



Protection of Vulnerable Road Users

Council Presentation

May 8, 2012

Background

The Traffic Advisory Committee recommends adoption of a “Vulnerable Road User Ordinance ” for motorists to safely pass a vulnerable road user.

Vulnerable road users are:

- a bicyclist
- a pedestrian
- a person with a disability

Texas cities that have adopted a similar ordinance

- San Antonio
- Austin
- Beaumont
- Denton
- El Paso
- Edinburg
- Helotes
- New Braunfels



Safety Issues

Safety facts

- In 2011 there 15 pedestrian related fatalities
- Not all roadways accommodate pedestrians or bicyclist
- Alternative travel methods are increasing



Staff Recommendation

- Legal Staff have drafted the ordinance which defines the vulnerable user, passing distances and methods.
- The drafted ordinance is supported by the Transportation Advisory Committee and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.



City Staff believes this ordinance will aid in the enforcement of the State's and local traffic laws that protect vulnerable road users.