

**Resolution in support of the design, funding and construction of protected bike paths in areas of high vehicular traffic in the City of Corpus Christi, recommending the coordination of protected bike paths on state highways or frontage roads, and recommending that the City Council direct City staff to pursue available resources to implement plans for protected bike paths.**

**Whereas**, two-thirds of bicycle crashes happen on city streets, 70 percent of all cyclist fatalities occur on roadways at places other than intersections, and 33 percent of fatal cyclist/automobile crashes occur on US Highways;

**Whereas**, persons with disabilities often use bicycles, wheelchairs and other mobility aids to travel, therefore protected bike lanes offer more protection to persons with disabilities travelling in the roadway;

**Whereas**, statistics show that disabled persons travelling in a protected bike lane are less likely to be hit by an automobile or truck; therefore, disabled persons suffer fewer serious injuries and fatalities and they realize more independence when travelling in a protected bike lane on a public roadway versus an unprotected lane on the roadway; ~~automobile and give more independence for persons with disabilities to travel safely;~~

**Whereas**, protected bike lanes can reduce city transit expenses, improve traffic flow, reduce vehicle congestion are a cost-effective way to increase transportation in low traffic neighborhoods;

**Whereas**, protected bike lanes reduce total crashes in urban four lane traffic areas by 49 percent, and reduces total crashes in urban two-lane traffic areas by 30 percent; and

**Whereas**, the Committee for Persons with Disabilities of Corpus Christi, hereby supports the design and installation of more protected bike lanes on appropriate City roadways.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:**

**Section 1.** The Committee for Persons with Disabilities hereby supports the need for protected bike paths in Corpus Christi.

**Section 2.** The Committee for Persons with Disabilities recommends City Council implement plans for protected bike paths to increase accessibility for all citizens of Corpus Christi in areas of the City with high vehicular traffic, such as: Staples Street, Airline Road, Weber Street, Everhart Road, Saratoga Boulevard, Holly Road, and Yorktown Boulevard.

~~**Section 3.** The Committee for Persons with Disabilities recommends City Council coordinate plans for protected bike paths in both directions of travel on all state highways or highway frontage roads.~~ (City has no jurisdiction over state highways)

**Section 4.** The Committee for Persons with Disabilities recommends City Council pursue available local, state, and federal funding sources to implement plans for protected bike paths.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023:

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