

Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 21, 2020 – 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 6:02 p.m. by Chair Christopher Heathcott.

Full members in attendance:

Christopher Heathcott (Chair)	James Lentz	Nadia Carlson
Lori Merlino (Vice Chair)	Kathryn Flowers	Patricia Schaub
Jake Boone	Michelle LeBlanc	Rose Warren

Alternate members in attendance:

Kelly Braun	Tommy Eden	Alice Maz
Briana Cohen	Carol Fraser	Curtis Rogers

Alternate members absent:

Leslie Case	Robin Lerner	Sean Smith
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Staff in attendance:

Emily Smith, Austin Transportation (ATD)	Nathan Wilkes, ATD	Carly Haithcock, Toole Design
Annick Beaudet, ATD	Laura Dierenfield, ATD	Tyler Wong, Toole Design

Guests in attendance:

Ana Seivert, Public Works (PWD)	Chris Riley	Drew Echelberger
Adam Allevato	Andrew McKenna	
Ryan Thornton	Lee Miller	

General Communication: No meeting attendees signed up to address the BAC regarding items not included on the agenda.

- 1. Approval of December 2019 Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes were approved on a 9-0 vote.
- 2. Traffic Fatalities Reported Since December BAC Meeting:** Briana Cohen read aloud the names and ages of people whose deaths due to traffic crashes on Austin streets were reported since the BAC last met as well as the locations at which the crashes occurred.
- 3. City of Austin Land Development Code Revision:** Annick Beaudet, Austin Transportation Department (ATD), briefed the BAC on the [Land Development Code revision](#) process and addressed attendee questions.
- 4. Stassney Lane from (West Gate Blvd to S Congress Ave):** Carly Haithcock, Toole Design, gave an overview of the [proposed changes](#) to Stassney Lane from West Gate Boulevard to South Congress Avenue. BAC member Michelle LeBlanc introduced draft recommendation language which read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC generally supports the current proposed preliminary designs shared at the December 5, 2019, public meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that Austin Transportation Department implement a bicycle lane with full protection along the entire length of the project corridor with consideration of extending the protected area for the entire length of the current Stassney Lane bicycle lane past the proposed end at Congress Avenue all the way to Pleasant Valley Road, with separate spaces for pedestrians and cyclists to maximize safety for all road users;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that shared use paths only be implemented through intersections as a last resort when no other safe solution for separating all road users is possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that any proposed shared use path must be at least 10 feet wide at a minimum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that designers working on intersections, especially those with right turn lanes such as at Menchaca and Stassney, refer to the “Don’t Give Up at the Intersection: Designing All Ages and Abilities Bicycle Crossings” design guide by NACTO, May 2019 regarding Protected Intersections, pages 9-19, which reduce turn speed, make cyclists visible, give cyclists the right of way, create a bikeway set back and increases clear sight distance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that bus bulb outs with cut-throughs for the bicycle route be used at bus stops within the project region to prevent conflicts between buses and people using bicycles.

The recommendation was approved on a 9-0 vote.

5. S Pleasant Valley Road, Todd Lane, and Burleson Road (E Oltorf St to Onion Creek Park): Tyler Wong, Toole Design, gave an overview of the [proposed changes](#) to South Pleasant Valley Road, Todd Lane, and Burleson Road from Oltorf Street to Onion Creek Park. BAC member Kathryn Flowers introduced draft recommendation language which read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC generally supports the current proposed preliminary designs shared at the December 11, 2019, public meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that Austin Transportation Department implement a bicycle lane with full protection along the entire length of the project corridor, with separate spaces for pedestrians and cyclists to maximize safety for all road users;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that shared use paths and/or mixing zones only be implemented through intersections as a last resort when no other safe solution for separating all road users is possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that any proposed shared use path must be at least 10 feet wide at a minimum;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that bus bulb outs with cut-throughs for the bicycle route be used at bus stops within the project region to prevent conflicts between buses and people using bicycles.

The recommendation was approved on a 9-0 vote.

6. Recommendation regarding Cameron Road (51st Street to Rundberg Lane) and Dessau Road (Rundberg Lane to Parmer Lane): BAC member Kathryn Flowers introduced draft recommendation language which read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that Austin Transportation Department implement a bicycle lane with full protection along the entire length of the project corridor, with separate spaces for pedestrians and cyclists to maximize safety for all road users;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that travel lane widths be examined along the length of the corridor and reduced to 10 feet if not already at or below that number;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC requests that Austin Transportation Department include within the near-term proposal a stated strategy for preservation and maintenance of a fully protected bicycle lane along the corridor, particularly related to any expected impacts from the right of way expansion and roadway reconfiguration planned for under the ASMP and other approved city plans

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC requests that Austin Transportation Department update the council when a proposal is developed and the project is moving to the next stage, and to include interim and final roadway cross-sections as applicable

The recommendation was approved on a 9-0 vote.

7. Recommendation regarding 183 South (Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority project): BAC Chair Christopher Heathcott introduced draft recommendation language which read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC recommends the Austin Urban Trails Program consider increasing the priority of a pedestrian and bicycle crossing beneath the Montopolis and Highway 183 South bridges along the south bank of the Colorado River, and discuss possible funding with Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority.

The recommendation was approved on a 9-0 vote.

8. Updates + Announcements

Staff liaison Emily Smith, ATD, encouraged meeting attendees to take the S Pleasant Valley Road online survey, attend upcoming open houses regarding [Bluebonnet Lane](#) and [North University-Heritage-Rosedale Neighborhood Bikeways](#), and call 3-1-1 or use the 3-1-1 mobile app to [report cars parked in designated bike lanes](#).

9. Future Agendas: No discussion.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. by Chair Christopher Heathcott.