



MEMORANDUM
May 6, 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, May 13, 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.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Citizens to be Heard
3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the April 8, 2009 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 VIA Metropolitan Transit's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project and Cyclists (Abigail Kinnison/VIA)
6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Interest for T-shirts and Jerseys with the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee Logo (Roger Christian/BMAC Citizen Member)
7. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Review of April Bike Night Meeting (Lydia Kelly/MPO)
8. 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		
Valerie Flinn	Leon Valley resident	GBCCC	210-857-3123
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 April 8, 2009 BMAC Meeting Minutes

Issue

The April 8, 2009 BMAC meeting minutes are presented for the committee's review.

Action Requested

A motion to approve the April 8, 2009 BMAC meeting minutes is requested.



**BICYCLE MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2009**

Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee

Voting Members Present:

Judge Oscar Kazen	Chair
Ken Zigrang (Vice Chair)	TxDOT
Richard Higby	Bexar County
Roger Christian	Citizen
Greg Hammer	Citizen
Cindi Snell	Citizen
Jeff Russell	Citizen
Priscilla Rosales-Piña	CSA Planning and Community Development
Valerie Flinn	GBCCC
George Aguilar	Law Enforcement Bicycle Patrol
Allen Hodapp	Rotating Bicycle Organization
Cliff Hickel (alt)	San Antonio Wheelmen
Luis Marti	School District Representative
David Foegelle	STORM
George Longoria	Texas Bicycle Coalition
Abigail Kinnison	VIA Metropolitan Transit

Voting Members Absent:

Andrew Hudgins	AACOG
Samuel Sanchez	CSA Parks and Recreation Department

Others Present:

Clayton Elkins	MPO
Jeanne Geiger	MPO
Lydia Kelly	MPO
Stephanie Lee	MPO
Kelly Marquis	MPO
Cecilio Martinez	MPO
Sid Martinez	MPO
Ambar Perez	MPO
Peyton McLeod	Sprinkle Consultants
Bruce Landis	Sprinkle Consultants

1. Roll Call

Judge Kazen called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. A quorum was present. Judge Kazen welcomed everyone to the meeting. There was opportunity before the meeting for cyclists to discuss agenda items in an open forum. Sprinkle consultants and staff from the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department were available with resource information.

2. Citizens to be Heard

Justin Moore remarked on the construction currently underway on Blanco Road that will include 6-ft bike lanes. He expressed concern for cyclists still riding while the roadway is under construction and asked if there were any safety measures that could be put into place. Mr. Moore also announced that USAA won a Bronze Award for being a Bicycle Friendly Business from the League of American Bicyclists. It is the first business in Texas recognized for such an award.

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. Topics of discussion will be identified the day of the event (unstructured agenda). The event will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm. There will be a bicycle ride to kick off the event which will leave from the Witte Museum at 8:15 a.m. and arrive at the Pearl Brewery by 9:00 a.m.

Marty Burke expressed concern for cyclists' safety along UTSA Boulevard. He explained it remains a concern since he first expressed concerns at the October 2008 Bike Night meeting. He worries enough isn't being done to make UTSA Boulevard safe for cyclists. Ken Zigrang addressed his concern for the portion of the road that is Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) responsibility. TxDOT is considering an off road path because there is not enough right of way for an on-road bicycle facility. However, he noted that the off road project does not have funding at this time. He was not able to speak to the portion of the road that belongs to the City of San Antonio.

Michael Hennessey reminded everyone that April 20th is Cyclists in Suits day at the capital and encouraged everyone to attend. He has organized transportation to the event for \$10.00 a person. Blue Star Brewery is subsidizing the cost and providing a bus for the event.

Daniel Day expressed his on-going concern that as there are more bicycle facilities and more cyclists in the region the need for more bicycle parking at local businesses is becoming a big problem. He went on to explain that sometimes when there is bicycle parking it is not always safe and secure parking. He gave the example of the San Antonio Public Library on Thousand Oaks. The bicycle rack at the library is not placed in a logical location to be used by cyclists.

Priscilla Rosales-Pina agreed to call the library and discuss his concerns with the manager. Daniel also expressed concern that there is not enough education for motorists on the rights of cyclists and would like to see more questions on the Driver's License test specifically addressing cyclists. Lydia Kelly mentioned that the City of San Antonio is proactive in educating staff to Share the Road. She is allowed time at each defensive driving class to talk to motorists about being aware of cyclists on the road. George Longoria addressed the Vulnerable Roadway User Bill the Bicycle League supports for legislative action. This bill would require motorists to allow three feet clearance when passing any vulnerable roadway user.

Chris Derrington introduced his organization, SMART Transit SA, which is supports light rail and other smart transportation. He expressed interest in building relations. Judge Kazen suggested Mr. Derrington be included on the May BMAC agenda to get a better understanding of the program.

Robert Davidson presented information on Hausman Road using the maps on Google map/Google group. He provided a number of reasons to include bicycle facilities on Hausman Rd. He also went over an idea he and others have to develop a hike and bike trail along a utility easement. He has begun discussion with property owners and hopes to be able to work with home owner associations, City of San Antonio and City Public Service to that end. The proposed project would provide the opportunity for walking and cycling to popular retail stores, schools and community centers in the neighborhoods. He invited the public to visit Bike NW San Antonio or <http://groups.google.com/group/bikenwsa> for more information. Mr. Davidson will be working with MPO staff to organize a Walkable Community Workshop for residents and businesses in the area.

David Rangel introduced himself and the company he works for "Ped-Ads". He explained that he does not own a motor vehicle and uses a bicycle as his primary mode of transportation. He went on to explain that it would be beneficial if VIA Metropolitan Transit had 24 hour service. Mr. Rangel explained that late at night cyclists are in the great danger from drunk drivers. He thanked VIA for their service but hopes they will consider expanding the hours of operation.

Lee Serrato, an employee at an HEB Grocery Store, asked for suggestions on how to encourage HEB to support employees more by providing bicycle parking at the stores. Judge Kazen explained that BMAC sent out letters to businesses in the area encouraging them to provide bicycle facilities for employees and customers. Lydia will follow up with HEB and with Mr. Serrato to try and find a person at HEB who can address the bike parking concerns expressed by both employees and customers.

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

Abigail Kinnison moved to approve the March 11, 2009 meeting minutes and Allen Hodapp seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Sprinkle Consulting, Inc. presented the status and preliminary findings of the MPO's Bicycle & Pedestrian Data Collection Project. The presentation described the objectives of the project, the study network identification process, field data collection elements, and the analysis of existing conditions. Before and after the meeting, attendees were given the opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft results of the project and maps showing the existing bicycling conditions. These public comments are being incorporated into the final dataset. The presentation included an explanation of the geometric and traffic data from prior studies, how the process has expanded since 1999, how the data was evaluated and how the process will be used to identify potential corridors that may qualify for "Road Diets". Another product that will come from the study is the 3rd edition Bike Map sometime in late 2009. Committee discussion was positive for the outcomes from the project

For information and discussion only.

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

Greg Hammer provided an update on the progress of linear creekway projects. As part of the update, he presented a public service announcement produced by the City of San Antonio promoting the creekways. Greg also presented numerous pictures of the creekways to show examples of the available amenities and the variety of construction materials used for the multi-use paths.

There are currently four segments of multi-use pathway open for use by the public:

- Salado Creek – Huebner to Blanco
- Salado Creek – Loop 410 to Rittiman
- Leon Creek – Babcock to Bandera
- Medina River – Medina River Natural Area (SH 16 S.) to Old Applewhite Rd.

Several segments are currently under construction including segments on Salado Creek from McAllister Park to Loop 410 and between Binz-Engleman and Southside Lions Park, and on the Medina River from Old Applewhite to the Medina River crossing. In addition, amenities along two segments of Leon Creek, Loop 1604 to Babcock and Bandera to Ingram, are currently being designed by engineering consultants.

Trail Patrol and Trail Steward programs have been established, and over 50 volunteers are already actively involved in helping to keep the greenways safe and clean.

For information and discussion only.

6. BMAC Communication

Judge Kazen introduced and welcomed Valerie Flinn as the newest member for Greater Bexar County council of Cities (GBCCC).

Abigail Kinnison announced the Walk&Roll to Work Rally on May 1st and Walk & Roll Fest on May 31st. She added that on May 1st everyone riding the bus with a bike will ride for free.

Cliff Hickel reminded everyone of the Easter weekend ride coming up. This year the San Antonio Wheelmen are responsible for organizing it.

Dave Foegelle announced the Storm Challenge on April 18th and April 19th.

George Longoria provided an explanation of the Safe Passing Bill currently being considered by the legislators.

**With there being no other business the meeting
was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

**Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee
Judge Kazen
Vice Chair**

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 VIA Metropolitan Transit's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project and Cyclists

Issue

This is an opportunity for VIA staff to provide an update regarding the proposed BRT project on the Fredericksburg Road Corridor and the proposed accommodation of cyclists within the system.

Action Requested

No action is being requested this month.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Interest for T-shirts and Jerseys with the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee Logo

Issue

Roger Christian researched vendors who are able to print T-shirts and Jerseys with the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee Logo for a reasonable cost. Individuals will be responsible for payment.

This is an opportunity to discuss:

1. Is there an interest for t-shirts, jerseys or both?
2. Do we want to limit who can purchase a jersey or open it up to BMAC Friends, MPO staff and other interested cyclists?
3. What is the process for ordering and payment? Is someone willing to take responsibility?
4. Do we want to purchase at cost or slightly above cost and start a fund that could be used for headlights/taillights/educational material/etc?
5. What other specifics need to be answered?



San Antonio Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Action Requested

No action is being requested this month.

7. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Review of April Bike Night Meeting

Issue

This is an opportunity to review the Citizens to be Heard portion of the April Bike Night meeting minutes and determine which items may need follow-up and additional resources.

Action Requested

No action is being requested this month.

8. BMAC Communications