

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Bicycle Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin TX, Classroom E
January 26, 2015

BAC Committee Members Present and Participating:

Billy Hibbs, Chair
Howard Peak
Margaret Charlesworth
Robert Gonzales
Anne-Marie Williamson
Ramiro Gonzalez
David Steiner
Allison Blazosky
Karla Weaver
Jason Fialkoff

BAC Committee Members Participating Telephonically:

Russ Frank, Vice-chair

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Teri Kaplan, Statewide Bicycle / Pedestrian Coordinator (PTN)
Donna Roberts, Program Services Manager (PTN)
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager (PTN)
James Koch, Director, Transportation Planning and Program Division (TPP)

Also Present:

Genevieve Bales, FHWA
Steve Ratke, FHWA
Jesse Blouin, CH2M Hill
Stephanie Lind, CH2M Hill
Anita Bradley, Texas Transportation Commission Assistant (Participating via teleconference)
Robin Stallings, BikeTexas

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Billy Hibbs called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety Briefing.

Josh Ribakove provided a safety briefing at 10:01 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2014 Meeting (Action).

MOTION Robert Gonzales moved to approve the October 20, 2014, meeting minutes, subject to a few minor corrections.

SECOND David Steiner seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 10:04 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Report from BAC Chair.

Billy Hibbs gave a brief report and then asked all committee members to introduce themselves and provide some background on their strengths and interests related to BAC at 10:05 A.M.

Comments from Billy Hibbs, Howard Peak, Margaret Charlesworth, Robert Gonzales, Ann-Marie Williamson, Ramiro Gonzalez, David Steiner, Allison Blazosky, Karla Weaver, Jason Fialkoff and Russ Frank.

AGENDA ITEM 5: TxDOT's Public Transportation Division Director's report to the BAC regarding statewide bicycle and pedestrian matters.

Eric Gleason began his report at 10:47 A.M. During Mr. Gleason's report, James Koch gave a presentation focused on Proposition 1 funding, and consultants Jesse Blouin and Stephanie Lind were introduced.

Questions and comments from Billy Hibbs, Ramiro Gonzalez, Ann-Marie Williamson, David Steiner, Robert Gonzales and Karla Weaver.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Discussion of TxDOT's 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program Call for Projects, including timeline, eligible activities, eligible project sponsors, and funding available (Action).

Teri Kaplan, TxDOT's Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, gave a report on all of the above at 11:08 A.M.

Questions and comments from Billy Hibbs, Eric Gleason, Karla Weaver, Ann-Marie Williamson, Margaret Charlesworth, Donna Roberts, Jason Fialkoff and Genevieve Bales.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Discussion of TxDOT's bicycle and pedestrian strategic direction initiative (Action).

Discussion of this item, led by Eric Gleason, began at 11:38 A.M.

Questions and comments from Billy Hibbs, Margaret Charlesworth, Jesse Blouin and Jason Fialkoff.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Update from committee members on local and statewide issues.

Discussion of this item, led by Billy Hibbs, began at 12:08 P.M. Each committee member was given an opportunity to discuss issues in their regions.

Comments from Robert Gonzales, Jason Fialkoff, Teri Kapln, Karla Weaver, Ramiro Gonzalez, Eric Gleason, Margaret Charlesworth, Ann-Marie Williamson, David Steiner, Allison Blazosky and Howard Peak.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Public Comment.

Robin Stallings of BikeTexas commented regarding bicycle and pedestrian funding in Texas as well as various specification manuals for bicycle and pedestrian projects, including AASHTO, NACTO and the MUTCD beginning at 1:15 P.M.

Questions and comments from Billy Hibbs, Karla Weaver, Jason Fialkoff, Ramiro Gonzalez, Teri Kaplan and Eric Gleason.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Discussion of BAC 2015 meeting schedule and agenda items for future BAC meetings; confirm date of next BAC meeting (Action).

Discussion of this item, led by Teri Kaplan, began at 1:32 P.M. The date of the next meeting is still to be determined.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Adjourn

MOTION Ann-Marie Williamson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 P.M.

SECOND Howard Peak.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 P.M.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

Josh Ribakove
Public Transportation Division

Billy Hibbs
Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee