

# **Austin Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC)**

**Meeting Tuesday April 18th, 2022**

**– 6:00p.m.**

**Hybrid Meeting**

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

**Alternate Members in Attendance** Lansing Pugh, Alejandro de la Vega, Joshua Collier, Beth Donnelly, Faith Reed,

**Full Members Absent** Ali Sobhani, VACANT

**Alternate Members Absent** Cynthia Fedor, Jeff Seiden, Nicole Mwei, Zuzana Baranova, Sarah Boza,

## **Call to Order.**

Chair Les Case called the Meeting to Order at 6:02 PM

Kim Vosar addresses the council on issues surrounding the Critical Mass rides

Edward Milton addressed the council on issues surrounding the Critical Mass rides and recommended that the BAC not consider any further action.

## **I. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Member Russell Taylor moved to approve the previous meetings minutes; Vice-Chair Spencer Schumacher seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed on the following vote:

In Favor (7) - Les Case (Chair), Spencer Schumacher (Vice-Chair), Russell Taylor, Curtis Rogers, Drake Hampton, Christopher Heathcott, Ruben Sanchez

Against (0) -

Abstain (0) -

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

Chair Les Case recognized Vice Chair Spencer Schumacher to read the traffic fatalities reported since the previous meeting.

On March 21, 2023, an at the Intersection of Clayton Lane and North IH 35, an Unidentified Motorist

On March 24, 2023, at the intersection of I5100 Block of South 1st Street, Cyclist John Phillip Judah

On March 31, 2023, at 2900 North IH 35 Upper Deck South Bound, Motorist Elias Saenz.

On April 3, 2023, at the 7100 block of Ed Bluestein Boulevard, Motorist Eddie Robert Rodriguez

On April 9, 2023, at the 600 block of North IH 35 SVRD, Pedestrian Jorge Luis Sanchez Villalobos

Jorge Luis Sanchez Villalobos is Austin's 29th 2023 traffic-related death. There had been 27 traffic-related deaths on this date in 2022.

### **III. Project Connect Presentation**

Chair Les Case recognized Peter Mullan & Jennifer Pyne of the Austin Transit Partnership to present

Member Beth Donnelly asked a question regarding allow bicycle on light rail vehicles  
Peter Mullan responded that ATP is hoping to incorporate bicycles on vehicle in addition to bicycle storage facilities at stations

Vice-Chair Spencer Schumacher asked how multimodal infrastructure will be incorporated into the timeline for development  
Peter Mullan responded that they do not anticipate multimodal infrastructure causing any delays and they will strive to work on multimodal design after a decision is made on light rail alignment

Member Russell Taylor asked a question about mixed traffic implications of not having grade separation  
Peter Mullan responded that the train will not travel in mixed traffic

Member Drake Hampton asked for peer city examples of the trade-offs on grade separation  
Peter Mullan responded that they have looked at travel times in peer cities

Member Christopher Heathcott asked a question about how many motor vehicles each ridership model would take off the streets  
Peter Mullan responded that he would ask his team for more information

### **IV. Barton Skyway Discussion**

Chair Les Case recognized Member Alejandro de la Vega to present his recommendation and Laura Dierenfield to explain the Barton Skyway Project.

Vice-Chair Spencer Schumacher asked a question regarding the decision calculus of on versus off street bicycle facilities

Laura Dierenfield led a discussion on how Austin Transportation and Public Works makes those decisions

Member Alejandro de la Vega asked a question regarding the two way to one way conversion on Barton Skyway

Laura Dierenfield responded by explaining how the decision was made.

Vice-Chair Spencer Schumacher moved for a vote on the recommendation, Chair Les Case seconded.

The motion prevailed on the following vote:

In Favor (7) - Les Case (Chair), Spencer Schumacher (Vice-Chair), Russell Taylor, Curtis Rogers, Drake Hampton, Christopher Heathcott, Ruben Sanchez

Against (0) -

Abstain (0) -

## **V. Mokan Trail Recommendation**

Chair Les Case recognized Member Alejandro de la Vega to present his recommendation

Vice-Chair Spencer Schumacher moved for a vote on the recommendation, Chair Les Case seconded.

The motion prevailed on the following vote:

In Favor (7) - Les Case (Chair), Spencer Schumacher (Vice-Chair), Russell Taylor, Curtis Rogers, Drake Hampton, Christopher Heathcott, Ruben Sanchez

Against (0) -

Abstain (0) -

## **VI. Updates and Announcements**

Chair Les Case discussed the proposed by law changes

Chair Les Case announced the resignation of BAC Member Kathryn Johanson. The BAC will elevate an alternate member to full member at the next regular meeting.

Vice Chair Spencer Schumacher announced a future agenda item on the merger of the Austin Transportation Department and the Austin Public Works Department.

## **VII. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM**

The Minutes were approved at the May 16, 2023 meeting on BAC Chair Les Case Motion, and Russell Taylor second, on a unanimous vote.