

# BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC) TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20 – 6:00 PM AUSTIN CENTRAL LIBRARY – 4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 710 W. CESAR CHAVEZ STREET AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Vice Chair Kathryn Flowers.

**Full Members in Attendance:** 

Kathryn Flowers (Vice Chair)

Louis Alcorn

Tristan Heinen

Alicia Santiago

Patricia Schaub

Tommy Eden Raquel Marie Ortega

**Full Members Absent:** 

Tomasita Louviere-Ligons (Chair)

**Alternate Members in Attendance:** 

Katie Deolloz Lori Merlino Tom Thayer Christopher Heathcott George Maroukis Tom Wald

John Koonz Eryn Moris

**Alternate Members Absent:** 

Teresa Anderson

**Staff in Attendance:** 

Emily Smith, Austin Transportation Department (ATD)

Katherine Gregor, ATD

Alison Mills, ATD

Nathan Wilkes, ATD

**Guests in Attendance:** 

John Woodley Caleb Pritchard, Austin Monitor Lynzi Rojas

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

# 3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 19, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

The December meeting minutes were approved unanimously (8-0) as amended on Alicia Santiago motion, Tristan Heinen second with Tomasita Louviere-Ligons absent. The <u>approved minutes</u> can be found on the BAC's <u>webpage</u>.

## 4. ITEMS FROM STAFF

## A. Big Jump Ridership Strategy – Briefing and Possible Action

Katherine Gregor, Program Manager with the Austin Transportation Department (ATD), led meeting attendees in an interactive workshop to generate ideas for the city's 8-point strategy to double bike trips in Austin within three years.

The <u>presentation</u> that accompanied the workshop can be found on the BAC's <u>webpage</u>. More information about the Big Jump initiative can be found <u>here</u>.

No action taken.

## B. Bikeway Physical Protection – Briefing and Possible Action

Nathan Wilkes and Alison Mills briefed the BAC on the many uses of and design strategies for physical bikeway protection, with a focused discussion of concrete "traffic buttons" that have been used on protected bikeway projects including Barton Hills, Arroyo Seco, North Loop.

**Action taken**: The following motion was unanimously approved (9-0, with Tomasita Louviere-Ligons absent but alternate member Tom Wald authorized by Vice Chair to vote in this instance) on Tom Wald motion, Tommy Eden second: *The Bicycle Advisory Council supports the use of concrete traffic buttons with leading, reflective flex posts after intersections for protected bike lanes on low to moderate speed and volume roads based on the array of options and various constraints.* 

#### 5. STAFF AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

- BAC Bylaws Subcommittee:
  - o Kathryn Flowers: the subcommittee has met twice so far and has developed proposed revisions to Articles I and II of the BAC bylaws. They will meet next on March 21 to review and revise Article III.
- Staff updates:
  - o Emily Smith: On February 1, the City Council authorized development of a dockless bike share pilot demo program. Former BAC alternate member David Orr has resigned from the BAC, as he has been hired by ATD as the new Bike Share Program Manager.
- Pedestrian Advisory Council:
  - o Emily Smith: In February, the PAC received a briefing on the Smart Mobility Roadmap and adopted recommendations regarding 2018 bond development.
- Urban Transportation Commission:
  - o Emily Smith: In February, the UTC received a briefing on proposed taxicab ordinance reforms.
- City Council Mobility Committee: No update.
- Vision Zero Task Force: No update.

#### 6. FUTURE ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following 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:

- Proposed Corridor Construction Program (March 5)
- Shoal Creek Trail: Vision and Action Plan (Staff)
- Austin Street Design Guide (Wald)
- Local Area Traffic Management (Thayer, Schaub)
- Security Bolts for Bike Racks (Ortega)
- Bike Parking Requirement Minimums (Ortega)
- Speedway (Lentz)
- Detours for bike routes during construction (Lentz)
- Congress Avenue Streetscape and Urban Design Initiative
- Sidewalk Riding Code Changes

#### 7. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. by Vice Chair Kathryn Flowers.