

Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting
Minutes Tuesday September 20th, 2022 –
6:00 p.m.
Via Videoconferencing

Full Members in Attendance: Curtis Rogers, Leslie Case, Tommy Eden, Ruben Sanchez, Christopher Heathcott, Drake Hampton, Meghan Otoupalik; **Full Members Absent:** Ali Sobhani, Kathryn Johanson, Kelly Braun **Alternate Members in Attendance:** Lansing Pugh, Gregory Go, Russell Taylor, Spencer Schumacher, Zuzana Baranova, **Alternate Members Absent:** Beth Donnelly, Cameron Lyman, Kathryn Flowers

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Curtis Rogers.

1. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** The August 16th, 2022 BAC meeting [minutes](#) were approved, as amended, on a 7-0 vote with Sobhani, Johanson, Braun, absent.
2. **Traffic fatalities reported since previous BAC meeting:** Vice Chair Les Case read aloud the names of people whose deaths due to traffic crashes on Austin streets were reported since the BAC last met: Melinda Gonzalez, Sandra K Nielson, Jiaxing Chang, Shala Morgan, Erik Hernandez, Ian Lewis, Unidentified motorist, unidentified pedestrian, two unidentified motorist
3. **Update on I-35 Expansion Project:** This item was delayed until a later date. No action was taken.
4. **Parking in Bike Lane Recommendation –** Member Spencer Schumacher facilitated a discussion with BAC members on a Parking in a Bike Lane Recommendation. BAC members presented draft recommendation language which, after discussion, was moved by Rogers and seconded by Eden and unanimously approved on a 7-0 vote with Sobhani, Johansen and Braun absent. The [recommendation](#) reads in part:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Bicycle Advisory Council supports the Urban Transportation Commission's recommendation to the Austin Mobility Committee and City Council to develop and implement a program that allows any individual using the 3-1-1 mobile application to provide photo evidence of a vehicle blocking a bike lane to receive 25% of the fines collected by the city for the citations issued, and alter relevant ordinances to ensure parking in the bike lane is only allowed if it is explicitly posted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends the Mobility Committee and City Council take action to ensure bike lane parking violations can be enforced using a photo and information

submitted by an Austin 3-1-1 App user or Online Service Request user, and do not require a physical confirmation from code or peace officers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends the Mobility Committee and City Council direct City of Austin staff to approach bike lane parking violations as a public safety concern paramount to achieving Vision Zero and not as a traffic management issue;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends the Mobility Committee and City Council create sanctions for City of Austin employees parking in the bike lane, including peace officers not responding to an emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends the Austin Transportation Department evaluate existing statutes and directives from the City Manager to determine if any of these actions may be taken by the department immediately.

5. Appointment of Membership Committee: BAC members selected Chair Rogers, Heathcott, Go and Eden for the membership committee.

6. Updates and Announcements: General updates were given on other board and commissions in the city of Austin.

7. Future Agenda Items -No future agenda items discussed.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Curtis Rogers

The September 20, 2022 meeting minutes were approved on this the 18th day of October 2022 on Chair Rogers motion, Vice Chair Case second on 7-0 vote with Sobhani, Johanson, and Braun