

# Pedestrian Advisory Council Meeting Monday, March 4, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701, Room 1029

Call to Order (6:00 pm)

1. Roll Call:

FULL: Chris Anderson, Chair; Kimberly Levinson, Vice Chair; Ryan Graves; Arturo Terrazas; Alex Flores; Conner Vanden Hoek; Katrina Miller.

ALT: Bryan Pham; Vanessa Anderson; Daniel Cadis; Anna McAuley; Arfar Razi; Melissa Nezamzadeh; Rebekah Kohls

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

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes; Chris moves, Katrina seconds.

4. Local traffic fatalities reported since the previous meeting: Thursday, Feb 1, in the 700 block of Howard Ln, pedestrian Jesse Duer, a white male, was killed; Sunday, Feb 4, in the 600 block of Anderson Ln, one passenger killed when he exited the car while still in motion and was hit; Monday, Feb 5, an unidentified driver was killed in the 13400 block of SH 45 westbound; Monday, Feb 12, in the 200 block of US 183 toll rd, DeErick Williams II, age 10, was killed; Tuesday, Feb 13, driver Michell Holloway, female, was killed in the 12200 block of N MoPac; Wednesday, Feb 14, in the 6400 block of Hwy 290, an unidentified pedestrian was killed by driver Jacob Sussman, who was arrested for intoxication manslaughter; Thursday, Feb 15, in the 2300 block of Grove Blvd, an unidentified pedestrian was killed; Friday, Feb 16, at 10300 Giles Ln, motorcyclist Tyler Jelke, a white male, died in a crash.

5. Project Connect Multimodal Integration Update

Presenter: Caitlin D'Alton, Transportation and Public Works

Roberto Gonzalez, Cap Metro; Nadia Ramirez, Cap Metro. Caitlin goes over the timeline leading up to Project Connect adoption and updated design standards manual. Modern multimodal stops have sidewalks, bike lanes and bus stop that doesn't cross the bike lane. Also has intersection improvements. In constrained spaces, bike/ped may be integrated. Bus hubs also necessary for easy transfers for passengers, also have multimodal space for pedestrians and bikes. Transit priority: sometimes has to use a transit Q jump signal allowing priority for safe bus access. Collaboration between City and Cap Metro has deepened since Project Connect;

Metro Rapid partnership has allowed safety improvements and signal improvements. Separate facilities for bikes and pedestrians, orient curb in alignment with travel lane. Cap Metro integrates city multimodal, then City reimburses them. Moving forward, looking to prioritize integration of active modes of transit with bus and train. Majority of Cap Metro riders start and end as pedestrians. Most will only walk about a half mile to access; cyclists will bike up to two miles, so huge opportunity to improve access for bike riders. Urban trail and AAA bike networks feed into Red Line. Two-mile bike/scooter catchment and half mile pedestrian catchment on stations like Montopolis. Working closely with ETOD team as well. Melissa asks about Red Line stop at Hancock; Katrina asks about road diets, right of way purchases, etc. in areas where they're expanding access. Caitlin says it depends on location and the amount of road constraints. There's no one approach for everything. Roberto says TexDot also has some control. Cap Metro can't control everything. Ryan says a lot of bike lanes aren't separated; when bus picks up it blocks the bike lane and riders have to either jump into travel lane or onto sidewalk. Caitlin says it's true there are a lot of stops without separate facilities but they are trying to do more. The thinking in the industry has changed a lot since 2015 or so; there used to be no separation. Progressively working on improvements, including through the corridor program. S Lamar is a priority for improvement. Melissa says she bikes up SoCo and doesn't like the back in parking. Caitlin and Roberto say they will be doing new facilities with better bike access. Ryan wants to know if there are plans to increasing storage capacity for bikes on trains. Roberto says it's limited with the current vehicles; when they add cars there will be more spaces.

6. Updates and Announcements: None.

7. Adjournment of Meeting (6:51 pm) Kimberly moves adjournment, Chris seconds.

**The minutes were approved at the 5/6/2024 meeting on Chair Anderson's motion, Council Member Miller's second on a unanimous vote.**