

Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC Meeting Minutes)
Tuesday August 18, 2020 – 6:00PM
Vid Videoconferencing

Full Members in Attendance:

Christopher Heathcott	Jake Boone	Michelle Leblanc	Rose Warren
Lori Merlino	Kathryn Flowers	Patricia Schaub	

Full Members Absent:

Carol Fraser

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Kelly Braun	Brianna Cohen	Robin Lerner	Curtis Rogers
Leslie Case	Tommy Eden	Alice Maz	Sean Smith

Austin Transportation staff in Attendance:

Emily Smith	Jace Deloney	Joel Meyer	Mateo Clarke
Alyssa Gutierrez	David Orr	Lewis Leff	

Guests in Attendance:

Chad Ballentine (Cap Metro)	Ryan Thornton (Austin Monitor)	Juan Belman
Ron Borowski (Cap Metro)	Samuel King (KUT)	Russel Taylor
Southaly Sledge	Michael Sledge	Wendy Anderson

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

1. Introductions

- 2. Approval of August 2020 meeting minutes:** The [minutes](#) were approved on a 7-0 vote with Fraser absent.
- 3. Local traffic fatalities reported since the last BAC meeting:** Briana Cohen read aloud reports of local traffic fatalities since the last BAC meeting.
- 4. Traffic Enforcement and racial disparities in traffic stops:** This item was postponed indefinitely.
- 5. Metro bike Partnership Update:** A [presentation](#) was made by Rob Borowski, Chad Ballentine and David Orr.
- 6. Vision Zero Viewer interactive dashboard demo:** A presentation was made by Lewis Leff and Jace Deloney. Meeting attendees were encouraged to provide their individual feedback on the [Vision Zero Viewer](#) to transportation.data@austintexas.gov.
- 7. 2020 membership elections and recruitment:** Christopher Heathcott and Emily Smith gave overview of the upcoming process.
- 8. Recommendation regarding Redbud Trail Bridge:** Curtis Rogers introduced a draft recommendation which, after deliberation and amendment, read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the BAC recommends the Public Works Department study the potential of including an auto toll on the new Redbud Trail Bridge. Some considerations include, but are not limited to:

- *Adjusted rates for rush hour.*
 - *Congestion pricing is a proven, viable, and effective tool. Charging a fee for the parts of the roadway network used the most during the busiest times of day reduces demand. The charges incentivize travelers*

to switch to other modes of transportation, seek alternative routes, or travel at other times. The charges can help to reduce negative effects of traffic such as air pollution, carbon emissions, road damage, and traffic crashes. [<https://www.enotrans.org/eno-resources/enocongestionpricing/>]

- *Lower rates for residents of cities listed as funding sources for the bridge.*
- *Locating the toll on the west side of the bridge.*

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

9. Updates + Announcements:

- Juan Belman and Wendy Anderson: expressed support for the building of a bike path along McKinney Falls Pkwy to connect 183 to McKinney Falls State Park.
- Patricia Schaub: the Pedestrian Advisory Council is considering [bylaw amendments](#).
- Christopher Heathcott: The Vision Zero Alliance will meet this week.

10. Future Agenda Items: No discussion.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by Christopher Heathcott.