Bicycle Advisory Council Meeting (BAC) Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
Permitting and Development Center – Room 1401
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr. Austin, TX 78752

Full BAC Members in Attendance: Alejandro de la Vega (Chair), Chelsea Burns (Vice-Chair), Matt Land, Drake Hampton, Spencer Schumacher, Russell Taylor, Dale Weisman, and Drew Echelberger
Alternate BAC Members in Attendance: Jason Abels, Norman Richards, Chris Tolley, Eli Oldham, Timothy Litsinger, Shahin Amini and Mitch Ferro
Full BAC Members Absent: Jared Wiltshire
Alternate BAC Members Absent: Pablo Fierst Garcia

Call to Order.
BAC Chair Alejandro de la Vega called the Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM

Public Communication.
Nathan Sultze about Grove Boulevard redesign near ACC Riverside campus. October 15, protection was removed from part of the bicycle lane with parking introduced, creating a door-zone risk. A resident complained to the D3 City Council office, so the D3 office asked TPW to find space for street parking. Many large parking lots nearby, not many cars are parking there. No plans to reverse it right now. Concerns about the process of taking away protection from the bicycle lane based on a single resident complaint. Some discussion followed.

Matt Land read a statement on behalf of Clay Anderson. Discussed bicycle lane marking maintenance, and the layering/bumps from them. Concerns about both discomfort and safety. Request that TPW look at maintenance procedures and reconsider them. Christopher Stevens spoke up in support of Clay's concerns.

Isaac Dill spoke about a ride from Montopolis neighborhood to the ABIA airport. Would like to see a safe route between the two. Concern about accidents between bicycles and cars at US-71 intersection with Thornberry.

I. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes
Alejandro de la Vega moved to approve the last BAC meeting's minutes, and Drake Hampton seconded. Without objection, the motion prevailed.

II. Local traffic fatalities reported since the previous meeting

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Chair Alejandro de la Vega recognized Vice Chair Chelsea Burns to read the names of local traffic fatalities reported since the previous meetings:

October 14 is Austin's 69th 2026 traffic-related death. There had been 81 traffic-related deaths on this date in 2025.

III. Discussion and action regarding adoption of the Bicycle Advisory Council Draft Bylaw Amendments

Since the bylaw amendments had been voted on once before and are awaiting one final vote, Vice Chair Chelsea Burns moved to adopt the bylaw changes to the BAC, and Spencer Schumacher seconded. Without any opposition or abstention, the motion passed.

IV. Discussion and possible action regarding Draft Recommendation on UT Area Dismount Zone Alternative Bicycle Routes

Chair Alejandro de la Vega led discussion of a recommendation he drafted regarding Dean Keeton and the University area. Alejandro de la Vega moved to pass the recommendation, Chelsea Burns seconded. With no abstentions or objections, the motion passed.

V. Discussion and action on the Bicycle Advisory Council Elections

Elections were conducted for 2026–27 BAC Membership.

Full members elected: Alejandro de la Vega, Mitch Ferro, Jason Abels, Drew Echelberger, and Chris Tolley (one-year term)

Alternate members elected: Madison Mallett, Nicolaus Sherrill, Ge'Nell Gary, Kyra Matos, Ismael Abubaker, and Charles McNeil

Current Chair Alejandro de la Vega moved for Drake Hampton to become Chair and Mitch Ferro to become Vice Chair. Current Vice Chair Chelsea Burns seconded. Without abstentions or objections, the motion passed.

VI. Austin Transportation and Public Works Regional Project Update

Chair Alejandro de la Vega recognized Cody Stone, Project Delivery Division Manager, Austin Transportation and Public Works, to give a presentation regarding regional project updates, including with TxDOT, CAMPO, Travis County, Williamson County and City of Austin, and the coordination required to facilitate regional projects.

VII. Briefing on Concrete Barriers for Bike Lanes

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Chair Alejandro de la Vega recognized Nathan Willkes, Bikeways Program, Austin Transportation and Public Works, to present on bikeway protection shifting from flex posts to concrete curbs.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

The staff liaison shared that future agenda items include:

- New Member Orientation
- 2027 Calendar
- Subcommittees
- Presentation on Safe Routes to School
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Alejandro shared a project called BikeStreets.com, they're looking for crowdsourced routes in Austin, for folks to contribute to it.

Drew mentioned the upcoming Ciclovía, and Texas Active Trails and Transportation Conference.

November 11 is Bike Story Night at Holdout Brewing, Russell will be speaking. Will be good!

Without objection, BAC Chair Alejandro de la Vega adjourned the meeting at 8:34PM

The minutes were approved at the November 17, 2026, meeting with XX's motion, XX's second, on an 9-0 vote.

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