

Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday July 16, 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 6:00 p.m. by Chair Kathryn Flowers.

Full Members in Attendance:

Kathryn Flowers (Chair)	James Lentz	Patricia Schaub
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Full Members Absent:

Tristan Heinen (Vice Chair)	Raquel Marie Ortega	Lori Merlino
Louis Alcorn	Michelle LeBlanc	

Alternate Members in Attendance:

Christopher Heathcott	John Koonz	Eryn Moris
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Alternate Members Absent:

Carol Fraser	David Barrientos	Matthew McGee	Tom Wald
Curtis Rogers	Nils Brown	Daniel Alvarado	

City Staff in Attendance:

Emily Smith, Austin Transportation	Eric Bollich, Austin Transportation
Mary Vo, Austin Transportation	Lewis Leff, Austin Transportation
Ashley Greenstein, Austin Transportation	Sophia Benner, Austin Transportation

Guests in Attendance:

Lonny Stern, Capital Metro	Tommy Eden	David Knipp
Mac Bruce	Rémy Greinhofer	Casey Ellingson

1. Introductions

2. Public Communication

- Rémy Greinhofer – presented viz.scrapd.org: a tool that automatically collects data about reported traffic fatalities in Austin and renders it on a modern dashboard
- John Koonz – a public hearing regarding a no-turn-away bike camping policy will be held by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on August 21
- David Knipp – City Council will consider action regarding the city's [electric pedicab pilot program](#) soon

3. Approval of June 2019 Meeting Minutes: The June 18, 2019 [meeting minutes](#) were approved on a 6 - 0 vote with Heinen, Alcorn, Ortega, LeBlanc, and Merlino absent and Heathcott, Koonz, and Moris voting as full members for the purposes of the meeting.

4. Traffic Fatalities Reported Since Last BAC Meeting: Patricia Schaub read aloud the names and ages of two people whose deaths due to traffic crashes on Austin streets were reported since the BAC last met as well as the locations at which the crashes occurred:

1. *Brendan James O'Connor, age 31 – Webberville Rd. and Springdale Rd.*
2. *Leslie Valderrama, age 27 – 4600 E. Ben White Blvd*

Schaub noted that there have been 40 traffic fatalities this year and that at this time in 2018 there had been 31.

5. **Smart Trips Austin 2019 Launch:** A presentation was made by Ashley Greenstein, Austin Transportation Department and Lonny Stern, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority. More info can be found at smartripsaustin.org.
6. **Updated Speed Management Program Framework:** A presentation was made by Lewis Leff and Eric Bollich, Austin Transportation Department. More info can be found at austintexas.gov/speedmanagement.
7. **Recommendation regarding Duval Street (San Jacinto Boulevard to 53rd Street):** Tristan Heinen submitted draft recommendation language prior to the meeting which, after debate and amendment, read as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) recommends that the bicycle lanes with painted buffers on Duval Street from San Jacinto Boulevard to 53rd Street have physical protection added to them for as much of the length as practicable as soon as possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that parking be prohibited in the Duval Street bicycle lanes between 51st and 53rd St at all times as soon as possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that the bicycle lanes on Duval Street be striped through the intersections south of 45th St as soon as possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that an additional pedestrian crossing be considered for installation on Duval Street between 45th and 51st St to further calm vehicular speeds and improve pedestrian safety;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that in the long term, the bicycle lane along Duval Street be routed behind bus stop bulb outs to maintain as continuous of physical protection as possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that in general, the City of Austin seek to reduce conflicts between car parking and active transportation facilities primarily through street design rather than signage, education or enforcement.

The [recommendation](#) was adopted on a 6-0 vote with Heinen, Alcorn, Ortega, LeBlanc, and Merlino absent and Heathcott, Koonz, and Moris voting as full members for the purposes of the meeting.

8. **Updates/Announcements:** Staff liaison Emily Smith encouraged meeting attendees to participate in the following:
 - Speed Management Program [survey](#) (through August 10)
 - Lower Boggy Creek Trail [survey](#) (through August 11)
 - [Wickersham Lane](#) comment period (through August 11)
 - Project Connect [Open Houses](#) (ongoing)
9. **Future Agendas:** No new items were discussed.
10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Chair Kathryn Flowers.