

**Austin Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)
and Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC)
Joint Meeting Monday December 5th, 2022
– 6:00p.m.
901 SOUTH MOPAC EXPRESSWAY,
AUSTIN, TEXAS (Building 5, Suite 300)
and virtually via WebEx**

BAC

Full Members in Attendance Les Case (Chair), Spencer Schumacher (Vice-Chair), Curtis Rogers, Drake Hampton, Christopher Heathcott

Alternate Members in Attendance Beth Donnelly, Alejandro de la Vega, Jeff Seiden, Faith Reed, Nicole Mwei, Zuzana Baranova

Full Members Absent Kathryn Johanson, Ruben Sanchez, Ali Sobhani, Russell Taylor

Alternate Members Absent Lansing Pugh, Joshua Collier, Sara Boza, Cynthia Fedor

PAC

Full Members in Attendance Chris Anderson (Chair) , Kimberly Levinson (Vice-Chair), Alexander Flores, Daniel Kavelman, Tetyana Samiliv

Alternate Members in Attendance Patricia Schaub, Anna McAuley, Priya Patel, Aditi Ohri, Hayden Black Walker, Dayna Diven

Full Members Absent Sandi Rosenbloom, Jonathan Gros, Estrella Sainburg, Garrett Hall

Alternate Members Absent Jolene Holland

Call to Order.

PAC Chair Chris Anderson Called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 PM

Citizen Communication

Heyden Black Walker, who is also a PAC Member, requested that the PAC and BAC take action on the upcoming TXDOT I-35 comment period.

A second person was registered to speak, but did not appear.

I. Local traffic fatalities reported since previous meeting

PAC Vice-Chair Kimberly Levinson read aloud the names of people whose deaths due to traffic crashes on Austin streets were reported since the BAC and PAC last met: An unidentified pedestrian, unidentified motor passenger, unidentified motor passenger, pedestrian Martin

Duboulet, Unidentified motorist, unidentified motorist, motorcyclist Terry Gonzales, unidentified motorist, unidentified pedestrian, motorist Courtney Lopez, motorist Elisabeth Alvarez Ocegüera.

Elisabeth Alvarez Ocegüera is Austin's 106th traffic fatality for 2022. On this date in 2021, there had been 111 traffic deaths.

II. Riverside Drive and the Alameda Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Crossing

PAC Chair Chris Anderson recognized BAC Chair Les Case to present his draft recommendation.

BAC Member Drake Hampton requested the following amendment be added:

“that ATD install a physical barrier between the sidewalk and the roadway along the north side of Riverside Drive, from the PHB at Alameda to the Butler Trail access point to the west.”

BAC Chair Les Case accepted the amendment

PAC Member Hayden Black Walker asked that the recommendation reflect that Jacky Gaschot was killed while walking on the sidewalk. PAC Chair Chris Anderson asked that the motorist's name be included in the recommendation.

PAC Vice-Chair Kimberly Levisonson offered the following amendment:

“Jacky Gaschot was struck and killed while walking on the sidewalk by motorist Crystal Dominguez on November 4th, 2022, near the PHB at Alameda and Riverside Drives; “

BAC Chair Les Case accepted the amendment

BAC Member Zuzana Barnes asked to add an amendment regarding District Attorney enforcement of bicycle and pedestrian fatalities. Spencer Schumacher, BAC Vice-Chair, and PAC Chair Chris Anderson spoke against it.

BAC Chair Les Case did not accept the amendment

BAC Vice-Chair Spencer Schumacher offered the following amendment:

“the BAC and PAC recommends that the City of Austin (CoA), **Austin Transit Partnership (ATP)** and Capital Metro Transit Authority (CMTA) include crossings and other infrastructures along Riverside Drive”

BAC Chair Les Case accepted the amendment

PAC Member Tetyana Samiliv offered the following amendment:

“the BAC and PAC urge ATD to investigate and implement traffic calming measures, **such as chokers, chicanes and raised intersections**, on Riverside Drive between Pleasant Valley Drive and South Congress Avenue to include reduced speed limits, speed cushions, signage and protected sidewalks and bike lanes along the Riverside Drive right-of-way.”

