

**Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday September 21, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Via Videoconferencing**

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

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Briana Cohen.

**Approval of previous meeting minutes:** The August 17, 2021 BAC meeting [minutes](#) were approved, as amended, on a 6-0 vote with Selvaggio, Boone, and Smith absent.

- 1. Traffic fatalities reported since previous BAC meeting:** No traffic fatalities reported.
- 2. Blanton Museum Redesign - Discussion and Possible Action:** University of Texas Director of Project Management and Construction Services Mike Carmagnola presented on Blanton Museum Redesign. BAC members presented draft recommendation language which, after discussion, was moved by Heathcott and seconded by Webb and unanimously approved on a 6-0 vote with Selvaggio, Boone and Smith absent. The [recommendation](#) reads in part:

**Bicycle Advisory Council Recommendation -**  
**Blanton Museum of Art: New Grounds Initiative**  
**Recommendation 20210921-001**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BAC recommends the final design of the New Grounds Initiative should include provisions for connecting bicyclists from the southern terminus of Speedway to Congress Avenue and with the bike lanes along Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, including both a route between the two main Blanton buildings and around the west side of the buildings;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BAC recommends the New Grounds Initiative maintain ample bicycle parking both during construction and in the final design to provide greater accessibility to patrons who reach the Blanton Museum of Art by bicycle;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BAC recommends that all temporary traffic control related to the construction of the new grounds maintains bicycle access to and through the area without unnecessary closures and overly long detours;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BAC recommends that any temporary traffic control related to the construction of the new grounds that affects bicyclists gives sufficient advance notice of traffic pattern changes and that any temporary changes are clearly signed;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BAC requests UT Austin follow-up with specific designs for a dedicated bike path and connectivity, as well as bike parking facilities with lockers.

- 3. Project Connect Red Line Design Input:** Project Connect staff King Kaul, Sharmila Mukherjee, and Jackie Nirenberg presented on the Red Line design while Public Works Staff Katie Wettick answered questions related to the Red Line Parkway. BAC Members provided feedback and input. No action taken.
- 4. Cypress and Shoal Creek Presentation** – Nina Rinaldi of Shoal Creek Conservancy [presented](#) on the Cypress and Shoal Creek Conservancy plans. BAC members provided feedback and draft recommendation language which, after discussion, was moved by Webb and seconded by Cohen and unanimously approved on a 6-0 vote with Selvaggio, Boone and Smith absent. The [recommendation](#) reads in part:

**Bicycle Advisory Council Recommendation -  
Regarding the Bowie Underpass Project and Cypress & Shoal Creek Public Space Strategy  
Recommendation 20210921-002**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BAC recommends that

- (i) the City recommit appropriate and necessary staffing and resources to complete the Bowie Underpass Project and
- ii) the City consult and engage local stakeholders, community groups, and other affected parties to develop creative solutions that will bring about the completion of the Bowie Underpass Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BAC recommends that in the event staff fail to secure the agreements necessary for the Bowie Underpass to proceed, Council should require staff to report back to Council with details regarding the specific obstacles and costs involved by October 31st, 2021, so that Council and the public can consider next steps;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BAC recommends that in the event the Bowie Underpass Project cannot be completed as intended, then the City consider alternative bicycle and pedestrian connections between the Pfluger Street Bridge and the Market District, including for example an open call design and public input process similar to the [Longhorn Dam](#) proposals and alternatives;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the City decides to reallocate the \$6.6 million in funds earmarked for the Bowie Underpass Project, such funds be spent in accordance with the goals and priorities identified in the ACCP, ASMP, and the City's Institutional Racism and Systemic Inequities Report, which include but are not limited to

- (i) significantly reducing carbon emissions resulting from transportation and land-use;
- (ii) building "active transportation access for all ages and abilities on sidewalk, bicycle, and urban trail systems" and
- (iii) furthering the development and preservation of "actual affordable communities on transportation corridors".

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BAC recommends that the Austin City Council

i) adopt the Cypress & Shoal Creek Public Space Strategy as the guiding document for public space improvements in and proximate to the Seaholm District and

ii) amend the Seaholm TIF Project Plan to enable the use of TIF funds to be used for construction of Cypress & Shoal Creek public space improvements.

**5. BAC Google Group Communications-** BAC Chair Cohen gave brief updates on the use of the BAC google group and other forms of communication. No action taken.

**6. Updates and Announcements:** No updates given

**7. Future Agenda Items** -No future agenda items discussed.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by Chair Briana Cohen