED the BAC and the PAC request that Austin Transportation Department (ATD) include information related to avoiding crashes or negative interactions with groups of people riding bicycles in the Vision Zero section of the Austin Texas Government website. Examples of topics to include:

- An oncoming group is ahead of you approaching in your lane with some riders playing “chicken,” swerving erratically between lanes of traffic, or performing tricks (e.g., wheelies) in front of motorists
  - Turn on hazard lights, do not change lanes, and slowly come to a stop when safe to do so
  - Ensure windows are rolled up and remain looking forward
  - Do not honk or engage in any way with the group
  - Do not resume movement until after the group has completely passed

- A large group is approaching from behind you with some riders playing “chicken,” swerving erratically between lanes of traffic, weaving between other road users, or performing tricks (e.g., wheelies) in front of motorists
  - Turn on hazard lights, do not change lanes, and slowly come to a stop when safe to do so
  - Ensure windows are rolled up and remain looking forward
  - Do not honk or engage in any way with the group
  - Do not resume movement until after the group has completely passed