

**Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting (BAC)**  
**Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 – 6:00p.m.**  
**901 SOUTH MOPAC EXPY BLDG 5, STE 300,**  
**AUSTIN, TEXAS 78746**

**Full Members in Attendance** Les Case (Chair), Spencer Schumacher (Vice-Chair), Russell Taylor, Drake Hampton, Christopher Heathcott, Ruben Sanchez, Alejandro de la Vega,

**Alternate Members in Attendance** Lansing Pugh, Faith Reed, Sarah Boza, Nicole Mwei,

**Full Members Absent** Ali Sobhani, VACANT

**Alternate Members Absent** Cynthia Fedor, Beth Donnelly, Jeff Seiden, Zuzana Baranova, Joshua Collier,

**Call to Order.**

BAC Chair Les Case called the Meeting to Order at 6:01 PM

**Public Communication.**

Jason Abels addressed the council on Austin Bike Month.

Raquel Ortega addressed the council on the Group Ride Safety Educational Campaign Recommendation

**I. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes**

BAC Vice-Chair Spencer Schumacher moved to approve the BAC minutes, BAC Member Russel Taylor seconded the motion

Without objection the motion prevailed.

**II. Local traffic fatalities reported since previous meeting**

BAC Chair Les Case recognized BAC Vice-Chair Spencer Schumacher read aloud the names of people whose deaths due to traffic crashes on Austin streets were reported since the BAC and PAC last met: Motorcyclist Benjamin Garcia, Motorist David Earl Bedford Jr, Unidentified pedestrian, Unidentified pedestrian, Motorcyclist Devin Graves, Unidentified motorcyclist, Pedestrian Brandon Boone, Motorist Derek Washington, Unidentified pedestrian, Motorcyclist Jeremy Larsen, and Motorist Angelica Delgado.

Angelica Delgado is Ausin's 44th 2023 traffic-related death. There had been 49 traffic-related deaths on this date in 2022.

### III. Tiny Transit Presentation

BAC Chair Les Case recognized Susan Engelking, Institute for Community MicroMobility, to present

### IV. Group Ride Safety Educational Campaign Recommendation

BAC Chair Les Case recognized BAC Member Russell Taylor to present his draft recommendation.

BAC Member Russell Taylor moved to amend the recommendation by striking the following language:

~~BE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED the BAC requests that Austin Transportation Department (ATD) include information for motorists related to avoiding crashes or negative interactions with groups of people riding bicycles in the Vision Zero section of the Austin Texas Government website.~~

The amendment was acceptable to the sponsor and adopted without objection.

BAC Member Russell Taylor moved to table the recommendation, BAC Vice Chair Spencer Schumacher seconded

BAC Chair Les Case again recognized BAC Member Russell Taylor to present his draft recommendation.

BAC Member Russell Taylor moved to amend the recommendation by adding the following language;

WHEREAS **casual, non-sporting** group rides are a popular activity in Austin's cycling culture with many different groups,

**WHEREAS the City of Austin's stated goal of increasing the share of cycling as a mode of transportation is facilitated by expanding awareness of casual group cycling as a safe way to learn and build confidence;**

The amendment was acceptable to the sponsor and adopted without objection.

BAC Member Russel Taylor moved for a vote on the recommendation, BAC Vice-Chair Spencer Schumacher seconded. The motion prevailed on the following vote:

BAC

In Favor (7) -Les Case (Chair), Spencer Schumacher (Vice-Chair), Russell Taylor, Drake Hampton, Christopher Heathcott, Ruben Sanchez, Alejandro de la Vega,

Against (0) -

Abstain (0) -

The recommendation is passed by the BAC.

#### **V. Bike Lane Blockage Recommendation**

BAC Chair Les Case recognized BAC Vice Chair Spencer Schumacher to present his draft recommendation.

BAC Member Alejandro de la Vega moved to amend the recommendation by adding the following language

**ii. Direct the Austin Department of Transportation and Public Works to update city bicycle maps to indicate where parking in the bike lane is allowed, either by a lack of signage or by specific signage allowing vehicles to park in the bike lane;**

The amendment was acceptable to the sponsor and adopted without objection.

BAC Vice Chair Spencer Schumacher moved for a vote on the recommendation, BAC Member Russel Taylor seconded. The motion prevailed on the following vote:

In Favor (7) -Les Case (Chair), Spencer Schumacher (Vice-Chair), Russell Taylor, Drake Hampton, Christopher Heathcott, Ruben Sanchez, Alejandro de la Vega,

Against (0) -

Abstain (0) -

The recommendation is passed by the BAC.

#### **VI. Congress Ave Urban Design Initiative Briefing**

BAC Chair Les Case recognized Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation and Public Works Department, to present.

BAC Vice Chair Spencer Schumacher and BAC Member Alejandro de la Vega asked questions about the inclusion of slip lanes and the method of separation between bicyclists.

Laura Dierenfield responded that both the suggestions would be taken under advisement for 30% Design.

Les Case asked a question about the intersection of Barton Springs and Congress Ave.

Laura Dierenfield responded that they are working on coordinating the area with the construction for the Statesman property.

## **VII. Bylaw Amendment – Allowing two-year terms for Chair and Vice Chair**

BAC Chair Les Case laid out the Bylaw Amendment for the BAC that was previously approved for a final vote during the previous BAC meeting.

BAC Member Russell Taylor moved for a vote on the amendment, BAC Vice-Chair Spencer Schumacher seconded. The motion prevailed on the following vote:

BAC

In Favor (7) - Les Case (Chair), Spencer Schumacher (Vice-Chair), Russell Taylor, Drake Hampton, Christopher Heathcott, Ruben Sanchez, Alejandro de la Vega,

Against (0) -

Abstain (0) -

## **VIII. Alternate Member Appointment**

BAC Member Lansing Pugh nominated himself for full member.

The nomination was approved by acclamation and without objection.

## **IX. Updates and Future Agenda Items**

Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation Department and Public Works, noted future agenda items on ABIA wayfinding and an update from Urban Trails

BAC Vice Chair Spencer Schumacher asked for an update from the Corridor Program Office

BAC Member Alejandro de la Vega asked for a briefing on leading pedestrian signals

BAC Chair Les Case asked for an update on bicycle signal timing.

BAC Chair Les Case moved to adjourn, BAC Vice Chair Spencer Schumacher seconded the motion

**Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM**

**The minutes were approved at the July 18, 2023 BAC/PAC meeting on PAC Chair, Chris Anderson motion, and BAC Chair Les Case, second on a unanimous vote.**