

BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL (BAC)
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 – 6:00 PM
AUSTIN CITY HALL – ROOM 1027
301 W. SECOND STREET AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Kathryn Flowers.

Full Members in Attendance:

Tomasita Louviere-Ligons (Chair)
Kathryn Flowers (Vice Chair)
Louis Alcorn

Tristan Heinen
James Lentz
Raquel Marie Ortega

Alicia Santiago
Patricia Schaub

Full Members Absent:

Tommy Eden

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Christopher Heathcott

John Koonz

Tom Thayer

Tom Wald

Alternate Members Absent:

Teresa Anderson

Katie Deoloz

Lori Merlino

Eryn Moris

City Staff in Attendance:

Emily Smith, Austin Transportation Department
Paul Terranova, ATD

Mike Schofield, ATD
Jesse Duncan, ATD

Guests in Attendance:

Adeliza Ramirez, Texas Department of Transportation
Adrian Martinez, TxDOT
Jennifer Zankowski, Jacobs Engineering and TxDOT
Heather Ashley-Nguyen, TxDOT
John Woodley
Bradley Sloan
Madeline Acri
Daniel Alvarado

Dallas Teston
Raul Castillo
Jason VanFickell
Jennifer Yager
Joe Deshotel
David Day
Jesse Duncan

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2018 MEETING MINUTES

The August 21, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as amended on Santiago motion, Heathcott second on an 8-0 vote with Louviere-Ligons not yet present and Thayer voting in Eden's place. The [approved minutes](#) can be found on the BAC's [webpage](#).

4. UPDATE ON FATALITIES IN AUSTIN CAUSED BY TRAFFIC CRASHES

Patricia Schaub read aloud the names of the eleven people reportedly killed in traffic crashes on Austin streets since the BAC last met: Jarrod Wayne Sowers, Kendall Taylor Dezelle, Brianna Nicole Polzine, Juvenal Rubio Martinez, Unidentified female, Michael Anthony Reed-Harper, Unidentified male, Jackson James Borg, Unidentified male, Unidentified male and Unknown male.

5. ITEMS FROM BAC

A. Loop 360 and Westlake Drive intersection project – Discussion and Possible Action

Adrian Martinez, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), gave a [presentation](#) regarding the [Loop 360 Program](#). Tom Wald presented draft recommendation language to the BAC which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC recommends a grade-separated, two-way, all-ages-and-abilities shared-use path (SUP) for the entirety of the Loop 360 corridor to be included in Loop 360 Program Projects and that:

- *the SUP be at least 16' wide on hills and at least 14' wide elsewhere;*
- *the SUP be paved and that the choice of materials and construction methods provide an industry-leading smooth surface, e.g. by using compressed asphalt, exclusively saw-cut concrete expansion and cracking seams, and/or other industry-leading methods;*
- *SUP target design speeds be kept to 30 mph minimum wherever possible, especially on hills;*
- *any fixed-object obstructions or hazards, such as railings, signs, ditches, utilities, and retaining walls, be kept at least 2' from the usable trail edge;*
- *path lighting be implemented on the corridor, especially in key areas;*
- *several pocket parks with benches, sun-shade, and drinking fountains be provided along the Loop 360 corridor;*
- *additional SUPs or other all-ages-and-abilities accommodations be provided for bicycle traffic to cross Loop 360 at intersections that provide crossing access for motor vehicles;*
- *additional SUPs of 8' minimum width be provided to connect to individual destinations along the Loop 360 corridor that will not otherwise have direct access via the primary Loop 360 SUP recommended here*

Action taken: a motion to approve the [recommendation](#) was adopted on Flowers motion, Ortega second on a 9-0 vote.

B. Parmer Lane (FM 734) from RM 1431 to SH 45 – Discussion and Possible Action

Adeliza Ramirez, (TxDOT), briefed the BAC on the [FM 734 from RM 1431 to SH 45](#) project. Tom Wald presented draft recommendation language to the BAC which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BAC recommends all-ages-and-abilities shared-use paths (SUPs) on both sides of FM 734 for the entirety of the Parmer Lane (FM 734) from RM 1431 to SH 45 Project and that:

- *the SUPs be at least 12' wide;*
- *the SUP be paved and that the choice of materials and construction methods provide an industry-leading smooth surface, e.g. by using compressed asphalt, exclusively saw-cut concrete expansion and cracking seams, and/or other industry-leading methods;*
- *SUP target design speeds be kept to 20 mph minimum wherever possible;*
- *any fixed-object obstructions or hazards, such as railings, signs, ditches, utilities, and retaining walls, be kept at least 2' from the usable trail edge;*
- *for any signalized crossing that requires user actuation, that actuation is either automatic (e.g. motion detection) or is via a mechanism (e.g. button) that is accessible to people on bicycles without requiring that they dismount;*
- *path lighting be implemented on the corridor, especially in key areas;*
- *additional SUPs or other all-ages-and-abilities accommodations be provided for bicycle traffic to cross at all intersections that provide access for motor vehicles to cross;*
- *if needed, width can be taken away from the median or travel lanes in order to provide for the SUPs*

Action taken: a motion to approve the [recommendation](#) was adopted on Schaub motion, Heinen second on a 9-0 vote.

C. Bicycle Parking – Discussion and Possible Action

Jesse Duncan, Austin Transportation Department (ATD) Active Transportation and Street Design Division, gave an overview of a [memo](#) that ATD prepared in response to [BAC Recommendation 20180821-05B](#). No action taken.

D. Recommendation Regarding City Code Section 8-1-31 (Use of Motor Vehicles in Parks) – Discussion and Possible Action

Patricia Schaub presented draft recommendation language to the BAC which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council recommends:

The creation of a 1-year pilot program beginning on October 1, 2018 by PARD and ATD staff to:

- 1. Study the use of e-bikes (independent of e-scooters) on Urban Trails;*
- 2. Observe and collect data on the modes, speeds and behavior of all users of Urban Trails; and*
- 3. Establish the framework for future amendments to PARD Park Use Rule 5 and City Code Section 8-1- 31 that:*
 - a) Respects the vision of Butler Trail as a quiet place for the community to enjoy nature in the city;*
 - b) Benefits the comfort and experience of all users of the trail, and minimizes potential conflicts;*
 - c) Includes education and outreach campaigns to promote safe biking practices and courteous trail use;*
 - d) Reclassifies electric bikes as a category aligned with city legal definitions of bicycles; Integrates the Urban Trails as a connection for legal e-bike users within the on-street all-ages-and-abilities bicycle network;*
- 4. Make recommendations for infrastructure improvements based on the findings of the pilot program;*
- 5. Report the findings of the pilot program to the BAC within three months of the end of the pilot program.*

Action taken: a motion to approve the [recommendation](#) was adopted on Schaub motion, Heinen second on a 9-0 vote.

6. UPDATES

None given due to time constraints.

7. FUTURE ITEMS

- Railroad crossings (Eden; TBD)
- Dockless mobility regulations (Ortega; TBD)
- Bike Parking (Ortega; TBD)
- Speedway through UT campus (Lentz; TBD)
- Parking Benefit Districts (Heinen, TBD)
- Public Works sealcoating (Lentz; TBD)
- Congress Avenue bridge (Schaub; TBD)

8. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. by Chair Tomasita Louviere-Lignons.