



**Bicycle Advisory Council
Draft Meeting Summary
June 21st, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
301 W. 2nd Street City Hall Room 1027**

BAC PARTICIPANTS:

Sophia Benner, BAC Vice Chair
Miller Nuttle, BAC
Tommy Eden, BAC
Patricia Schaub, BAC Alt.
Pete Wall, BAC Alt.

Tom Wald, BAC Alt.
Kathryn Flowers, BAC Alt.
Stanton Truxillo, BAC Alt.
Samuel Day-Woodruff, BAC Alt.

GUESTS:

John Woodley, advocate for disability
access
Jon Brewer
Kelsey Brewer
Malcom Yeatts, EROC Contact Team
Brandon Marshall, TxDOT

Chris Hluz, TxDOT
Rachel Lunceford, Burns & McDonnell
Kim Scherer, Burns & McDonnell
Jesse Duncan, Austin Transportation
Nadia Barrera, Public Works
Chris LeBlanc

STAFF:

Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation
Emily Smith, Austin Transportation

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Vice Chair Sophia Benner.

1. Introductions

2. Citizen Communication

None.

3. Review and Approval of May Meeting Notes

Sophia Benner motioned to approve the minutes from the BAC's May meeting. Tommy Eden seconded. Meeting Summary unanimously approved.

4. Items from BAC:

A. Mobility35: I-35 from Rundberg Lane to US 290E Project & Central 7 Mile Comprehensive Project – Discussion and Possible Action

A presentation on the I-35 from Rundberg Lane to US 290E Project was made by Dustin Elliot, HNTB and Adeliza Ramirez, TxDOT. The presentation can be found here:

https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

The presentation included Mobility35 Program Overview, Recommended Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities, Recommended Bridge Criteria for Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities, South of St. Johns Avenue SUP, St. Johns Avenue SUP, St. Johns Avenue Bridge Typical Section, I-35 and US 183 Interchange, and North of US 183.

Members of the BAC discussed the proposed improvements to bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the frontage roads and the St. Johns Avenue bridge with the presenters, focusing on ways that pedestrian and bicycle access, mobility and safety could be further improved in the proposed designs.

Dustin Elliot also made presentation on the Central 7-Mile Comprehensive Project. Rachel Lunceford, the project manager, was also present to answer questions. The presentation can be found here: https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

The presentation included About the Central 7-Mile Comprehensive Project, Preliminary Design – 8th Street to Cesar Chavez Street, Modified Existing Option – 8th Street to Cesar Chavez Street, and Lowered Option – 8th Street to Cesar Chavez Street. A virtual open house on this project will be open through July 26th at <http://www.mobility35openhouse.com> and a public meeting on the project will be held on September 20, 2016.

No action taken.

B. Roy Guerrero Trail Repair Update – Discussion and Possible Action

Jules Parrish, Public Works Department (PWD) and Fred Fuller, Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) gave a presentation briefing the BAC on the status of the actively eroding channel and structurally destroyed bridge in Roy G. Guerrero Park. Janna Renfro, Watershed Protection & Development Review, was also present to answer questions about the erosion of the channel. The presentation can be found here:

https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

The presentation covered the context of the park and its trails within the city, background on the effects of the 2015 Memorial Day and Halloween floods on the channel and bridge, PWD and PARC's partners in their holistic, multi-departmental process (Austin Water Utility, City of Austin Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, City of Austin Risk Management, City of Austin Watershed Protection Department, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and US Army Corps of Engineers), the intermediate advisory and wayfinding maps created by staff to place at strategic points along the trail during the process, and next steps (Demolition and Removal of Bridge, Updated flood plain model by August 2016, Bridge Design proceeds immediately thereafter, Advertise and Bid/Award in Fall 2017, Bridge Construction in 2018, Construction will require approximately 8 months, weather permitting.)

No action taken.

5. Items from Staff:

A. Northeast Drive (US 290 to North Hampton) – Discussion and Possible Action

Nathan Wilkes, Austin Transportation Department gave a presentation and answered questions about a proposed bicycle lane design on Northeast Drive from US 290 to North Hampton.

No action taken.

B. Ride.Report – Discussion and Possible Action

Nathan Wilkes, Austin Transportation Department described the Active Transportation Program's new service agreement with Ride Report, a new app which allows users to easily record and share their experiences cycling in the city. The app can be downloaded here: <https://ride.report/>

No action taken.

C. Great Northern (White Rock to Foster) – Discussion and Possible Action

Nathan Wilkes, Austin Transportation Department gave a presentation and answered questions on proposed changes to the existing bicycle lane on Great Northern Boulevard from Foster Lane to Hunt Trail based on recent public input. BAC members gave their feedback on the proposed design, described aggressive driving behaviors they'd witnessed on Great Northern Boulevard, and brainstormed potential traffic calming solutions for the area including ATD's Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) program.

An open house on this proposal will be held on Wednesday, June 29th. A notification regarding this topic can be found here:

https://austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards_commissions/meetings/110_1.htm

No action taken.

6. Future Items/Announcements/Adjourn

The 183 North Subcommittee will meet on June 27th at City Hall Room 1029 from 6-8pm.

Meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:12pm by the BAC Vice Chair.