RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A BICYCLE FRIENDLY POLICY ON THE UT CAMPUS

On behalf of the Parking and Traffic Policies Committee, Professor Gordon Novak (computer sciences and committee chair) submitted the resolution below to adopt a bicycle friendly policy on the UT campus. The committee unanimously approved the bicycle resolution. The secretary of the Faculty Council has classified it as general legislation.

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The Faculty Council

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Resolution: UT should adopt the following policy:

It is the policy of UT that planning and construction of facilities on the UT campus shall include the provision of usable and reasonable bicycle routes to and within campus, without obstacles inhibiting bicycle use, and providing adequate bicycle parking. The facilities should inform bicyclists that they must yield to pedestrians.

It is the intention that "usable and reasonable" includes:

1. Dismount zones should be considered only after all other alternatives have been explored. A dismount zone should be limited in distance and should only be used if other options for safe and effective pedestrian and bicycle intersections are infeasible. Where possible, UT will provide parallel bicycle routes to allow cyclists to travel around pedestrian-only areas.

2. Bike routes shall involve no detours that are long or uphill. Cyclists should not have to detour more than 100 meters on each end, compared to a direct route. A detour should not require a cyclist to climb a significant hill.

3. Bike routes shall be based on actual traffic and go where people want to go, i.e. there must be reasonable bike routes to and within the heart of campus where most of the traffic is.


1 The legislation was revised on March 20, 2009.