

Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes
Monday Oct. 4th, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Via Videoconferencing

Full Members in Attendance:

Adam Greenfield	Stephanie Webb
Kimberly Levinson	Caroline Bailey
Priya Patel	Kat Cox

Full Members Absent:

James Stratton
Daniel Riegel
Jackie Ahmad

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Heyden Walker	Carolina Baumanis
Andrea Katz	Jay Crossley
Patricia Schaub	Gabrielle Comeau

Alternate Members Absent:

Joe Silva	Brooke Shannon
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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Vice-Chair Adam Greenfield.

1. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** The September 13th, 2021 minutes were approved on an 6-0 vote with Stratton, Riegel and Ahmad 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: Mary Rebecca Grayson, Adrien Maxey-Salomone, Deceased Unnamed, Keegan Connell Mosley, Kevin O’Neal, Kevin Nelson, Christopher Austin, Unidentified white male, Kimbelry Allen, Richard Hunt Sloane, Mathew Crohn, Unidentified male, Terryn Dee Strahan, Audrey Petty, Unidentified, Unidentified
3. **Member Elections :** Each PAC candidate present was given one minute to introduce themselves and provide a statement of interest. A secret ballot voting process was facilitated by staff in accordance with PAC bylaws. Elections results were as follows:
 - a. **Full Members:** Chris Anderson, Sandi Rosenbloom, Jonathan Gros, Rebecca Zandstein, and Andrew Glazner were elected as full members through October 2023.
 - b. **Alternate Members:** Heyden Black Walker, Francisco Dans, Estrella Sainburg, Jolene Holland, and Garrett Hall were elected as alternate members.
 - c. **Chair and Vice Chair:** Kat Cox was elected as Chair; Chris Anderson was elected as Vice- Chair for 2021-2022 year
4. **Transportation Criteria Manuel-** PAC members deliberated and discussed new updates from the TCM. No action taken
5. **Cypress and Shoal Project:** PAC Chair, Kimberly Levinson led discussion around the Bowie

Underpass Project and Cypress and Shoal Creek Public Space Strategy. Kimberly Levinson presented draft recommendation language which, after discussion, was moved by Heyden Black Walker and seconded by Kat Cox and unanimously approved on a 6-0 vote with Stratton, Riegel and Ahmad absent. The [recommendation](#) reads in part:

Pedestrian Advisory Council Recommendation

Regarding the Bowie Underpass Project and Cypress & Shoal Creek Public Space Strategy

Recommendation 20211004-01

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the PAC recommends that

(i) the City recommit appropriate and necessary staffing and resources to complete the Bowie Underpass Project; and

ii) the City consult and engage local stakeholders, community groups, and other affected parties to develop creative solutions that will bring about the completion of the Bowie Underpass Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the PAC recommends that in the event staff fail to secure the agreements necessary for the Bowie Underpass to proceed, Council should require staff to report back to Council with details regarding the specific obstacles and costs involved by October 31st, 2021, so that Council and the public can consider next steps;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the PAC recommends that in the event the Bowie Underpass Project cannot be completed as intended, then the City consider alternative bicycle and pedestrian connections between the Pfluger Street Bridge and the Market District, including for example an open call design and public input process similar to the [Longhorn Dam](#) proposals and alternatives;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the City decides to reallocate the \$6.6 million in funds earmarked for the Bowie Underpass Project, such funds be spent in accordance with the goals and priorities identified in the ACCP, ASMP, and the City's Institutional Racism and Systemic Inequities Report, which include but are not limited to

(i) significantly reducing carbon emissions resulting from transportation and land-use;

(ii) building "active transportation access for all ages and abilities on sidewalk, bicycle, and urban trail systems"; and

(iii) furthering the development and preservation of "actual affordable communities on transportation corridors".

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the PAC recommends that high-quality pedestrian connections to the Amtrak station, YMCA, and areas west of Lamar, including a second pedestrian bridge across Lady Bird Lake west of Lamar, using best-practices for design, be part of the future plans for the area in order to provide safe access across Lamar, Cesar Chavez, the railroad tracks, and the lake;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the PAC recommends there be one or more areas in the project boundaries that function as safe and welcome community public spaces that encourage lingering and socializing; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the PAC recommends that the Austin City Council

- i) adopt the Cypress & Shoal Creek Public Space Strategy as the guiding document for public space improvements in and proximate to the Seaholm District; and
- ii) amend the Seaholm TIF Project Plan to enable the use of TIF funds to be used for construction of Cypress & Shoal Creek public space improvements.

6. Pedestrian Advisory Council Bylaws Article 5, Section 2 and Article 6, Section 1 Proposed Revision: Members reviewed proposed bylaw changes.

7. 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.

8. Future Agenda Items: No future agenda items were discussed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:02p.m. by Vice-Chair Adam Greenfield.