

Bicycle Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 22, 2021, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Via Videoconferencing

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Briana Cohen.

- 1. Approval of previous meeting minutes:** The May 18th, 2021 BAC meeting [minutes](#) were approved, as amended, on a 7-0 vote with Smith and Selvaggio absent.
- 2. Traffic fatalities reported since previous BAC meeting:** BAC Member Brian Anderson read aloud the names of nine people whose deaths due to traffic crashes on Austin streets were reported since the BAC last met: Russell Charles McKiernan, Lateisha D. Washington, Brian J. Box, John Doe, Jaime Macias, Capri Marie Reddix, Deja Hardeman, Karen Everlena Barnes, James Zachary Paxton, Joseph Cable Barnes, Rickey Delton Gonzales, Margaret A. Brubeck.
- 3. Future Traffic Strategies Briefing and Recommendation:** BAC Chair Briana Cohen presented draft recommendation language which, after discussion, was moved by Webb, seconded by Taylor and unanimously approved 7-0, with Selvaggio and Smith absent. The [recommendation](#) reads, in part:

**Bicycle Advisory Council Recommendation in response to Future
Traffic Safety Strategies in Austin**

Recommendation 20210622-001

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council requests the City of Austin and City Council take actionable steps toward eliminating inequitable impacts of law enforcement on black, indigenous, and people of color, including:

- a. Create a violation standard to eliminate racial profiling at traffic stops;
- b. Create detailed processes to safeguard against disproportionately targeting people of color that go beyond unconscious bias training and racial equity training;
- c. Transfer some policing functions of traffic enforcement to non-police agencies that address unsafe behaviors by road users, especially drivers;
- d. Invest in solutions centered on education and engineering that build safer streets and movement for people biking, walking, using transit, and anyone using roads;
- e. Monitor for possible patterns of sampling bias, underreporting of encounters or arrests, and submissions of plans for development and improvement;

- f. Address communities reporting an inordinate number of stops for cyclists and pedestrians of color;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the BAC suggests the City of Austin and City Council continue to collaborate with Reimagining Public Safety Task Force Community Members and Agencies, including Austin Justice Coalition, Just Liberty, Grassroots Leadership, and Texas Appleseed, as well as the Equity Office and other groups working on law enforcement issues to re-envision public safety, examine data around disproportionate traffic enforcement, and create a standard to eliminate racial profiling at traffic stops.

- 4. Shoal Creek Trail Pilot Project Briefing and Recommendation:** BAC Member Kathryn Flowers presented draft recommendation language which, after discussion, was moved by Heathcott, seconded by Webb and unanimously approved 7-0, with Selvaggio, and Smith absent. The [recommendation](#) reads, in part:

**Bicycle Advisory Council Recommendation -
West 31st Street/Shoal Creek Boulevard Safety and Mobility Pilot
Recommendation 20210622-002**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bicycle Advisory Council requests the City of Austin implement a permanent trail connection at 31st-34th Street that fulfills the following minimum criteria:

- Prioritizes the safety and comfort of the most vulnerable road users
- Preserves accessibility for individuals with the lowest mobility and ability levels
- Maintains a minimum width of 12 feet with separated lanes for cyclists and pedestrians, per NACTO's guidelines on ideal widths for shared use paths, with a width of 14 feet preferred if possible
- Preserve the new all-way stop at 34th Street and Shoal Creek Boulevard and consider adding signage to draw attention to the bicycle and pedestrian crossing
- Provide protection along the entire length of the in-street shared use path, with a strong preference for a 2-3 foot buffer and flex posts spaced so as to prevent cars from pulling into the bicycle lane between posts (i.e. 10 feet)

- 5. Refraction AI Delivery Robots Discussion.** BAC Member Russell Taylor introduced a discussion of the Refraction AI delivery robot operating in Austin. Jacob Culberson and Alex Payson of the Austin Transportation Department answered questions. No action taken.

- 6. Updates and Announcements:** No updates offered.

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

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by Chair Briana Cohen.