

Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes
Monday July 12, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Via Videoconferencing

Full Members in Attendance:

Adam Greenfield	James Stratton	Daniel Riegel
Kimberly Levinson	Stephanie Webb	Jackie Ahmad

Full Members Absent:

Priya Patel	Kat Cox	Caroline Baily
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Alternate Members in Attendance:

Patricia Schaub	Jay Crossley	Carolina Baumanis
Brooke Shannon	Andrea Katz	

Alternate Members Absent:

Aisling O'Reilly	Heyden Walker
Joe Silva	Gabrielle Comeau

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Kimberly Levinson.

- 1. Approval of previous meeting minutes:** The May 3rd, 2021 [minutes](#) were approved on a 6-0 vote with Baily, Patel, and Cox absent.
- 2. Traffic fatalities reported since previous PAC meeting:** Adam Greenfield read aloud the names of people whose deaths due to traffic crashes on Austin streets were reported since the PAC last met: Vivian Love Garcia, William Hernandez, Shreyansh Pasala, Caleb Hernandez, Michael Elton Holt, Russell Charles McKiernan, Lateisha D. Washington, Brian J. Box, Unidentified White male, Jaime Macias, Deja Hardeman, Karen Everlena Barnes, James Zachary Paxton, Leslie Doleshal, Capri Marie Reddix, Joseph Cable Barnes, Rickey Delton Gonzales, Margaret A. Brubeck, Rosas-Sanchez, Miguel Guerrero-Garcia
- 3. Austin Living Strategies Program:** Adam Greenfield [presented](#) draft recommendation language which, after discussion, was moved by Kimberly seconded by Webb and unanimously approved 6-0, with Baily, Patel and Cox absent. The [recommendation](#) reads, in part:

Proposed Austin Living Streets Program Bicycle Advisory Council
Recommendation 20210712-001

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the PAC recommends that the City of Austin work with stakeholders and community members to create and fully fund a Living Streets program that would allow the following:

- Community-led traffic calming and placemaking installations on neighborhood streets, using resident-sourced creative materials
- A community-led Healthy Streets permit using either resident-sourced materials or City-owned infrastructure designated for this program

- A simplified permit process, available in at least English and Spanish, and less burdensome regulations for block parties, also considering addressing the regulations listed in the attached document
- A play street permit allowing residential streets to be closed to through-traffic for several hours for up to a certain number of days per week for children’s play

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Living Streets program should prioritize equity, making sure that special attention is given to reaching out to marginalized communities to solicit their feedback to help shape, participate in, and benefit from such a program

4. Future Living Strategies: Kimberly Levinson facilitated a draft recommendation language which, after discussion, was moved by Kimberly seconded by Webb and unanimously approved 6-0, with Baily, Patel and Cox absent. The [recommendation](#) reads, in part:

**Pedestrian Advisory Council Recommendation in response to Future
Traffic Safety Strategies in Austin**

Recommendation 20210712-002

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pedestrian Advisory Council requests the City of Austin and City Council take actionable steps toward eliminating inequitable impacts of law enforcement on black, indigenous, and people of color, including:

- a. Create a violation standard to eliminate racial profiling at traffic stops;
- b. Create detailed processes to safeguard against disproportionately targeting people of color that go beyond unconscious bias training and racial equity training;
- c. Transfer some policing functions of traffic enforcement to non-police agencies that address unsafe behaviors by road users, especially drivers;
- d. Invest in solutions centered on education and engineering that build safer streets and movement for people biking, walking, using transit, and anyone using roads;
- e. Monitor for possible patterns of sampling bias, underreporting of encounters or arrests, and submissions of plans for development and improvement;
- f. Address communities reporting an inordinate number of stops for cyclists and pedestrians of color;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the PAC suggests the City of Austin and City Council continue to collaborate with Reimagining Public Safety Task Force Community Members and Agencies, including Austin Justice Coalition, Just Liberty, Grassroots Leadership, and Texas Appleseed, as well as the Equity Office and other groups working on law enforcement issues to re-envision public safety, examine data around disproportionate traffic enforcement, and create a standard to eliminate racial profiling at traffic stops.

5. **Updates and Announcements:** Staff and PAC members gave updates regarding the Bicycle Advisory Council, Urban Transportation Commission, City Council Mobility Committee, Vision Zero Alliance, and PAC/BAC equity committee
6. **Future Agenda Items:** No future Agenda Items were discussed

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Kimberly Levinson.