

Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 15, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
Austin City Hall – Room 1027 301 W. Second St. Austin, Texas

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kathryn Flowers.

Full Members in Attendance:

Kathryn Flowers (Chair)
Michelle LeBlanc
Louis Alcorn

Lori Merlino
Patricia Schaub
Christopher Heathcott (*substituting for James Lentz*)

Full Members Absent:

Tristan Heinen (Vice Chair)
Yen Nguyen

James Lentz
Raquel Ortega

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Nils Brown
John Koonz

Eryn Moris
Daniel Alvarado

Carol Fraser
Tom Wald

Alternate Members Absent:

Curtis Rogers

David Barrientos

Matthew McGee

City Staff in Attendance:

Emily Smith, Austin Transportation Department (ATD)
Laura Dierenfield, ATD
Mike Schofield, ATD
Nathan Wilkes, ATD

Scott Feldman, ATD
John Eastman, Public Works Department (PWD)
Karen Lorenzini, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
Clare Kane, TxDOT

Guests in Attendance:

Litsy Witkowski
Madeline Acri

Tommy Eden
Adam Greenfield

1. Introductions

2. Public Communication: General: None.

3. Approval of December 2018 Meeting Minutes: The December 18, 2018 [meeting minutes](#) were approved on a 5-0 vote with Heinen, Nguyen, Lentz, and Ortega absent and Alcorn not yet present.

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: Barkat Umatia, Elijah Perales, Corbin Sabillion-Garcia, and an unidentified white male.

5. 2019 Mobility Annual Plan: Laura Dierenfield and John Eastman gave a [presentation](#) on the [2019 Mobility Annual Plan](#) – a draft of which is out for public comment through February 1, 2019.

6. I-35 and 4th Street Crossing: Karen Lorenzini, Nathan Wilkes, Mike Schofield, and Scott Feldman briefed the BAC on the status of potential improvements to [4th St at I-35](#). \$400,000 of City Council District 3 and City Council District 9's Quarter Cent funding was [approved on September 20, 2018](#) to "Design and construct signals or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) at the northbound and southbound frontage roads of IH-35 at E 4th St to facilitate safe bicycle and pedestrian crossings of IH-35 frontage roads." TxDOT will soon evaluate [these two](#) frontage road crossings to analyze whether they meet Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD) standards for warranting installation of a traffic signal. The timeline for any installation of any such long-term improvements may be a year or more. However, in the meantime, ATD and TxDOT will evaluate opportunities for short-term improvements.

Kathryn Flowers proposed draft recommendation language to the BAC which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that short-term solutions be implemented as soon as possible to maximize bicycle and pedestrian safety, including but not limited to: removing existing parking on northbound frontage road, illumination of the crosswalk and existing signage, speed regulation and enforcement, temporary hardscape improvements to reduce each frontage road direction to two travel lanes, raised crosswalks, dynamic speed display devices, traffic direction during peak periods;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that upon the completion of the Red Line Trail through the Plaza Saltillo development connecting to the Lance Armstrong Bikeway across I-35, that vehicular traffic traveling westbound on 4th Street be diverted south on Brushy Street to 3rd Street to continue westbound to eliminate conflict between trail users and westbound drivers turning right but looking left at the northbound frontage road;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC requests that a traffic signal be installed at 4th Street and both the northbound and southbound I-35 frontage roads as soon as possible and that current and latent demand be considered;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC requests that TxDOT adhere to an all ages and abilities framework with elements such as maximum 30 mph design speed, retaining a maximum of two lanes on each frontage road with minimal crossing distances, raised crosswalks, illumination of crossings, and inclusion of traffic signals when implementing the long-term redesign for this crossing, and that TxDOT bring any design change for this crossing to the BAC at 30% preliminary design stage.

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

7. BAC standing subcommittees: Kathryn Flowers reviewed which BAC members signed up for new, standing BAC subcommittees regarding the 2016 Mobility Bond Corridor Program, the Active Transportation and Street Design Division, the City of Austin Urban Trails Program, TxDOT, Capital Metro Transportation Authority, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, Travis County, and the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan. The new subcommittees will keep track of these various projects, programs, and plans in order to assist the BAC chairs in shaping future BAC agendas. Staff will publish a list of the subcommittees and their membership to the BAC's [webpage](#) and/or [Google Group](#).

8. City updates + general announcements

- **Pedestrian Advisory Council:** In January the PAC received briefings on the 2019 Mobility Annual Plan and the West Campus Lighting Study.
- **Urban Transportation Commission:** In January the UTC received a briefing on the 2019 Mobility Annual Plan.
- **City Council Mobility Committee:** No update.
- **Vision Zero Task Force:** No update.
- **Multimodal Community Advisory Committee:** No update.

9. Future Agenda Items

- Draft ASMP (Staff; March)
- Urban Trails Plan update (Flowers; TBD)
- Level of Service (LOS) (Lentz; TBD)
- Guadalupe Contraflow Lane (Flowers; TBD)
- South First Street Bridge (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 8:07 p.m. by Kathryn Flowers.