

Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 19, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
Austin City Hall – Room 1027 301 W. Second St. Austin, Texas

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Kathryn Flowers.

Full Members in Attendance:

Kathryn Flowers (Chair)
Tristan Heinen (Vice Chair)
Lori Merlino

Patricia Schaub
James Lentz
Yen Nguyen

Raquel Ortega

Full Members Absent:

Michelle LeBlanc

Louis Alcorn

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Christopher Heathcott
Nils Brown
John Koonz

Eryn Moris
Daniel Alvarado
Carol Fraser

Tom Wald
Curtis Rogers
Matthew McGee

Alternate Members Absent:

David Barrientos

City Staff in Attendance:

Emily Smith, Austin Transportation Department (ATD)
Laura Dierenfield, ATD
Mike Schofield, ATD

Avi Laudon, ATD
Lewis Leff, ATD
Jen Samp, ATD

Guests in Attendance:

Jim Walker, UT Austin
Dottie Watkins, Capital Metro
Gardner Tabon, Capital Metro
Nadia Barrera-Ramirez, Capital Metro

Tommy Eden
Rémy Greinhofer
Healy Marroy
Kaz Wojtewicz

Chris Riley
Jackson Barton, Daily Texan
Hailey Brey
Ryan Thorton, Austin Monitor

1. Introductions

2. Public Communication: General

- Rémy Greinhofer: spoke in favor of dockless mobility service operators sharing Application Programming Interface (API) data with the City of Austin
- John Koonz: spoke about [Cyclist Video Evidence](#), an organization promoting the use of safety cameras by cyclists and other vulnerable road users in order to report near misses into an Incident Management System
- Tyler Weston: spoke about infrastructure improvements needed for bike safety across the city

3. Approval of January 2019 Meeting Minutes: The January 15, 2019 [meeting minutes](#) were approved on Merlino motion, Heathcott second on a 7-0 vote with Alcorn and LeBlanc absent.

4. Traffic Fatalities Reported Since Last BAC Meeting: Patricia Schaub read aloud the names of the eight people killed in traffic crashes on Austin streets since the BAC last met: Jesus Servantez, David Hillburn Sell, Ann Botten-Seago, Laura Wray, Anthony Diaz, Mark Sands, Trevor James Ralston, and Messiah Zion Mouton.

5. Parking Districts: Jason Redfern, Austin Transportation Department Parking Enterprise Division Manager, gave a [presentation](#) on [Parking Benefit Districts](#) and [Parking and Transportation Districts](#).

6. Recommendation Regarding the Implementation of Mobility Improvements to San Jacinto Blvd through UT Austin: Kathryn Flowers proposed draft recommendation language to the BAC which, after debate and amendment, read as follows: *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) recommends the rapid implementation of mobility improvements to this section of San Jacinto that prioritize safety of people walking and biking above all other considerations, such as:*

- the creation of protected bicycle lanes or a cycle track
- the elimination of private vehicle access and parking in the corridor
- bus curb control that does not conflict with other users
- raised crosswalks
- improved sidewalks;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends the immediate elimination of angled-in parking on this section of San Jacinto and the establishment of a temporary protected all ages and abilities bicycle and scooter facility until a permanent solution can be established, with two example cross sections given below:



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends that Capital Metro establish a policy stating that the sharing of lanes between bicycles and transit vehicles is not safe for cyclists of all ages and abilities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends the University of Texas adopt Vision Zero policy and create a Bicycle Master Plan in cooperation with the City of Austin in accordance with National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) street design standards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BAC recommends the University of Texas expeditiously implement life-saving mobility improvements on areas within its jurisdiction to prevent the death of vulnerable populations including the students, faculty, and staff who put their trust in the institution every day to keep them safe.

The [recommendation](#) was adopted on Ortega motion, Alvarado second on a 7-0 vote with Alcorn and LeBlanc absent. Staff will share the recommendation with the appropriate UT Austin and Capital Metro staff.

Curtis Rogers proposed that the BAC sign on to a [joint statement](#) that Bike Austin is gathering signatures for. A motion to approve this action was adopted on Lentz motion, Heathcott second on a 7-0 vote with Alcorn and LeBlanc absent.

7. BAC standing subcommittees:

- Kathryn Flowers: the TxDOT subcommittee will meet on Thursday, February 26
- John Koonz: shared an Excel doc of upcoming Travis County projects

8. City updates + general announcements

- **Pedestrian Advisory Council:** In February the PAC received a briefing on Parking Districts and adopted a recommendation regarding minimum parking requirements.
- **Staff:** attend the Feb 20 open house on [Alexander Avenue, Clarkson Avenue, E. 34th Street](#) proposed safety and mobility changes at Maplewood Elementary!

9. Future Agenda Items

- Draft ASMP (Staff; March)
- Responsible Rider Ordinance (Staff; March)
- Guadalupe Contraflow Lane (Staff; April)
- Bike Plan progress update (Brown; April)
- Parking Districts (Heinen; TBD)
- Bike Parking (Ortega, TBD)
- Congress Avenue bridge (Schaub; TBD)
- Level of Service (LOS) (Lentz; TBD)
- South First Street Bridge (Flowers; TBD)
- Longhorn Dam (Flowers; TBD)
- 2016 Bond Corridors (Flowers; TBD)
- Speedway through UT campus (Lentz; TBD)
- Public Works sealcoating (Lentz; TBD)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. by Kathryn Flowers.