

Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes
Monday September 14, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
Via Videoconferencing

Full Members in Attendance:

Kimberly Levinson	Patricia Schaub	Adam Greenfield
Caroline Bailey	Mark Wochner	Branigan Mulcahy

Full Members Absent:

Nicholas Armstrong	Anna Bauereis	Justin Henderson
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Alternate Members in Attendance:

Jacqueline Ahmad	Jay Crossley	Heyden Walker	Aisling O'Reilly
Katherine Cox	Brooke Shannon	Mary Ward	

Alternate Members Absent:

Gopal Krishnan	Nicole McGrath	Edwin Maldonado
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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Adam Greenfield.

1. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** The August 2020 [minutes](#) were approved as amended on a 6-0 vote with Armstrong, Bauereis, and Henderson absent.
2. **Traffic fatalities reported since previous PAC meeting:** Kimberly Levinson read aloud the names of people whose deaths due to traffic crashes on Austin streets were reported since the PAC last met: Olivia Sanders, Charlotte Dukes, Sarah Christina Dabadie, Jose Martin Zamarripa Jr., and Julian Murillo.
3. **Brief update on recent and upcoming active transportation projects:** Laura Dierenfield of Austin Transportation updated the PAC on [Longhorn Dam Multimodal Improvements](#) (Additional analysis along this section of South Pleasant Valley Road led staff to update the scope of the near-term interim improvements to align with the safety needs of people driving, rolling, and walking in the area) and [Congress Avenue](#) (Austin Transportation will install permanent protected bicycle lanes on Congress Avenue between Riverside Drive and 11th Street this fall.)
4. **Proposed bylaw amendment(s):** Staff liaison Emily Smith summarized [proposed amendments](#) to the PAC's bylaws intended to simplify the PAC's membership elections process, which the PAC had finalized at their previous meeting. A motion to adopt the amendments was approved on a 6-0 vote with Armstrong, Bauereis, and Henderson absent.
5. **Smart Trips Austin citywide program:** A [presentation](#) was given by Ashley Greenstein of Austin Transportation and Lonny Stern of Capital Metro.
6. **Draft Climate Equity Plan:** A [presentation](#) was given by Zach Baumer, Celine Rendon and Marc Coudert of the Office of Sustainability. Chair Adam Greenfield presented draft recommendation language which, after debate and amendment, read as follows: *NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the PAC recommends the following be integrated into the Draft Austin Climate Equity Plan (ACEP):* ● A goal be set to reduce regional Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by meaningful and ambitious levels ● All roads wider than two vehicle lanes have all such additional lanes reallocated to non-automobile transportation modes by 2030 ● No rights of way within Austin city limits be expanded to create more space for automobiles, although the street network should be enhanced to create better connectivity and eliminate dead end streets ● Minimum parking requirements, except for ensuring sufficient ADA parking, be eliminated citywide ● A plan be developed for converting an ambitious percentage of surface level parking and parking structures to other uses ● Align this plan to greatly increase compact and connected density within the City, as called for in Imagine Austin, with the goal of maximizing accessible walkability in all neighborhoods as soon as possible, and to reduce car dependency while also increasing green spaces within the city ● More assertively stress the scale of the climate emergency and how it will require a radical transformation to our way of life
A motion to approve the [recommendation](#) was adopted on a 5-0 vote with Armstrong, Bauereis, Henderson, and Mulcahy absent.
7. **Updates and Announcements:** Staff and PAC members gave updates regarding the Bicycle Advisory Council and Urban Transportation Commission's recent and upcoming meetings.
8. **Future Agenda Items:** No discussion.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. by Chair Adam Greenfield.