



**BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC)
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2017 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL – ROOM 1027
301 W. SECOND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Chair Sophia Benner.

Full Members in Attendance:

Sophia Benner – Chair
Tomasita Louviere-Ligons – Vice
Chair

Rebecca Brenneman
Tommy Eden
Kathryn Flowers

David Orr
Mike Sledge
Tom Wald

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Teresa Anderson
Katie Deoloz

Jeremy Hernandez
Patricia Schaub

Tom Thayer
Stanton Truxillo

Full Members Absent:

Miller Nuttle

Alternate Members Absent:

Louis Alcorn
Brianna Frey

Alicia Santiago
Pete Wall

Staff in Attendance:

Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation
Emily Smith, Austin Transportation
Kelsey Wilson, Austin Transportation
Jesse Duncan, Austin Transportation

Nathan Wilkes, Austin Transportation
Rheannon Cunningham, Austin Police
Amir Emamian, Public Works

Guests in Attendance:

Rich DePalma
Darien Clay

John Woodley
Scott Johnson

Sounthaly Outhavong
Daniel Romero

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- Patricia Schaub: Proposed a future item to discuss street closures and access for pedicabs during special events.
- Scott Johnson: Proposed a future item to discuss amendments to the City's Hands-Free Driving Ordinance.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

The January meeting minutes were unanimously approved (8-0) on Mike Sledge motion, David Orr second. The approved minutes can be found on the BAC's meeting documents [webpage](#).

4. ITEMS FROM BAC

A. Austin ISD (AISD) Facility Master Plan – Discussion and Possible Action

Rich DePalma, Facilities and Bond Planning Advisory Committee (FABPAC) member briefed the BAC on community engagement process underway for the update of Austin ISD's 2014 [Facility Master Plan](#) (FMP), including an overview of concerns the FABPAC has heard so far regarding school siting's relationship to opportunities for active transportation and safe routes to schools. The FMP update will outline the current status and future use of district facilities, as well as guide the development of future capital improvements and support planning for future bond elections.

Darien Clary, AISD Sustainability Manager, briefed the BAC on the development of the school district's first [Sustainability Plan](#), which will include transportation as a core area.

No action taken. BAC members Tom Wald and Kathryn Flowers will draft recommendation language for BAC consideration in March.

B. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Near Northwest Corridor Study – Discussion and Possible Action

Action taken: A motion to approve the recommendation language below passed unanimously (8-0) on Tom Wald's motion and Tomasita Louviere-Lignons' second.

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council thanks CAMPO, CTRMA, TxDOT, Toole Design Group, the cities of Cedar Park and Austin as well as Williamson County, Travis County and Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority for completing the thorough study of bicycle and pedestrian connectivity in the Near Northwest Corridor Connections Case Study.

The study holistically addresses bicycling connectivity in the area by introducing all ages and abilities facilities such as protected bike lanes and shared use path connections. We request shared funding contributions from TxDOT, CTRMA and the City of Austin to complete the spine and rib network, including all ages and abilities facilities wherever possible – to complement the current 183N project. These are regional access improvements and should be funded using regional resources.”

The recommendation can be found on the BAC's meeting documents [webpage](#).

C. Letter to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary – Discussion and Possible Action

Chair Sophia Benner presented a draft language for a letter from the BAC addressed to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao.

Action taken: A motion to approve the letter passed unanimously (8-0) on David Orr's motion and Teresa Anderson's second.

The letter can be found on the BAC's meeting documents [webpage](#).

5. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Framework – Briefing

Nathan Wilkes, Active Transportation and Street Design Division, briefed the BAC on ATD's framework for the implementation of the [Bicycle Master Plan](#). The public can provide feedback on the implementation of the Bicycle Master Plan and how the City should prioritize projects that can complete gaps in the bicycle network at the upcoming "[Walk+Bike Talks](#)" series of open house meetings beginning February 25 through April 1.

B. Berkeley Ave (West Gate Blvd to Baxter Dr.) Resurfacing – Briefing

Jesse Duncan, Active Transportation and Street Design Division, briefed the BAC on the upcoming resurfacing of Berkeley Ave from West Gate Blvd to Baxter Dr. The street currently has a bike lane without signs, bike lane markings, or parking restrictions. ATD staff is proposing to not reinstall the bike lane and simply have a parking shoulder.

6. FUTURE ITEMS

This is a running list of potential future agenda items that have been proposed by BAC members and/or staff which may be placed on a future BAC agenda. These items were not discussed by the BAC as part of this agenda.

- Travis County Transportation Plan (March)
- Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (March)
- Pedicab access during street closures for events (April)
- Bicycle access at drive through facilities (April)
- Austin B-cycle expansion

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm by Chair Sophia Benner.