



**BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC)
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2017 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL – ROOM 1101
301 W. SECOND STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Tomasita Louviere-Ligons.

Full Members in Attendance:

Tomasita Louviere-Ligons – Chair
Kathryn Flowers – Vice Chair
Louis Alcorn

Tommy Eden
Tristan Heinen
James Lentz

Raquel Marie Ortega
Patricia Schaub

Full Members Absent:

Alicia Santiago

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Teresa Anderson
Katie Deoloz
Christopher Heathcott
John Koonz

Lori Merlino
George Michael Maroukis
Eryn Moris
David Orr

Tom Thayer
Tom Wald

Staff in Attendance:

Laura Dierenfield, ATD

Emily Smith, ATD

Guests in Attendance:

Sophia Benner
Steven Hyden

Jamie Maxwell

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Tom Wald: During the recent October 16 Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting, a positive BAC recommendation regarding the Near Northwest Corridor Study from February 2017 was included in the board member's backup and the BAC's motion from September 2017 requesting that CAMPO delay action on the 2045 CAMPO Regional Active Transportation Plan (RATP) was not. Tom will meet with CAMPO's Executive Director soon to discuss the timing and documentation of public input on the RATP.

3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting minutes were approved unanimously (8-0) on Louis Alcorn motion, Kathryn Flowers second with Alicia Santiago absent. The [approved minutes](#) can be found on the BAC's meeting documents [webpage](#).

4. ITEMS FROM BAC

A. Local Area Traffic Management Program (LATM) – Briefing

Mario Porras, Graduate Engineer with the Austin Transportation Department (ATD), briefed the BAC on ATD's LATM program, including how staff works to mitigate any potential negative impacts of installing traffic calming devices on a street to people biking and people with disabilities.

The [presentation](#) can be found on the BAC's meeting documents [webpage](#). More information on the LATM program can be found [here](#).

B. Pleasant Valley Road at Elmont Drive – Briefing and Possible Action

Upal Barua, Engineering Supervisor with the Austin Transportation Department (ATD), briefed the BAC on the improvements to [Pleasant Valley Road at Elmont Drive](#) funded by the 2016 Mobility Bond and currently under construction.

No action taken. The [presentation](#) can be found on the BAC's meeting documents [webpage](#).

5. ITEMS FROM STAFF

C. Smart Right Turns – Briefing

Upal Barua, Engineering Supervisor with the Austin Transportation Department (ATD), briefed the BAC on smart right turns, a new best practice in designing right-turn slip lanes which accommodates safer crossings. A smart right turn design was incorporated into the [Lamar Boulevard and Parmer Lane](#) safety improvement project.

The [presentation](#) can be found on the BAC's meeting documents [webpage](#). More information on the Transportation Safety Improvement Program can be found [here](#).

D. 2018 BAC Meeting Schedule – Discussion and Possible Action

A motion to approve the BAC's 2018 meeting schedule was adopted unanimously (9-0). In 2018, the BAC will meet on the following dates at 6 p.m. in the Austin City Hall Board Room 1027 (Executive Session), unless otherwise posted:

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| • January 16 | • May 15 | • September 18 |
| • February 20 | • June 19 | • October 16 |
| • March 20 | • July 17 | • November 20 |
| • April 17 | • August 21 | • December 18 |

6. STAFF AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Staff updates: Katherine Gregor, Communications Consultant with the Active Transportation and Street Design Division, announced the Love to Ride [#WinterWheelers](#) challenge, which will run December 1-25! To participate, people may register on [Love to Ride](#), invite their friends to join, and log their bike rides in December for a daily chance to win prizes.
- Pedestrian Advisory Council: No update due to time constraints.
- Urban Transportation Commission: No update due to time constraints.
- City Council Mobility Committee: No update due to time constraints.
- Vision Zero Task Force: No update due to time constraints.

7. FUTURE ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements:

The Bond Election Advisory Task Force is seeking public input in advance of offering its recommendations to Council for a 2018 bond package: people may take the survey [here](#) and read about upcoming town hall meetings [here](#).

Tom Wald encouraged BAC members to sign up for ATD's newsletter to stay up to date on local transportation projects and programs, and to keep tabs on potential future agenda items. People may subscribe to Austin Mobility News [here](#).

BAC Chair Tomasita Louviere-Lignons volunteered to attend [Vision Zero](#) Task Force meetings as BAC representative.

Sophia Benner (former BAC Chair) will continue to attend [Corridor Mobility Program](#) Focus Group meetings.

BAC Vice Chair Kathryn Flowers will be organizing a BAC orientation/retreat as well and initiate a standing subcommittee to review and propose revisions to the BAC bylaws in the coming year.

This is a running list of potential future agenda items that have been proposed by BAC members and/or staff which may be placed on a future BAC agenda. These items were not discussed by the BAC as part of this agenda:

- Local Mobility Annual Plan (December)
- Congress Avenue Bridge (December)
- Congress Avenue Streetscape and Urban Design Initiative
- Austin Street Design Guide
- Sidewalk Riding Code Changes
- Walk + Bike Talks

8. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. by Chair Tomasita Louviere-Lignons.