

CITY OF AUSTIN
BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC)
MEETING SUMMARY

One Texas Center, 8th Floor Large Conference Room
505 Barton Springs Road
October 21, 2014
6:00 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS:

Mike Kase – BAC Chair
Christopher Stanton - BAC Vice Chair
Tommy Eden – BAC
Eileen Nehme – BAC

Tom Thayer – BAC
Sophia Benner – BAC
David Orr – BAC
Pete Wall – Alt BAC

Noni Jarnagin – Alt BAC
Larry Murphy – Alt BAC
Tom Hilde – Alt BAC

GUESTS:

Sounthaly Outhavong
Michael Sledge
Nic Moe
Rebecca Brennehan
Mike Vermeulen

Kathryn Flowers
Samuel Day-Woodruff
David Hartley
Jeanie Donovan
Sam Lundquist

Stanton Truxillo
Tomasita Louviere-Ligons
Nicole Ortega
Erin Katribe
Patricia Schaub

STAFF PRESENT:

Aleksiina Chapman

Marissa Monroy

Nadia Barrera

1. Introductions – Mr. Kase begins the meeting with introductions.
2. Review and Approval of September Minutes – **Mr. Orr moves to approve the minutes. Mr. Thayer seconds. No dissent. The minutes are approved.**
3. Items from Staff –

Briefing and Possible Action: LAB Detour Seaholm Drive – Nadia Barrera

Ms. Barrera introduces the Lance Armstrong Bikeway Detour at Seaholm Drive. The great streets sidewalk project will be removing the LAB detour along Cesar Chavez between Seaholm Drive and San Antonio Street. Ms. Barrera shows powerpoint with all the components of the improvements and each portions' respective timeline. Seaholm Drive will be opening in November and connecting to 3rd street. That will be the new east-west bicycle route in place of the LAB detour. Mr. Thayer asks about the alignment of the LAB. Ms. Barrera says that it will return to its previous alignment after construction along 3rd street. Mr. Stanton asks if the sidewalk will be restricted to bicycles. Ms. Barrera does not think so.

4. Items from BAC –

Briefing and Possible Action: BAC Elections – Mike Kase

Mr. Kase asks each candidate who is present to give a brief introduction of themselves and the reason they would like to be a part of the BAC. Mr. Kase asks if any of the BAC members have any questions for the candidates. Mr. Kase asks applicants who are affiliated with the PAC or the UTC how they would handle a situation where different committees come in conflict. Mr. Sledge has attended the BAC and the PAC for a year and has seen very little conflict between the two committees. He thinks that if there were a case with conflicting recommendations to council, it would be up to the City Council to make a decision.

The newly elected members are:

Full standing: Tomasita Louviere-Ligons, Tom Thayer, Erin Katribe, Jeanie Donovan

Alternate members: Kathryn Flowers, Rebecca Brenneman, Stanton Truxillo, Samuel Day-Woodruff, Nicole Ortega

The 2014-2015 full council is:

<u>Full Standing Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Chris Stanton	2015
David Orr	2015
Mike Kase	2015
Sophia Benner	2015
Tommy Eden	2015
Tomasita Louviere-Ligons	2016
Erin Katribe	2016
Jeanie Donovan	2016
Tom Thayer	2016

<u>Alternate Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Chris LeBlanc	2015
Larry Murphy	2015
Pete Wall	2015
Tom Hilde	2015
Tom Wald	2015
Kathryn Flowers	2016
Rebecca Brenneman	2016
Stanton Truxillo	2016
Samuel Day-Woodruff	2016
Nicole Ortega	2016

Mr. Stanton is named as the 2014-2015 BAC Chair. Mr. Thayer is named as the 2014-2015 BAC Vice Chair.

Briefing and Possible Action: Vision Zero – Nic Moe, PAC

Vision Zero is a goal to have zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries for all road users including bicyclists, pedestrians, and drivers. The PAC is asking City Council to create a task force to investigate how Vision Zero would work for Austin. There have been 600 traffic fatalities in Austin and over 200 of those fatalities have been people riding bicycles and pedestrians. The PAC already has support from a number of different city groups at this point and would also like the support of the BAC. Ms. Louviere-Ligons asks what type of support the PAC is requesting. Mr. Moe says that they would like a recommendation written to City Council which would say that the BAC supports and requests this task force be formed. The second request is that there be bicyclist and pedestrian representation on that task force. Mr. Moe encourages the BAC to think if there is anybody specific that the bicycling community thinks ought to be a part of those conversations. They are creating a list of groups to consider to be represented. Mr. LeBlanc asks about the timeframe. Mr. Moe says that he would like a recommendation as soon as possible to Council.

Mr. Eden moves that the BAC support Vision Zero and that they authorize the chair to send a letter to City Council. Mr. Kase seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Announcements/Adjourn –

Cap Metro would like to hold a workshop to cover:

- Identifying barriers to utilizing transit as a cyclist
- Assess how Capital Metro can better address these concerns
- Gather feedback and input on current Capital Metro bike programs & policies
- Brainstorm solutions and projects that will continue to make riding bikes and transit complimentary counterparts
- Discuss other bike/transit programs elsewhere that could be implemented in Austin.

There is a proposal for a cycle track along Justin Lane (Lamar to Ardath). There will be a public meeting to gather feedback and comments on Tuesday, October 28th at Brentwood Elementary School from 6 pm until 7 pm.

BikeFest will take place Saturday, October 25 at Govalle Park.

VivaStreets will be Sunday, October 26th in Mueller.

Mr. Kase motions to adjourn. Mr. Thayer seconds. Meeting adjourns.