

Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 21, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Via Videoconferencing

Full members in attendance:

Christopher Heathcott

Jake Boone

Kathryn Flowers

Rose Warren

Lori Merlino

Nadia Carlson

Patricia Schaub

Full members absent:

Michelle LeBlanc

Alternate members in attendance:

Kelly Braun

Tommy Eden

Curtis Rogers

Briana Cohen

Carol Fraser

Alice Maz

Alternate members absent:

Leslie Case

Robin Lerner

Sean Smith

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Christopher Heathcott.

- 1. Approval of June 2020 meeting minutes:** Approved on a 7-0 vote with LeBlanc absent.
- 2. Local traffic fatalities reported since last 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.
- 3. Healthy Streets Initiative:** A [presentation](#) was made by Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation Active Transportation and Street Design Division Manager.
- 4. Proposed 2020 “Safe Mobility Bond”:** A [presentation](#) was made by Ted Siff of [Austin Outside](#). BAC member Kathryn Flowers presented draft recommendation language which, after deliberation and amendment, read:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC supports the Safe Mobility Bond proposal currently being advanced by Austin Outside and recommends City Council approve Item 90 on the July 29, 2020 Council agenda;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends City Council pursue funding the active transportation improvements identified in the Safe Mobility Bond proposal as a separate general obligation bond program in 2020, rather than as part of a tax rate election being considered to fund the Project Connect System Plan.

The [recommendation](#) was approved on a 7-0 vote with LeBlanc absent.

- 5. Project Connect transit plan financing and governance:** BAC member Kelly Braun presented draft recommendation language which, after deliberation and amendment, read:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC recommends City Council move to fully fund the Project Connect system plan. This would require, in addition to federal and Capital Metro revenue funding, an increase in property taxes triggering a tax rate election on the ballot this November.

The [recommendation](#) was approved on a 7-0 vote with LeBlanc absent.

- 6. Updates + announcements:** None given.
- 7. Future agenda items:** None discussed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Christopher Heathcott.