Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting (BAC) and Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) Joint Meeting Tuesday, August 7th, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. 901 SOUTH MOPAC EXPY BLDG 5, STE 300, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78746

Bicycle Advisory Council

Full Members in Attendance Les Case (Chair), Spencer Schumacher (Vice-Chair), Russell Taylor, Alejandro de la Vega, Lansing Pugh, Drake Hampton,
Alternate Members in Attendance Sarah Boza, Nicole Mwei, Ruben Sanchez,
Full Members Absent Ali Sobhani, Christopher Heathcott,
Alternate Members Absent Cynthia Fedor, Beth Donnelly, Jeff Seiden, Joshua Collier, Faith Reed,

Pedestrian Advisory Council

Full Members in Attendance Chris Anderson (Chair), Kimberly Levinson (Vice Chair), Alex Flores, Tetyana Samiliv, Garrett Hall

Alternate Members in Attendance Priya Patel, Heyden Black Walker, Anna McAuley, Full Members Absent Jonathan Gros, Daniel Kavelman

Alternate Members Absent Jolene Holland, Aditi Ohri, Dayna Diven, Patricia Schaub

Call to Order.

PAC Chair Chris Anderson called the Meeting to Order at 6:03 PM

Public Communication.

David Pieper addressed the BAC and PAC on safe streets program implementation in anticipation of City Council action on parking minimums.

I. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

PAC Chair Chris Anderson moved to approve the last meeting minutes, BAC Vice-Chair Spencer Schumacher seconded the motion

Without objection, the motion prevailed.

II. Local traffic fatalities reported since the previous meeting

PAC Chair Chris Anderson recognized PAC Vice-Chair Kimberly Levinson to read the local traffic fatalities reported since the previous meeting:

Saturday, July 15, motorcyclist Denis Joe Watson in the 4900 block of FM 2222; Sunday, July 30, motorcyclist Brandon Robinson, on the US 183 NB ramp to SH 45 EB; also Sunday, July 30, four unidentified people, and a fifth injured, in the 4700 block of 1-35 SB service road. Motorist Arthur White was arrested for 4 counts of intoxication manslaughter, and failure to render aid for fleeing the scene.

III. Mobility Management Center Overview

PAC Chair Chris Anderson recognized Allyson Richey, Transportation & Public Works to present.

BAC Vice Chair Spencer Schumacher asked why pedestrian signals do not automatically recall when they do not change a major phase

Allyson Richey responded that they generally do, but they would be open to expanding that.

BAC Member Nicole Mwei asked about the Leading Pedestrian Intervals at South Lamar and Barton Springs.

Allyson Richey responded that she would look into the intersection.

PAC Vice-Chair Kimberly Levinson asked about high-visibility pedestrian signals. Allyson Richey responded that they work with

PAC Member asked Anna McAuley about incorporating pedestrian and bicycling signals into performance metrics.

Allyson Richey responded that they work with Bridge Operations to put in those signals.

BAC Vice Chair Spencer Schumacher asked about a pilot program of automatically recalling pedestrian signals if there is no impact on the major signal.

Allyson Richey responded that in the vast majority of cases they do automatically recall.

IV. MoKan Trail Project Update

Ana Sievert

BAC Member Alejandro de la Vega asked about the design on Sellers Street. Ana Sievert responded that there are significant ROW constraints in the area

Community member Chris Riley suggested temporary wayfinding be installed.

Ana Sievert explained they prefer to think holistically about wayfinding when the project is finished

BAC Vice Chair Spencer Schumacher asked about the BAC resolution passed in April on the MoKan Trail.

Ana Sievert responded that they found the recommendation helpful and timely.

V. Shoal Creek Trail Connectivity Gaps

PAC Chair Chris Anderson recognized Laura Dierenfield, Transportation & Public Works, to present.

BAC Vice Chair Spencer Schumacher noted that it may be preferable to route bicyclists up Lamar to 34th Street and optimize 31st Street for pedestrians

BAC Member Alejandro de la Vega agreed and noted that the current pilot is too narrow for bicyclists and pedestrians

Laura responded that the feedback was well taken.

BAC Member Russell Taylor asked about Public Art that currently exists on the sidewalk on Lamar.

Laura responded that the artwork would need to be moved or removed.

Les Case asked if the Sieders Spring trail is in the scope of the project Laura responded that it is not out of the scope of the project but it is also not the focus of the project.

VI. Updates and Announcements

PAC Chair Chris Anderson provided updates on the PAC Membership Subcommittee.

BAC Vice Chair Spencer Schumacher provided updates on the BAC Membership Subcommittee

Isabelle Solis, Transportation & Public Works, noted that the next PAC meeting will be moved from September 4th to September 11th.

PAC Chair Chris Anderson moved to adjourn, and PAC Vice Chair Kimberly Levinson seconded the motion

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

The Minutes were approved at the Sept. 11 PAC meeting on Chair Chris Anderson motion, and Vice-Chair Kimberly Levinson second, on a unanimous vote.