PAC Member Aditi Ohri suggested an amendment to the amendment:

“such as chokers, chicanes and raised intersections, extended **signal timing, etc.**”

BAC Chair Les Case accepted the amendment, as amended.

BAC Member Alejandro de la Vega offered the following amendment:

“the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) at the intersection of Alameda and Riverside Drives affords access for pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable road users to the Butler Trail and **The Boardwalk at Lady Bird Lake, a key recreational resource;**”

BAC Chair Les Case accepted the amendment

PAC Member Alex Flores spoke against the resolution.

BAC Chair Les Case moved for a vote, BAC Vice-Chair Spencer Schumacher seconded.

BAC

In Favor (5) - Les Case (Chair), Spencer Schumacher (Vice-Chair), Curtis Rogers, Drake Hampton, Christopher Heathcott

Against (0) -

Abstain (0) -

PAC

In Favor (4)- Chris Anderson (Chair) , Kimberly Levisonson (Vice-Chair), Daniel Kavelman, Tetyana Samiliv,
Against (1) - Alexander Flores
Abstain (0) -

The recommendation is passed by the BAC and PAC

Riverside Drive and the Alameda Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Crossing

Recommendation –. The [recommendation](#) reads in part:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BAC and the PAC request that Austin Police Department (APD) begin equitably enforcing the speed limit on Riverside Drive between IH35 and Congress Avenue as expeditiously as possible;

BE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED the BAC and the PAC request that Austin Police Department immediately begin equitably enforcing the PHB at Alameda and Riverside Drives, and prosecuting motorists who violate their requirements to slow, stop and yield to pedestrians and cyclists crossing Riverside Drive at this intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the BAC and the PAC request that Austin Transportation Department (ATD) create a program to educate motorists about PHBs, and investigate creative alternatives to APD enforcement such as rumble strips, extended signal timing, etc. that might mitigate the dangers to pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable road users at this PHB.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the BAC and the PAC request that ATD install a physical barrier between the sidewalk and the roadway along the north side of Riverside Drive, from the PHB at Alameda to the Butler Trail access point to the west.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the BAC and the PAC request that ATD investigate other ways to improve the pedestrian and cyclist experience on Riverside between South Congress and Pleasant Valley Drive, as it is presently unsafe and unpleasant to navigate this thoroughfare via those two modes of transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the BAC and PAC urge ATD to investigate and implement traffic calming measures, such as chokers, chicanes and raised intersections, on Riverside Drive between Pleasant Valley Drive and South Congress Avenue to include reduced speed limits (possibly by extension of the “downtown streets” designation), speed cushions, signage and protected sidewalks and bike lanes along the Riverside Drive right-of-way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC and PAC recommends that the City of Austin (CoA), Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) and Capital Metro Transit Authority (CMTA) include crossings and other infrastructures along Riverside Drive between South Lamar

Boulevard and Austin Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) that are safe for all vulnerable road users.

III. Joint Committee Leadership Discussion

PAC Chair Chris Anderson recognized BAC Chair Les Case.

The following Joint BAC and PAC Subcommittees are appointed

Public Transit/CapMetro/Austin Transit Partnership

Spencer Schumacher (BAC)

Kimberly Levisonson (PAC)

Drake Hampton (BAC)

City of Austin and Surrounding Counties

Alex Flores (PAC)

Alejandro de la Vega (BAC)

Les Case (BAC)

Beth Donnelly (BAC)

Daniel Keveklman (PAC)

TxDOT/CAMPO/Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority

Chris Heathcott (BAC)

Tetyana Samiliv (PAC)

Hayden Black Walker (PAC)

Anna McCauley (PAC)

Patricia Schaub (BAC)

IV. Updates and Announcements

PAC Chair Chris Anderson talked about Google Drive for members with resources.

BAC Chair Les Case talked about the new feedback form.

V. Future Agenda Items

I-35 Comment Period

Zilker Park Plan

Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons

East Breaker Ln Proposals
Traffic Signal Failures
University of Texas at Austin

PAC Chair Chris Anderson moved to adjourn, BAC Chair Les Case seconded the motion
The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM