



MEMORANDUM
March 25, 2009

TO: Members, Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee

FROM: Lydia Kelly, Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: Meeting Notice and Agenda

The next meeting of the **Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC)** is scheduled for

Wednesday, April 8, 2009
Open House: 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. (Light refreshments will be served)
Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting location: VIA Metro Center Community Room located at 1021 San Pedro,
San Antonio, Texas 78212

The following agenda items will be discussed and action will be taken as appropriate.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Citizens to be Heard
3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the March 11, 2009 BMAC Meeting Minutes
4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Facility Data Collection Project (Bruce Landis/Sprinkle Consulting, Inc.)
5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Update of the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board (Greg Hammer/BMAC Citizen Member)
6. BMAC Communication

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1. Roll Call

Judge Oscar Kazen	Chairman		210-865-2354
Ken Zigrang (Vice Chair)	Planner	TxDOT	210-615-5923
Andrew Hudgins	Transportation Coordinator	AACOG	210-362-5228
Richard Higby	Bicycle Coordinator	Bexar County	210-335-6785
Roger Christian		Citizen	210-829-1953
Greg Hammer		Citizen	210-678-3310
Cindi Snell		Citizen	210-828-5558
Jeff Russell		Citizen	210-829-7003
Samuel Sanchez	Planner	CSA Parks and Recreation	210-207-4091
Priscilla Rosales-Piña	Planner	CSA Planning	210-207-7839
Vacant	Bicycle Coordinator	CSA Public Works	210-207-3971
Valerie Flinn	Leon Valley resident	GBCCC	210-684-3440
George Aguilar	VIA Police Department	Law Enforcement Bicycle Patrol	210-362-2436
Lt Charles Garcia	City of San Antonio PD	Bicycle Patrol	210-207-8217
Allen Hodapp	Cycle Logic	Rotating Bicycle Org	210-490-8251
Dr. Della Corales (alt)	Cool Cats		210-224-0888
John Mayfield	Citizen	SA Wheelmen	210-662-2612
Luis Marti	NISD	School District Rep	210-397-1251
Dave Foegelle	Citizen	STORM	210-722-5864
George Longoria	Citizen	Tx Bicycle Coalition	210-325-0265
Abigail Kinnison	Planner	VIA Metropolitan Transit	210-362-2564

2. Citizens to be Heard

3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the March 11, 2009 BMAC Meeting Minutes

Issue

The March 11, 2009 BMAC meeting minutes are presented for the committee's review.

Action Requested

A motion to approve the March 11, 2009 BMAC meeting minutes is requested.



**BICYCLE MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2009**

Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee

Voting Members Present:

Judge Oscar Kazen	Chair
Ken Zigrang (Vice Chair)	TxDOT
Andrew Hudgins	AACOG
Richard Higby	Bexar County
Georgianne Gale (alt)	Citizen
Abel Gonzales (alt)	Citizen
Greg Hammer	Citizen
Allen Hodapp	Rotating Bicycle Organization
John Mayfield	San Antonio Wheelmen
Luis Marti	School District Representative
Abigail Kinnison	VIA Metropolitan Transit

Voting Members Absent:

Jeff Russell	Citizen
Samuel Sanchez	CSA Parks and Recreation Department
Priscilla Rosales-Piña	CSA Planning and Community Development
Valerie Flinn	GBCCC
Lt. Charles Garcia	Law Enforcement Bicycle Patrol
David Foegelle	STORM
George Longoria	Texas Bicycle Coalition

Others Present:

Dr. Della Corales	Citizen/Alt Rotating Bicycle Organization
Todd O'Neill	Citizen
Abel Ramirez	Citizen
Aaron Stein	CSA Office of Environmental Policy
Richard Martinez	CSA Planning and Community Development
Lydia Kelly	MPO
Ambar Perez	MPO

1. Roll Call

Ken Zigrang called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Judge Kazen joined the meeting shortly after but since he would not be available the entire meeting suggested Ken chair the meeting. A quorum was present.

2. Citizens to be Heard

Todd O'Neil announced Green Camp to be held on May 9th at the Pearl Brewery. He invited everyone to come and participate. The event is free. Green topics of discussion will be identified the day of the event. The event's hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the February 11, 2009 BMAC Meeting Minutes

Alan Hodapp moved to approve the February 11, 2009 meeting minutes and John Mayfield seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Update of the Linear Creeway Parks Advisory Board

Greg Hammer provided an update on the progress of the creekways. Approximately seven miles of trail are open to date:

- Salado Creek -
 - Huebner to Blanco - 2 miles
 - Loop 410 to Eisenhower - 2 miles

- Medina River -
 - Medina River Natural Area to Old Applewhite Rd. - 3 Miles

The Babcock to Bandera section of Leon Creek is expected to be open in April, 2009.

Construction is underway on Salado Creek from Comanche Park to South Side Lions Park.

Contracts for two Leon Creek segments expected to be let in late summer:

- Loop 1604 to Babcock & Bandera to Ingram

VIA Metropolitan Transit is working with the City of San Antonio Parks' and Recreation Department in the development of a trail head at the Ingram Transit Center.

Greg mentioned the diversity of habitat along the creekways; that residents may not even notice until they use the trails.

For information and discussion only.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Call for Projects for the FY 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Lydia Kelly reviewed the process to date. The subcommittee met and discussed possible studies appropriate for the region. From the discussion, two studies were identified: the Bicyclist Travel Pattern Study and the Linear Creekway Baseline Usage Study. The supporting documentation is included at the end of these minutes. The committee discussed both proposals and agreed both are appropriate to send forward.

John Mayfield moved to approve the studies to be submitted for the 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program. Alan Hodapp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on a Resolution Supporting the Complete Streets Policy

Lydia Kelly reviewed the Resolution Supporting a Complete Streets Policy which was developed by and adopted by the Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (PMAC). Lydia explained PMAC requested this committee to review the policy and if committee members find it appropriate, to adopt it, also. There was consensus that this policy supports the mission of BMAC.

Abigail Kinnison moved to adopt the Resolution Supporting the Complete Streets policy and to forward it to the Transportation Policy Board for consideration. Alan Hodapp seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the adopted resolution is included at the end of these minutes.

7. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Bike Night Meeting scheduled for April 8, 2009

Lydia began the discussion with explaining that Judge Kazen wants to allow for ample time for citizens to be heard. With that in mind, there will only be one or two additional items on the April 8th agenda.

After committee discussion on various topics of interest, it was decided that the two topics, in addition to citizens to be heard and BMAC communications, will be:

- Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Facility Data Collection Project and
- Discussion and Appropriate Action on Update of the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board

For information and discussion only.

8. BMAC Communications

Lydia Kelly announced that she is looking into the cost of t-shirts with the BMAC logo and if anyone is interested they should contact Lydia by email. The cost per t-shirt is not known at this time.

Lydia reviewed BMAC Blog communication from a cyclist interested in a safe look for cyclists away from motorized vehicles. He referred to Memorial Park in Houston as an example. There was further discussion by committee members on this topic. Luis Marti believes the City of San Antonio missed an opportunity with Voelcker Park. A big park such as Voelker would be an ideal location for a Velaway.

Lydia announced that USAA has been recognized with a Bronze Award from the National Bicycle League as a Bicycle Friendly Business. There was additional discussion on this topic. All agreed this is wonderful for our region.

Lydia announced the State of Texas House Bill Number 2883 relating to the accommodation of bicycles, pedestrians, and mass transit riders on streets and highways,(e) a metropolitan planning organization shall establish minimum guidelines to accommodate bicycles, pedestrians, and mass transit riders in any transportation improvement plan.....

Abigail Kinnison announced the Westside Creekways initiative and recognized Abel Ramirez as a co-member on the committee. She invited everyone to the public meeting on April 18th at the Woodlawn Lake Gym. The event is not a structured meeting. Participants can attend any time between 10:00 a.m. and

4:00 p.m. She commented that having input from the cycling community is important in planning for a linear creekway system.

Andrew Hudgins announced Fresh Air Friday is April 3rd at Main Plaza in downtown San Antonio. The event is from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

**With there being no other business the meeting
was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.**

**Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee
Ken Zigrang
Vice Chair**

Unified Planning Work Program Project Proposal Form

Project Name: Bicyclist Travel Pattern Study

Preliminary Budget: \$100,000

QUESTIONS	YES	NO
<p>1. Does the project meet the primary objective of the funding agency, i.e. the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)?</p>	X	
<p>2. What is the proposed project expected to accomplish? What are the benefits of the project?</p> <p><u>Very limited information is available for the bicycle travel mode in this region. This study would provide the MPO with comprehensive bicycle trip data for a representative sample of commuter and recreational users. The general methodology would consist of recruiting bicyclists within the study area and collecting their travel information using small portable GPS units attached to their bicycles. Travel data, at a minimum, that would be collected includes time of day, frequency, speed, bus/bike usage, general travel patterns and trip length. Other travel data that could be inferred through the data includes identifying major travel corridors, popular destinations, and potential bike parking and amenity locations. Demographic data for the sample of riders will also be obtained. The travel data gathered will be easily transferred into Geographic Information System (GIS) for additional planning purposes.</u></p>		
<p>3. Is the project worth the expenditure?</p>	X	
<p>4. Is the project similar to recent existing or previous work? Explain how the project may differ from similar previous work or how it is a logical extension of previous work.</p> <p><u>To date no directly comparable project has been undertaken. The data collected, however, is a logical extension of the local bicycle/pedestrian data collection efforts that have been underway the past several years and will supplement the regional travel surveys that were conducted during 2005. At a national level, this would be a pioneering effort in bicycle travel data collection and may be the first step in developing a local bicycle usage forecasting tool.</u></p>		
<p>5. Is the proposed time frame for the project reasonable and does the agency have the resources available to accomplish the work being done?</p>	X	
<p>6. Is your agency willing to fund the project out of its own budget?</p>	X	

Unified Planning Work Program Project Proposal Form

Project Name: Linear Creekway Baseline Usage

Preliminary Budget: \$ 60,000

QUESTIONS	YES	NO
1. Does the project meet the primary objective of the funding agency, i.e. the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)?	X	
2. What is the proposed project expected to accomplish? What are the benefits of the project? <u>The City of San Antonio is in the process of developing a comprehensive Linear Creekway system in the Leon and Salado Creeks and the Medina River which will support residents of the entire MPO study area. In addition the San Antonio River Authority is doing a feasibility study for the Westside Tributaries. These unique transportation systems will be available for recreation and commuting. They will be available to both pedestrians and cyclists. The Linear Creekway system is being developed in segments with completion a few years away. The Westside Tributaries study is just in the visioning process. This proposed study would provide a baseline study to identify trip information for pedestrians and cyclists currently using the newly completed Linear Creekway pathways. The data would collect demographic information at locations three times during a week each month for twelve months. The data would be used to determine the increase and type of traffic on the creekways. Ongoing the data could help identify traffic use; whether it remains primarily a source of recreation or becomes part of the commuter transportation system for pedestrians and cyclists</u>		
3. Is the project worth the expenditure?	X	
4. Is the project similar to recent existing or previous work? Explain how the project may differ from similar previous work or how it is a logical extension of previous work. <u>No study to collect trip information has been done in the region to determine what percentage of traffic on pathways is commuter and what percentage is recreational. Also, no study has been done previously to identify the increase in travel with time. The linear creekways are new facilities and understanding the rate of increase in usage as the paths are expanded will help with future planning efforts. Understanding the type of travel for current and future users is helpful to identify whether the system supports a complete transportation system.</u>		
5. Is the proposed time frame for the project reasonable and does the agency have the resources available to accomplish the work being done?	X	
6. Is your agency willing to fund the project out of its own budget?	X	



A Resolution Supporting a Complete Streets Policy

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” are defined as roadways that enable safe and convenient access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and drivers (of all ages) and is conducive to efficient movement of people; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” policies support the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO) Metropolitan Transportation Plan mission statement which states “The San Antonio metropolitan area is served by an environmentally friendly transportation system where everyone is able to walk, ride, drive or wheel in a safe, convenient, and affordable manner to their desired destinations”; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” policies support the goals of the MPO’s adopted Regional Bicycle Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” policies support the MPO’s Walkable Community Program, the Walk and Roll Program; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” supports national and local public health efforts by recognizing the linkages between the built environment and human health and calls on public officials to participate in local and regional land use and transportation support planning and policy making processes; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” may be achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” policies and plans have been adopted by the United States Department of Transportation, other Texas MPOs including Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and Houston-Galveston Area Council and cities including San Francisco, Sacramento, San Diego, Boulder, Chicago, Seattle and Portland; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Policy Board, in order to ensure all transportation options are available, and to improve air quality and the quality of life for residents in our communities, strongly encourages decision makers in all jurisdictions to adopt and implement similar Complete Streets policies and practices that:

- Serve as guiding principles to design, construct, operate and maintain the region’s roadway system to promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and people of all abilities, as well as motor vehicle drivers and freight;
- Create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network planned for people and the principles be incorporated into existing policies such as the Regional Bicycle Master Plan;
- Incorporate “Complete Streets” policy except in unusual or extraordinary circumstances;
- To the extent possible, apply policies to both new and retrofit projects,
- Recognize the need for flexibility and identify “Complete Streets” solutions that fit in with the context of the community;

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Facility Data Collection Project

Issue

The San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has completed two previous studies to determine the Bicycle Level of Suitability on primarily the functionally classified roadway system within the MPO study area. The first study, which was completed in 1999, collected data on 1,000 miles of roads. The second study, which was completed in 2006, collected additional miles of roadway segments to bring the total to approximately 1,500 miles. This project combines and expands the previous efforts to include new facilities. The information collected will be used for future facility planning and for development of the 3rd Edition of the Bicycle Route Suitability Map. This is an opportunity for Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. to update the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee and the public on the process and progress of the project.

Action Requested

No action is being requested this month.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Update of the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board

Issue

This is an opportunity for a monthly update on the progress of the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board. Greg Hammer, as a San Antonio City Council district representative, will continue to update BMAC on the progress of the projects.

Action Requested

No action is being requested this month.

6. BMAC Communications