



MEETING SUMMARY
Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting Agenda
April 19th, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
301 W. 2nd Street City Hall Room 1027

PARTICIPANTS:

Tom Thayer, BAC Chair
Sophia Benner, BAC Vice Chair
David Orr, BAC
Miller Nuttle, BAC
Tommy Eden, BAC
Patricia Schaub, BAC Alt.

Tom Wald, BAC Alt.
Kathryn Flowers, BAC Alt.
Stanton Truxillo, BAC Alt.
Mike Sledge, BAC Alt.
Samuel Day-Woodruff, BAC Alt.
Pete Wall, BAC Alt.

GUESTS:

Katie Brannen, University of Texas

Leah Bojo, Land Use Solutions

STAFF PRESENT:

Emily Smith, Austin Transportation Department
Lizzie Welch, Austin Transportation Department
Francis Reilly, Planning and Zoning Department

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Chair Tom Thayer.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA: Chair Tom Thayer added language "Discussion and Possible Action" to the title of Item 8, "Travis County Bicycle Safety Task Force Report", to clarify that the BAC could take action on the item.

2. Introductions

3. Citizen Communication

- Katie Brannen: Social work graduate student at the University of Texas. Presented research on a measurement tool for Bike Equity in Travis County. Proposed that the city either use this tool or create their own metric that prioritizes bicycle projects in underserved areas.
- Leah Bojo: Public forum on digital billboards is coming up on Thursday, April 28th. Land Use Solutions is representing Scenic Austin on this issue. Find more info here:
<http://www.austintexas.gov/billboards>

4. Review and Approval of February Meeting Notes

Sofia Benner motioned to approve the minutes for February, with the addition of a few minor changes noted by various members. Stanton Truxillo seconded. Meeting Summary unanimously approved.

5. SH71 Express Project: Discussion and Possible Action

Emily Riggs, TxDOT Public Information Coordinator, gave the presentation, which included background information on the project and the project corridor, information on the Texas Department of Transportation, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, and McCarthy Building Company's roles in the project, a project overview and timeline, before & after renderings, Shared Use Path progress, traffic impacts, environmental protection, and ways to stay connected with the project. People can stay updated on the project by subscribing to the project newsletter and following the project's Twitter account, both of which can be found at the project's website here: <http://www.sh71express.com/about/> The presentation can be found here: https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

The following discussion among BAC members focused on the project's shared use path design and how the project will connect with other destinations in Austin.

No action taken.

6. Mobility Talks: Discussion and Possible Action

Mike Trimble, Capital Planning Office gave the presentation, which included Background, Community Priorities, Project and Program development, Universe of Needs, and Community Engagement. The presentation can be found here: https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

The following discussion among BAC members focused on types of projects and programs that have received bond funding in the past, the trade-offs associated with funding various mobility priorities, street reconstruction and maintenance, metrics for congestion, and measuring equity.

Recommendation language based on a recent recommendation on Mobility Talks passed by the Urban Transportation Commission was presented.

Action taken: The resolution passed unanimously with the following amendment: change "WHEREAS funding the Bicycle Master Plan could remove an estimated 20,000 car trips from the Central Business District every day" to "WHEREAS funding the Bicycle Master Plan could increase mobility by 170,000 trips in the City of Austin every day". The resolution can be found here: https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

7. Vision Zero Action Plan: Discussion and Possible Action

Frances Reilly, Planning and Zoning Department, gave an overview of the Vision Zero Action Plan and outlined the recent revisions made to the draft of the plan, which include organizing the proposed actions into five categories (Evaluation, Engineering, Enforcement, Education, and Policy), the inclusion of cost estimates for each action, and an increased focus on design & equity throughout the plan. The presentation can be found here: https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

The following discussion among BAC members focused on dangerous driving behaviors, speed limit policies, and the incorporation of previous comments regarding the plan that the BAC gave to city staff.

Language for a recommendation in support of the adoption and implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan was presented.

Action taken: The resolution passed unanimously as written. The resolution can be found here: https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

8. 620/360 Feasibility Study Technical Subcommittee recommendations: Discussion and Possible Action

Tom Thayer, BAC Chair, presented recommendations from the BAC Technical Subcommittee to TxDOT for future improvements to RM 620 and Loop 360.

Action taken: The BAC unanimously adopted the recommendations, with a few additions from various members noted by the Chair. The revised recommendations can be found here: https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

9. Travis County Bicycle Safety Task Force Report

Tom Wald, BAC member, presented the draft recommendations of the Travis County Bicycle Safety Task Force, which was appointed by the Travis County Commissioners Court to improve bike safety in unincorporated areas of Travis County by determining how to spend the 2011 Bike Safety Project funds. Those recommendations can be found here: https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

Action taken: The BAC Chair appointed Tom Wald as the BAC liaison to the Travis County Bicycle Safety Task Force.

10. Vacancy Appointment of Full BAC Member

Hilary Anderson joined Austin Transportation Department staff as the Temporary Street Banner Program Coordinator, leaving a vacancy for her spot as a full member of the BAC.

The BAC Chair recommended alternate BAC member Mike Sledge for the vacancy.

Action taken: The motion to appoint Mike Sledge to the role of full member of the BAC passed unanimously, with Mike Sledge abstaining.

11. Future Items/Announcements/Adjourn

- May future agenda items:
 - 183N Mobility Project Update
 - Roy Guerrero Trail Repair Update
 - Ghisallo Cycling Initiative - Community First Project

Meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:28pm by the BAC Chair.