

**Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**6:00 PM Tuesday December 18, 2018**  
**Austin City Hall – Room 1027      301 W. Second St. Austin, Texas**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Kathryn Flowers.

**Full Members in Attendance:**

Kathryn Flowers (Chair)	Michelle LeBlanc	James Lentz
Tristan Heinen (Vice Chair)	Lori Merlino	Patricia Schaub

**Full Members Absent:**

Yen Nguyen	Louis Alcorn	Raquel Ortega
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**Alternate Members in Attendance:**

Nils Brown	Eryn Moris	Daniel Alvarado
John Koonz	Christopher Heathcott	Curtis Rogers
David Barrientos	Matthew McGee	

**Alternate Members Absent:**

Carol Fraser	Tom Wald
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**City Staff in Attendance:**

Emily Smith, ATD	Jordan Swain, ATD	Annick Beaudet, ATD	Ana Seivert, PWD
Laura Dierenfield, ATD	Mike Schofield, ATD	Jen Samp, ATD	Janae Spence, PWD

**Guests in Attendance:**

Nadia Barrera-Ramirez, Capital Metro	Tommy Eden	Roger Gordon
Caitlin D’Alton, Capital Metro	Chris Riley	Lauren Urhausen

**1. Introductions**

**2. Public Communication: General**

- Chris Riley: invited meeting attendees to a [Bike Austin](#) summit/planning session scheduled for Saturday, January 12 at the REI Downtown (601 N. Lamar) upstairs meeting room (tentatively scheduled from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.) RSVP to [chr isriley1310@gmail.com](mailto:chr isriley1310@gmail.com).
- Roger Gordon, Skip Scooters
- Lauren Urhausen, Skip Scooters

**3. Approval of November 2018 Meeting Minutes + 2019 BAC Meeting Schedule:** The November 20, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as amended on Merlino motion, Lentz second on a 6-0 vote with Nguyen, Alcorn, and Ortega absent. The BAC’s 2019 meeting schedule was approved on Heathcott motion, Merlino second on a 6-0 vote with Nguyen, Alcorn, and Ortega absent.

**4. Traffic Fatalities Reported Since Last BAC Meeting:** Patricia Schaub read aloud the names of the four people killed in traffic crashes on Austin streets since the BAC last met: Mary Lucille Ochoa, Christopher Brown, Matthew Lutomski, and Billy Jack Dickey.

**5. Urban Trails updates: Northern Walnut Creek Trail, Country Club Creek Trail, Violet Crown Trail, and Austin to Manor Trail:** A [presentation](#) was made by Ana Seivert, Urban Trails Project Coordinator, Public Works Department (PWD) and Janae Spence, Urban Trails Program Manager, PWD.

**6. Upcoming Transit Enhancement Program projects, including transit improvements on West Fifth Street between West Lynn and Baylor streets:** A [presentation](#) was made by Jordan Swain, Austin Transportation Department (ATD), Mike Schofield, ATD, Nadia Barrera-Ramirez, Capital Metro, and Caitlin D’Alton, Capital Metro. Tristan Heinen proposed draft recommendation language to the BAC which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the BAC acknowledges the importance of transit priority lanes but recommends that they not come at the expense of bicycling facilities;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the BAC recommends creation of a process to implement an all ages and abilities protected bike lane and complete ADA compliant sidewalks along W. 5th St within the next two years.*

The recommendation was adopted on Heinen motion, Heathcott second on a 6-0 vote with Nguyen, Alcorn, and Ortega absent. Staff will publish the recommendation on the BAC's [webpage](#) and share the recommendation with the appropriate City of Austin and Capital Metro staff.

## 7. Recommendation regarding Austin Strategic Mobility Plan draft policies and maps

Tristan Heinen submitted draft recommendation language to the BAC prior to the meeting which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bicycle Advisory Council strongly supports the prioritization of and focus on safety outcomes throughout the ASMP,*  
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends a more thorough and clear interconnection between draft policies and the underlying transportation supply and demand modeling into the next draft of the ASMP,*  
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends a more clearly delineated integration of the Austin Street Design Guide into the next draft of the ASMP, including safe intersection treatments requested in BAC Recommendation Number 20180320-05A,*  
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that streets on the bicycle priority network be considered for access management in addition to those on the vehicle priority network, as automobile driveways and left turns pose a safety risk to people on bikes and pedestrians,*  
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC requests that the ASMP draft maps display bike facilities as completed or planned, similar to the sidewalk network map,*  
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that the next ASMP draft directly address how priority networks interact when multiple networks are present on the same roadway, by ensuring the safety of people walking, people on bikes and people on public transit first, before travel time reliability is considered,*  
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC strongly endorses the Bicycle System section within the Supplying our Transportation Infrastructure chapter of the ASMP,*  
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC endorses the equitable allocation of resources across modes, and recommends that Transportation Department staffing and budget be reallocated commensurate with mode-share goals delineated in the ASMP,*  
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends reconsidering use of Level of Service when establishing priorities for the transportation network,*  
*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends the following changes (underlined) to the wording of the ASMP draft policies so as to strengthen their language...*

A motion to approve the recommendation was adopted on Heathcott motion, Merlino second on a 6-0 vote with Nguyen, Alcorn, and Ortega absent. Staff will publish the recommendation on the BAC's [webpage](#) and share the recommendation with the appropriate City of Austin and Capital Metro staff.

## 8. City updates + general announcements

- **Pedestrian Advisory Council:** 12/3: Urban Trails briefing + draft ASMP recommendation adoption.
- **Urban Transportation Commission:** 12/11: Urban Trails, TX lege, and Transit Enhancement Program briefings.
- **City Council Mobility Committee:** 12/6: ASMP, Project Connect, VW Settlement, and Dockless briefings.
- **Vision Zero Task Force:** No update.
- **Multimodal Community Advisory Committee:** 11/28: discussed draft ASMP maps.

## 9. Future agenda items

- 2016 Mobility Bond 2019 Mobility Annual Plan (Staff; January)
- I-35 and 4th Street crossing (Flowers; January)
- Level of Service (LOS) (Lentz; TBD)
- Draft ASMP (Flowers; TBD)
- Longhorn Dam (Flowers; TBD)
- 2016 Bond Corridors (Flowers; TBD)
- Speedway through UT campus (Lentz; TBD)
- Parking Benefit Districts (Heinen; TBD)
- Public Works sealcoating (Lentz; TBD)
- Congress Avenue bridge (Schaub; TBD)

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by Kathryn Flowers.