

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Bicycle Advisory Committee – Teleconference Meeting
125 East 11th St, Austin TX 78701 – Ric Williamson Hearing Room
January 25, 2019

BAC Committee Members Present and Participating:

In-Person:

Billy Hibbs, *Tyler*, Chair
Robert Gonzales, *El Paso*, Vice Chair
Karla Weaver, *Dallas/Fort Worth*
DawnElla Rust, *Nacogdoches*
Margaret O'Brien-Nelson, *Houston*
David Ham, *Midland*
Jeffrey Pollack, *Corpus Christi*
Frank Rotnofsky, *Laredo*

Via telephone:

Shawn Twing, *Amarillo* (by phone)

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Donna Roberts, Program Services Section Director (PTN)
Teri Kaplan, Statewide Bicycle / Pedestrian Coordinator (PTN)
Bonnie Sherman, Statewide Bicycle / Pedestrian Coordinator (PTN)
Noah Heath, Statewide Bicycle / Pedestrian Planner (PTN)
Casey Dusza, Statewide Planning Branch Manager (TPP)
Kenneth Mora (DES) (by phone)

Also Present and/or Participating:

Commissioner Jeff Austin, III
Carl Seifert, Jacobs
Rebecca Van Dyke, High Street
Robin Stallings, BikeTexas

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Billy Hibbs began the meeting at 9:32 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety Briefing.

Bonnie Sherman provided a safety briefing beginning at 9:33 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2018 BAC Meeting (Action).

Billy Hibbs introduced this item at 9:37 A.M.

MOTION Karla Weaver moved to approve the October 12, 2018 BAC meeting minutes.

SECOND Frank Rotnofsky seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 9:38 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Remarks from Texas Transportation Commissioner Jeff Austin.

Chairman Hibbs thanked Commissioner Austin for attending the meeting at 9:39 A.M. Commissioner Austin thanked the BAC for their service and spoke on the importance of advisory committees to the state and the Transportation Commission.

Chairman Hibbs asked Robin Stallings from BikeTexas to come forward. Robin presented Commissioner Austin with a plaque thanking him for his attention to Bicycle and Pedestrian issues.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Report from BAC Chair.

Chairman Hibbs delivered the BAC Chair Report at 10:00 A.M.

Chairman Hibbs thanked Teri Kaplan for 33 years of service. Additionally, Chairman Hibbs spoke about the current and upcoming vacancies on BAC and encouraged current committee members to consider running for chair once his term is up.

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

Eric Gleason delivered his report beginning at 10:07 A.M.

Eric Gleason thanked Teri Kaplan for her years of service and provided updates on projects, FY2019 Call for Projects, and funding sources.

Comments: Teri Kaplan.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Discussion and possible recommendation to Commission for use of a portion of TA funds to develop Bicycle Tourism Trails (Action).

Chairman Hibbs asked to skip to Agenda Item 10 due to Commissioner Austin's limited time 10:22 A.M.

MOTION Jeff Pollack moved to approve recommendation to the Commission for use of a portion of TA funds to develop Bicycle Tourism Trails.

SECOND Karla Weaver seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 11:06 A.M.

Questions/Comments: Billy Hibbs, Jeff Pollack, Eric Gleason, Karla Weaver, Jeff Austin, Margaret O'Brien-Nelson, Bonnie Sherman, Donna Roberts, Carl Seifert, and DawnElla Rust.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Presentation on Texas Transportation Plan 2050.

Casey Dusza presented the item at 11:07 A.M.

No Comments.

AGENDA ITEM 8: TxDOT Safe Routes to School evaluation criteria (Action).

Bonnie Sherman presented the item at 11:10 A.M.

MOTION Margaret O'Brien-Nelson moved to approve evaluation criteria.

SECOND David Ham seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 11:14 A.M.

Questions/Comments: Karla Weaver.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Presentation on Bikeway Design Effort.

Carl Seifert presented the item at 11:15 A.M.

Questions/Comments: Billy Hibbs, DawnElla Rust, and Teri Kaplan.

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

Billy Hibbs introduced this item at 11:37 A.M.

Reports from BAC Members including: Jeffrey Pollack, Bobby Gonzales, Margaret O'Brien-Nelson, DawnElla Rust, Karla Weaver, David Ham, and Frank Rotnofsky.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Public comment – public comments will only be accepted in person.

Billy Hibbs introduced Robin Stallings, BikeTexas, at 11:50 A.M. Mr. Stallings commented on items 8 and 10.

Questions/Comments: Billy Hibbs, and Karla Weaver.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Discussion of agenda items for future BAC meetings. (Action)

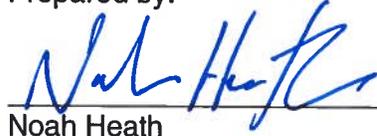
Billy Hibbs opened this item at 12.04 P.M.

No Comments.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Adjourn. (Action)

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 A.M.

Prepared by:



Noah Heath
Public Transportation Division

Approved by:



Billy Hibbs
Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee