

Joint BACPAC Meeting Minutes 7-18-2023

Call to Order: 6:04 Chris Anderson moved, Kimberly Levinson seconded.

Attendance:

FULL PAC: Chris Anderson (Chair), Kimberly Levinson (Vice Chair), Alex Flores, Tetyana Samiliv, Garrett Hall.

ALT PAC: Dayna Diven.

FULL BAC: Les Case (Chair), Spencer Schumacher (Vice Chair), Drake Hampton, Chris Heathcott, Russell Taylor.

ALT BAC: Sarah Boza, Joshua Collier.

General Communication - The first three speakers signed up prior to call to order will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address the BAC regarding items not included on the agenda.

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** Chris Anderson moved both PAC and BAC. Kimberly seconded PAC, Les Case seconded BAC.
2. **Local traffic fatalities reported since previous meeting (Spencer Schumacher):** June 24, an unidentified pedestrian in the 7100 block of W SH 71; June 26, Victor, 63, a white male, in the 6600 block of FM 969; June 26, unidentified motorcyclist, in the 8600 block of FM 2222; June 28, unidentified motorcyclist in the 4700m block of E William Cannon; also June 28, an unidentified pedestrian in the 9500 block of N IH 35 southbound; June 30, Maria Irene Casillas Reyes, 43, a white female, in the 13000 block of US Hwy 183; also June 30, an unidentified pedestrian in the 1-35 to W Ben White ramp, westbound; July 8, Janicia Molina, a black female, 30, hit by an intoxicated driver in the 5400 block of Pecan Brook Dr.

3. Wayfinding at ABIA

Presenter: Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation and Public Works, Jennifer Williams, Project Manager, Austin Bergstrom International Airport

Laura Dierenfield, Jennifer Williams: Bike route to the airport. 57,000 passengers a day, at least some of them can now bike. Jennifer says public works wanted it in 2016, and came together with TxDot and the airport. There was going to be a gap in TxDot right of way but the Airport gave land for the right of way, and now it fully connects to Del Valle. 2017 sidewalk plan now complete, and airport now connected to the bike path and

other spaces. Now wayfinding is needed; they've been asked to have more signage since there are so many more paths. Laura and her team working with the airport to create it. Bike signage will be consistent with the rest of the city. Laura says they plan to take on City bikeway signage redo, since the bike network has expanded and will grow further. Spencer asked if there will be bike lockers at ABIA. Jennifer says not yet, just bike racks. Spencer says a bike shelter program like Cap Metro has, it would encourage more people, keep the bikes more secure. Also need signage online as well at airport to inform people there is bike parking available. And wondered if B Cycle planned to expand to ABIA. Russell Taylor also says need clearer signage to the airport parking, just like there is for cars. Currently not there. Josh agrees more signage will help. Suggests engaging bike community to get feedback on what will be the most understandable. Laura says a community ambassador program has been used before; they plan to do that with many projects and quite possibly this one also. May not get multilingual signage this round, they hope to later. Les asks whether there are signals on airport property; Jennifer says there are none. Les asks how cyclists get through Hwy 71 intersections; do they recognize bikes? Chris Anderson asks if the bikes can be taken on the bus; if so, there should be a sign near the bus.

4. Active Transportation Project Update

Presenter: Laura Dierenfield, Austin Transportation and Public Works Laura says it's just an update of current projects plus some background info. Her group does design reviews of other people's projects (like Stassney Ln and Montopolis shared-use path); also does street design for the City, such as substandard streets like Yager Ln. Sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, etc. They also do Safe Routes to School, Vision Zero, their own sidewalks and bikeways program, etc. ATSD-led programs are tonight's focus: New shared use on Barton Springs Rd; the rust-colored pavement marks things out. New pathway from Mockingbird Lane to Stassney in progress. Copperfield Trail extended. Complete crossings now on Chestnut Ave between 12-18th street. Better bikeway, better pedestrian crossings. Kramer Lane piece near Burnet is wrapping up now, then Braker Lane will be next. This helps connect Q2. 51st St from I-35 to Airport is now happening. Closing right turn slip lane, will make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians. Spencer asks when will the 51st and Cameron project will happen? Laura says they are creating some things already, like better lighting, partnering with Austin Energy. There will be a much larger project later this year; a big new grant will help. More protection for bikes needed. Tetyana is glad to see work done on Cameron. Chase says he appreciates all the work they've done. Spencer asks about 51st to Berkman; the communities that didn't want to connect to Mueller originally now do what it, so they're trying to reconnect and reknit the neighborhood. There are some challenges involving the utility relocations and upgrades; it's taken way too long but they have set aside money to make sure it all happens. And pedestrian-bike beacons are being installed right now at Berkman and 51st to make it safer. Also, bus stops and an island are being installed at Tilley and 51st and safer signage/signaling. Bluebonnet Lane from Del Curto to Rabb Rd is extending bikeway, repairing sidewalks, and setting up a safe crossing as

part of safe routes to schools. In progress now, building out a curb extension. Will upgrade more crossing islands later. Speedway and 30th is marked out, will start soon. Will improve pedestrian safety, add green infrastructure. Bull Creek public engagement wrapped up; the construction starts tomorrow near the Grove. From 45 to Hancock resurfaced; will add protected intersection elements. More work on Hancock scheduled to improve biking. Connecting the bike lane with a shared use path. Bruning at E 53rd in progress, building sidewalks and putting in a protected intersection and rain garden, and crossing islands. Banister Ln from Ben White to S 2nd St. Moving legacy speed cushions to get them out of the bike lanes. Steck from MoPac to Burnet getting work. North Loop Hancock to Bruning; public engagement finished. Have resurfaced Burnet to Lamar. More to come. Working on tweaking intersection design. Austin Mobility Flickr site holds more photos of recently completed work. E 12 between Navasota and Webberville is in the works for protected bike lanes and better pedestrian crossings. Work should start in the coming weeks; resurfacing already happening. This fits with Safe Routes to School program. E 5th Street Rail and Trail project; CapMetro double tracking red and green rail lines. Between Navasota to Pedernales streets looking at one-way sections, shared use paths and trail connections. Pothole remediation proposed. Kimberly pleased the potholes will be fixed. Spencer concerned with how to fit a two-way bike lane in the Martinez to Pedernales/5th area. Wants to know if there's room if you take out the on-street parking. Laura says yes, but the homes are so close to the property lines that there's a lot of demand for on-street parking. They're looking at all their options. There needs to be access for emergency vehicles. So, they may have to regrade it which will help keep people from misusing the one-way; planning a diverter to help and calm traffic. Spencer asks about a retractable gate like UT has; Laura says not now but he should bring that up in the public process; there might be grant money for it. Shared austintexas.gov/aaabikenetwork for people to look at. Feel free to reach out about any of the plans.

5. **Election Process Discussion** Chris says we need to create subcommittees for October elections; no one up for election can participate. Also need to discuss how to make elections run smoother and have better notification. No alternate who wants to move up to full should be on them either. BAC: Alejandro and Russell are eligible as is Spencer. PAC is Kimberly, Alex, Tetyana, Dayna. Chris feels that it was awkward to do the real time speaking, then the vote while they're out. Maybe we ask for a brief video from the candidates. Then the notification can be afterward. Spencer warns that there is an issue with people who aren't necessarily interested enough to really participate but might be fine with sending in a video. Les thinks there is something to be said for showing up on the night of the election; if they won't, they're not that committed. Tetyana suggests we have video plus ask people to show up that night. Les says we'd need to make space for people to speak in September also. Chris says near-term task is that subcommittees need to meet and get the ball rolling. Chris suggests we consider adding something about attendance. Spencer reminds us that we need to check attendance of current membership. Laura placed draft applications in the chat. They are set to close September 10, so we have time to consider things.

Facilitator: Chris Anderson, PAC Chair

- 6. Updates and Announcements** Garrett asked about an item we just went over; he had stepped away. Spencer will catch him up. Spencer wants to know what the PAC and BAC think about letting UTC appoint a member to them. They are under the misapprehension that they're supposed to. They are supposed to appoint a liaison, but letting them appoint an alternate member might create more engagement between the groups. Tetyana thinks that's a good idea, would support. Chris moves adjournment, Kimberly seconds.

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The Minutes were approved at the August 7 joint BAC/PAC meeting on PAC Chair Chris Anderson motion, and BAC Vice-Chair Spencer Schumacher seconded.