

Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) DRAFT Meeting Summary
Tuesday March 16, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.
Via Videoconferencing

Full Members in Attendance: Briana Cohen, Tommy Eden, Stephanie Webb, Jake Boone, Christopher Heathcott, Patricia Shaub **Full Members Absent:** G.P Salvaggio, Kelly Braun and Kain Smith **Alternate Members in Attendance:** Curtis Rogers, Leslie Case, Brian Anderson, Meghan Otoupalik, Gregory Go, Daniel Riegel and Russel Taylor. **Alternate Members Absent:** Marsha Fatino, Alice Maz, Kathryn Flowers

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chair Briana Cohen.

1. Capital Metro Project Connect Blue and Orange Lines Scoping – Briefing and Action.

Jackie Nirenberg, Community Involvement Manager of Capital Metro shared a [presentation](#) on Project Connect followed by a [presentation](#) by AECOMM consultant Kimberly Feldbauer on the Orange Line and Blue Line projects.

BAC Chair Briana Cohen presented draft recommendation language which, after discussion, was moved by Heathcott, seconded by Eden and unanimously approved 6-0, with Salvaggio, Braun and Smith absent

[Resolution 20210316-001](#), excerpted here as follows:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that all Projects allow for the design and operation of multimodal city streets using target speeds, design speeds, and posted speeds of 30 mph or less in accordance with NACTO and City of Austin design guidelines, including sufficient safety lighting for all users;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that all Projects allow for minimal implementation of slip lanes and that any slip lanes in the Project corridors be designed with tight tolerances and clear sight lines to crossing walkways and bikeways that slow right turns to improve safety for people crossing those slip lanes, and that crossings be raised;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that all Projects allow for the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure like street furniture, water fountains, and tree plantings, improve environmental quality, and provide shade without displacing or preventing people using the space. Trees should be between fast-moving cars and people to add safety and comfort for vulnerable road users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that any above-ground bridges proposed as part the Projects allow for the inclusion of separated pedestrian sidewalks and high-comfort bikeways;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends schedules that accommodate the needs of late night, very early morning commuters and travelers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that all rail lines and bus lines proposed as part of the Projects allow for the safe and convenient transport of bicycles and micro-mobility devices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends that the location of service stops on all rail lines and bus lines proposed as part of the Projects be designed in consideration to the City of Austin's Bicycle Plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC recommends immediately adopting an open option parking plan within five miles of each proposed stop along the new transit lines;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, for commuter lines that have limited space for bikes, the BAC recommends there be bikeshare access and bike lockers at all of the stops and that the use of a bikeshare bike be included in the commuter line trip fare.

2. Future Agenda Items: No discussion

3. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. by Chair Briana Cohen.