

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Bicycle Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
125 E. 11th Street, Austin TX, Delegation Room
July 29, 2016

BAC Committee Members Present and Participating:

Billy Hibbs, Chair
Russ Frank, Vice Chair
Robert Gonzales
David Steiner
Allison Kaplan
Shawn Twing
Ramiro Gonzalez
Karla Weaver
Anne-Marie Williamson
Joseph Pitchford
Allison Blazosky

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Jeff Austin III, Commissioner, Texas Transportation Commission
Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Teri Kaplan, Statewide Bicycle / Pedestrian Coordinator (PTN)
Josh Ribakove, Communications Manager (PTN)

FHWA Present and Participating:

Genevieve Bales
Donny Hamilton, Jr.

Also Present and Participating:

Stephanie Lind, CH2M Hill
Robin Stallings, BikeTexas
Beth Nobles, BikeTexas
Mark Stein, BikeTexas

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Billy Hibbs began the proceedings 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 April 29, 2016 Meeting (Action).

Billy Hibbs introduced this item at 10:04 A.M.

MOTION David Steiner moved to approve the April 29, 2016, meeting minutes.

SECOND Robert Gonzales seconded the motion.

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

AGENDA ITEM 5 (taken out of order): Report from TxDOT's Public Transportation Division Director regarding statewide bicycle and pedestrian matters.

Eric Gleason opened this item at 10:04 A.M. He introduced Texas Transportation Commissioner Jeff Austin III, who spoke about the role of advisory committees; funding and the UTP; TxDOT's LAR; TxDOT's FTE count; and TxDOT's *Don't Mess with Texas* campaign. Commissioner Austin also mentioned that in addition to TxDOT, the Parks & Wildlife Department has a funding source that can be used for bicycle/pedestrian projects.

At 10:18 Eric Gleason recognized committee members whose terms would expire before the next meeting. Next he recognized CH2M Hill consultant Stephanie Lind and spoke about her accomplishments during her time at TxDOT. Other topics included the committee's Strategic Direction Report; BikeStripe; the establishment of an internal TxDOT bicycle/pedestrian program workgroup; TxDOT's forthcoming bike/ped updates to its website; FHWA deadlines for TAP projects; and data collection re: bike use.

AGENDA ITEM 4 (taken out of order): Report from BAC Chair.

Billy Hibbs delivered his report beginning at 10:28 A.M. Topics included BikeTexas and the committee's bike jerseys.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Presentation from North Central Texas Council of Governments on Regional Active Transportation Planning in North Texas.

Karla Weaver began this presentation at 10:32 A.M.

Questions/Comments: Commissioner Austin, Eric Gleason, Russ Frank, Ramiro Gonzalez, Joseph Pitchford, Billy Hibbs, and Robin Stallings (BikeTexas).

Billy Hibbs asked Robert Gonzales to give a presentation on the El Paso Bike Plan at the next BAC meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Presentation from BikeTexas on developing connections to the U.S. Bike Route System in Texas (N/S and E/W).

Billy Hibbs introduced Beth Nobles from BikeTexas, who began this presentation at 10:58 A.M. She started with a video "How Bicycles Can Fix Small Town America" and then continued with her presentation.

Questions/Comments: Commissioner Austin, Eric Gleason, Teri Kaplan, Billy Hibbs, Karla Weaver, Joseph Pitchford, Russ Frank, David Steiner, Ramiro Gonzalez, Genevieve Bales (FHWA), Donny Hamilton, Jr. (FHWA), Robin Stallings, Mark Stein (BikeTexas).

AGENDA ITEM 8: Discussion on planning a bike ride for BAC members in October 2016. (Action)

Billy Hibbs began this presentation at 12:01 P.M.

Questions/Comments: Eric Gleason, Teri Kaplan, Anne-Marie Williamson, David Steiner, Karla Weaver, Shawn Twing, Robin Stallings.

No action taken.

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

Billy Hibbs introduced this item at 12:08 A.M.

Contributions from Romero Gonzalez, Shawn Twing, Allison Kaplan, David Steiner, Robert Gonzales, Russ Frank, Karla Weaver, Anne-Marie Williamson, Joseph Pitchford, and Allison Blazosky.

Questions/comments: Commissioner Austin, Eric Gleason, Billy Hibbs, Teri Kaplan, Robin Stallings.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Public Comment.

Robin Stallings of BikeTexas spoke at 12:35.

Comments and discussion: Commissioner Austin, Eric Gleason

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 12: Adjourn (Action).

Billy Hibbs opened this item at 12:40 P.M.

MOTION Ann-Marie Williamson moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND David Steiner seconded the motion.

The motion passed at 12:42 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:


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Public Transportation Division

Approved by:


Billy Hibbs
Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee