

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Bicycle Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin TX, Classroom C
October 27, 2015

BAC Committee Members Present and Participating:

Billy Hibbs, Chair
Ramiro Gonzalez
Anne-Marie Williamson
Karla Weaver
Allison Blazosky
Allison Kaplan
Shawn Twing

BAC Committee Members Participating by Telephone:

Russ Frank, Vice-chair
Joseph Pitchford

BAC Committee Members Not Attending:

David Steiner
Robert Gonzales

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)
Randy Hopmann, Director, Engineering Operations, Urban & Rural Districts (ADM)
Michael Lee, Director, Maintenance Division (MNT)
Phillip Hempel, Transportation Engineer, Pavement Evaluation (MNT)
Terry Pence, Section Director, Traffic Safety (TRF)

Also Present and Participating:

Stephanie Lind, CH2M Hill
Vince Montero, CH2M Hill

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 May 1, 2015 Meeting (Action).

Billy Hibbs introduced the item at 10:02 A.M. and requested one edit for the sake of clarification.

MOTION Allison Blazosky moved to approve the July 27, 2015, meeting minutes, subject to the minor correction discussed.

SECOND Karla Weaver seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously at 10:05 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Recognition of new BAC members.

Billy Hibbs introduced and then directed his comments to three new committee members – Allison Kaplan, Joseph Pitchford and Shawn Twing – beginning at 10:05 A.M. Topics included committee history, meeting frequency, and the inclusion of members from non-metropolitan communities.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Report from BAC chair.

Billy Hibbs gave his report beginning at 10:17 A.M. Topics included the upcoming seal coat/chip seal presentation, community bicycle plans, what the BAC can do for Texas, and BikeStripe.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Report from TxDOT's Public Transportation Division Director regarding statewide bicycle and pedestrian matters.

Donna Roberts presented division director Eric Gleason's report, beginning at 10:22 A.M. Topics included the Commission's TAP awards from their September meeting, and the funding that is still available for nonurban TAP projects proposed in TxDOT's 2015 call for projects.

Comment from Allison Blazosky, who suggested that all selected projects be posted on TxDOT.gov. Donna Roberts agreed to this.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Presentation and discussion on TxDOT's use of seal coat/chip seal.

Randy Hopmann introduced the topic at 10:30 and introduced Michael Lee, who gave the presentation with assistance from Phillip Hempel and Randy Hopmann.

Discussion among Billy Hibbs, Anne-Marie Williamson, and Randy Hopmann.

Comment from Billy Hibbs, who asked Eric Gleason to collaborate with him to create a policy statement on this topic for the next BAC meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Update on the status of Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure projects (Action).

Terry Pence began his report at 11:16 A.M. Topics included Traffic Operations (TRF) November 6, 2015 call for traffic safety projects and the remaining noninfrastructure Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) funding. TRF anticipates a SRTS call for projects in the Spring of 2016.

Question from Ramiro Gonzalez, response from Terry Pence.

No action taken.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Presentation and discussion on TxDOT's draft Bicycle Strategic Direction Report (Action).

Eric Gleason opened this item at 11:24 A.M. and introduced Stephanie Lind and Vince Montero from CH2M Hill. Stephanie Lind led the presentation.

Discussion among Billy Hibbs, Teri Kaplan, Eric Gleason, Allison Kaplan, Stephanie Lind, Russ Frank and Karla Weaver.

Allison Kaplan requested that captions be added to photos in the report to show location information.

Karla Weaver suggested expanding the bikeway network section by adding information about rural vs. urban bikeways.

Karla Weaver requested a change in the funding slide (slide 13).

MOTION Russ Frank moved to endorsed the report.

SECOND Ramiro Gonzalez seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 11:52 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Discussion on BikeStripe program and pilot project requirements (Action).

Billy Hibbs introduced and opened this item for discussion at 11:52 A.M.

Comments and discussion among Karla Weaver, Ramiro Gonzalez and Billy Hibbs.

Eric Gleason suggested that a letter on this topic from Billy Hibbs as committee chair be sent to the commission.

MOTION Ramiro Gonzalez moved *"to prepare a letter of request from the BAC Committee to TxDOT's Texas Transportation Commission for consideration to provide \$2 million in funding to establish a pilot program for the hub-and-spoke bicycle lane striping initiative, known as BikeStripe, and selection of demonstration projects."*

SECOND Russ Frank seconded the motion.

The motion passed at 11:59 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Update from committee members on local and statewide issues.

Discussion of this item, led by Billy Hibbs, began at Noon. Each committee member attending in person or by telephone were given an opportunity to discuss issues in their region.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 11: 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 12:11 P.M. Teri proposed that future BAC meetings be scheduled on Fridays. There was general consensus from the majority of BAC members present. Teri Kaplan will poll the members to determine the next meeting date.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Adjourn (Action).

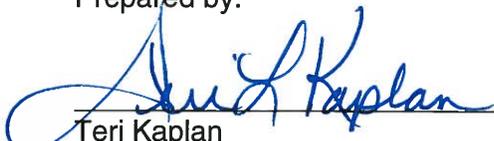
Billy Hibbs opened this item at 12:12 P.M.

MOTION Anne-Marie Williamson moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND Karla Weaver seconded the motion.

The motion passed at 12:13 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:


Teri Kaplan
Public Transportation Division

Approved by:


Billy Hibbs
Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee