



**MEMORANDUM**  
**January 7, 2009**

TO: Members, Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee

FROM: Lydia Kelly, Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: Meeting Notice and Agenda

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The next meeting of the **Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC)** is scheduled for  
Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.  
at 825 S. St. Mary's St, San Antonio, Texas 78205

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

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**AGENDA**

1. Roll Call
2. Citizens to be Heard
3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the December 10, 2008 BMAC Meeting Minutes
4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Update of the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board (Greg Hammer/BMAC Citizen Member)
5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Update to the Alternate for the Rotating Bicycle Organization vacancy (Lydia/MPO)
6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Update of BMAC's Bicycle Safety Program (Lydia Kelly/MPO)
7. 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
John Mayfield	Citizen	SA Wheelmen	
Luis Marti	NISD	School District Rep	210-397-1236
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 December 10, 2008 BMAC Meeting Minutes**

**Issue**

The December 10, 2008 BMAC meeting minutes are presented for the committee's review.

**Action Requested**

A motion to approve the December 10, 2008 BMAC meeting minutes is requested.

**4. 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.

**5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Update to the Alternate for the Rotating Bicycle Organization vacancy**

**Issue**

This is an opportunity to announce the applications received and to identify the subcommittee to review the candidates for recommendation at the February meeting.

**Action Requested**

Action to identify a subcommittee for review of the candidates is requested.

**6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Update of BMAC's Bicycle Safety Program**

**Issue**

This is a continuation of the discussion of incorporating safety into committee action.

1. BMAC, through the MPO, will submit a safety grant application in 2009 to Texas Department of Transportation. The grant is to be used to expand our safety program.
2. The By-Laws refers to a BMAC Speaker's Bureau. Attached is a draft document supporting Citizen Outreach. This is an opportunity for the committee to review and discuss the opportunities for the Speaker's Bureau.
3. This is an opportunity to discuss how to recognize companies that encourage driver safety.
4. This is an opportunity to continue discussion to encourage the police departments in the MPO study area to enforce traffic violations committed by cyclists and motorists.

**Action Requested**

Action to approve efforts that encourage and support safety education in the region is requested.

*Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee*  
*Citizen Outreach*

Purpose: to assist citizen representatives on the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC) in promoting the vision and goals of the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) BMAC.

1. When opportunities present themselves, discuss the purpose and goals of BMAC and the MPO with your riding group and with other organizations such as Parent/Teacher Association meetings, Rotary Club meetings, church socials, and other events when appropriate. If there is interest after an initial discussion, the MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation Planner is available to provide additional support and outreach.

- a. Discuss the purpose of BMAC:

The Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC) is established by the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Policy Board to improve bicycle mobility within the San Antonio-Bexar County MPO Study Area.

- b. Communicate the adopted vision statement to others:

**San Antonio and Bexar County recognize bicycling as a clean, healthy and affordable form of transportation and recreation. A comprehensive on-road and off-road bicycle network will make our community a place where bicycling will be desirable for trips of all kinds by all segments of the population.**

- c. Communicate the adopted goals to others:

**Goal 1** Institutionalize bicycling: recognize and incorporate bicycling as a significant and required element for all transportation, land use, and economic development planning for the San Antonio-Bexar County region.

**Goal 2** Build the network to increase ridership: create a comprehensive on-road and off-road bicycle network throughout the San Antonio-Bexar County region.

**Goal 3** Find the funding: identify and secure local, state, federal and private funding to expand and improve bicycle transportation facilities and programs in the San Antonio-Bexar County region.

**Goal 4** Make bicycling safer through education and enforcement: develop a program to educate elected officials and the general public concerning the opportunities, benefits, and safety aspects of bicycling in the San Antonio-Bexar County region.

2. At the events you attend, please consider distributing the “Bicycle Safety”, “Walkable Community Program” and “Walk & Roll event” brochures to the public and promoting these activities and events.
3. Provide brief explanations of the initiatives BMAC is involved with:
  - Walkable Community Program includes walkable/safe routes to school workshops, bicycle and pedestrian safety classes and bike rodeos with bicycle helmet distribution
  - Proactively support the safety program by distributing lights along with the bicycle safety brochure
  - Walk & Roll events include the Individual and Corporate Challenges, Fest and Rally. Consider leading a ride from your business or other location in support of the Rally and/or Fest in May 2009
4. Participate in public involvement opportunities sponsored by the San Antonio Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization and its partners as representatives of the cycling community. Upcoming opportunities in 2009 include three Bike Night meetings and input into the MPO’s long range transportation plan.
5. Consider participating in MPO sponsored bike rodeos and safety classes to assist with the technical aspects of the program and share your riding experiences with others.



January 14, 2009

V.K. Knowlton Construction  
Virgil K. Knowlton, President  
18225 FM 2252  
San Antonio, Texas 78266

Dear Mr. Knowlton:

The Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC) was established by the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Policy Board to improve bicycle mobility within the MPO study area. The goals of BMAC are based on the understanding that bicycles are an integral part of our region's transportation system. As such, they are required to drive on the same roads, obey the same rules and deserve the same respect as individuals navigating motorized vehicles.

With higher gas prices, increased environmental consciousness and the desire for improved physical health, more and more individuals are choosing healthy alternatives to driving such as bicycling. Every day there are more cyclists on the road. Cyclists notice companies who demonstrate an understanding of the term "Share the Road": same roads, same rules and same rights.

Your drivers were recently recognized for their attention to safety by Mr. John Mayfield. He is a cyclist who has numerous opportunities to ride on Nacogdoches and Loop 1604 within the City of Bracken vicinity. He feels your company's attention to safety is worthy of public recognition. He has found your drivers are always patient and wait for a safe place and time to pass. Mr. Mayfield noticed this when driving his motor vehicle, as well. He also commented that even when your drivers are the oncoming traffic they move as far to the right as safe when they realize cars are passing him on his bicycle. This allows ample space for everyone and contributes to his safety.

BMAC members, and the cycling community, would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your employees for Sharing the Road with cyclists by presenting you with the attached Certificate of Appreciation.

For additional information on programs offered by the MPO please contact Lydia Kelly, MPO Bicycle/ Pedestrian Transportation Planner at either 210-230-6911 or [kelly@sametroplan.org](mailto:kelly@sametroplan.org).

Sincerely,

Judge Oscar Kazen  
Chair, Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee

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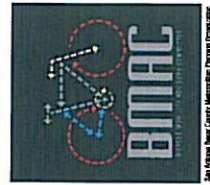
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*In Recognition of your Outstanding Support*

*for*

*Sharing the Road with Cyclists*

*The cycling community thanks your drivers for being safe,  
courteous and respectful to all vehicles on the road*



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Judge Oscar Kazen  
Chair, MPO Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee

**7. BMAC Communications**