

## **MINUTES FOR ADOPTION**

Bicycle Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting  
200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin TX, Classroom e  
April 29, 2016

### **BAC Committee Members Present and Participating:**

Billy Hibbs, Chair  
Karla Weaver  
David Steiner  
Ann-Marie Williamson  
Allison Blazosky  
Robert Gonzales

### **BAC Committee Members Participating Telephonically:**

Romero Gonzalez

### **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)  
Terry Pence, Section Director, Traffic Safety (TRF)

### **Also Present and Participating:**

Stephanie Lind, CH2M Hill  
Veronica Vela Whitacre, City Commissioner, McAllen TX

### **AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.**

Billy Hibbs began the proceedings at 10:01 A.M.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety Briefing.**

Josh Ribakove provided a safety briefing at 10:02 A.M.

### **AGENDA ITEM 10, part 1 (taken out of order): Public Comment.**

Veronica Vela Whitacre, City Commissioner, McAllen, TX, spoke at 10:03 A.M. Ms. Whitacre gave a presentation on what the City of McAllen has done to become more bicycle-friendly.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2015 Meeting (Action).**

Billy Hibbs introduced this item at 10:16 A.M.

**MOTION** Allison Blazosky moved to approve the January 29, 2016, meeting minutes.

**SECOND** Karla Weaver seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 10:16 A.M.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Report from BAC Chair.**

Billy Hibbs delivered his report beginning at 10:17 A.M. Topics covered included 1) a recap from the March Commission meeting in which Billy and Eric spoke 2) a discussion about how to report bicycle safety concerns and 3) Billy introduced TxDOT's new bicycle jersey and offered to purchase one jersey for each BAC member.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Report from TxDOT's Public Transportation Division Director regarding statewide bicycle and pedestrian matters.**

Eric Gleason delivered his report beginning at 10:28 A.M. Topics included the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and BikeStripe.

Comments and discussion: Karla Weaver, Eric Gleason.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Presentation and discussion on implementing TxDOT's *Bicycle and Pedestrian Strategic Direction Report*. (Action)**

Teri Kaplan began this presentation at 10:39 A.M.

Questions/Comments: Karla Weaver, Billy Hibbs, Eric Gleason, Teri Kaplan.

No action taken.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Discussion on Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure funding. (Action)**

Terry Pence began this presentation at 10:46 A.M. He presented an event kit created by TxDOT for use by schools in seatbelt awareness campaigns and suggested that a similar kit could be created for a campaign around bicycle safety awareness.

Questions/Comments: Billy Hibbs, Robert Gonzales, Eric Gleason, Teri Kaplan, Terry Pence.

No action taken.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Discussion on development of TxDOT's webpage for TxDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program. (Action)**

Stephanie Lind led this discussion beginning at 11:00 A.M. She gave an update on the progress of the project and opened the discussion for questions and comments.

Questions/Comments: Billy Hibbs, Karla Weaver, Eric Gleason

**AGENDA ITEM 9: Update from committee members on local and statewide issues.**

Billy Hibbs introduced this item at 11:08 A.M.

Contributions from Romero Gonzalez, Allison Blazosky, Karla Weaver, Ann-Marie Williamson, David Steiner, and Robert Gonzales.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: Public Comment.**

Robin Stallings of BikeTexas spoke at 11:22. Topics included the relative value and usefulness of striped and protected bike lanes; funds that are flexed for various uses by TxDOT; TxDOT's highway rest stops; and possible bicycling routes across Texas, both east-west and north-south. Bike Texas was invited to give a presentation on developing connections to the U. S. Bike Route System in July.

Comments and discussion: Billy Hibbs, Allison Blazosky, Romero Gonzalez, Karla Weaver, Eric Gleason, Robin Stallings.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: Discussion of BAC 2016 meeting schedule and agenda items for future BAC meetings; confirm date of next BAC meeting (Action).**

This item was skipped.

**AGENDA ITEM 13: Adjourn (Action).**

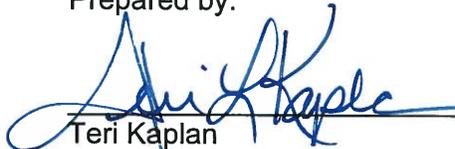
Billy Hibbs opened this item at 11:33 P.M.

**MOTION** Ann-Marie Williamson moved to adjourn the meeting.

**SECOND** Roberto Gonzales seconded the motion.

The motion passed at 11:33 A.M. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:

  
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Approved by:

  
Billy Hibbs  
Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee