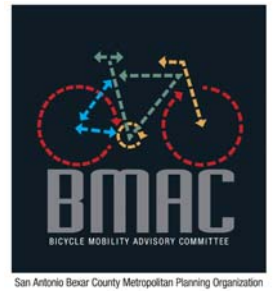




MEMORANDUM
February 2, 2010



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, February 10, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.
at the MPO office located 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 January 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes
4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Linear Greenways Projects (Greg Hammer)
5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Westside Creekways (Abigail Kinnison)
6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the City of San Antonio's Bicycle Initiatives (Julia Diana/CoSA)
7. Discussion and Appropriate Action on VIA Metropolitan Transit's Bicycle Initiatives (Abigail Kinnison/VIA)
8. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee's By-Laws (Lydia Kelly/MPO)
9. 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
Annette Prosterman	Transportation Coordinator	AACOG	210-362-5213
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
Julia Diana	Planner	CSA Office of Environmental Policy	210-207-6321
Samuel Sanchez	Planner	CSA Parks and Recreation	210-207-4091
John Osten	Planner	CSA Planning and Development Services	210-207-2187
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
Dr. Della Corales Alternate/Vacant	Cool Cats	Rotating Bicycle Org	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 January 13, 2010 BMAC Meeting Minutes

Issue

The January 13, 2010 BMAC meeting minutes are presented for the committee's review.

Action Requested

A motion to approve the January 13, 2010 BMAC meeting minutes is requested.



**BICYCLE MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2010**

Voting Members Present:

Judge Oscar Kazen	Chair
Ken Zigrang (Vice Chair)	Texas Department of Transportation
Annette Prosterman	Alamo Area Council of Governments
Greg Hammer	Citizen
Jeff Russell	Citizen
Abel Gonzales (alt)	Citizen/Cindi Snell
Julia Diana	CoSA Office of Environmental Policy
David Arciniega	CoSA Parks and Recreation Department
John Osten	CoSA Planning and Development Services
Valerie Flinn	Greater Bexar County Council of Cities
Dr. Della Corales	Rotating Bicycle Organization
John Mayfield	San Antonio Wheelmen
Luis Marti	School District Representative
David Foegelle	STORM
Abigail Kinnison	VIA Metropolitan Transit

Voting Members Absent:

Richard Higby	Bexar County
Roger Christian	Citizen
George Aguilar	Law Enforcement/Bicycle Patrol
George Longoria	Texas Bicycle Coalition

Others Present:

Allen Hodapp	Cycle Logic Bicycle Shop
Mona Lisa Zertuche	MPO
Lydia Kelly	MPO

1. Roll Call

Judge Kazen called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. and there was a quorum present.

2. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

Judge Kazen took the opportunity to thank Allen Hodapp for his service on the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee and welcomed Dr. Della Corales as a new committee member.

3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the November 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Judge Kazen asked if there were any corrections to the October 14th meeting minutes. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Ken Zigrang moved to approve the November 18, 2009 meeting minutes and David Arciniega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Linear Greenways Projects

Greg Hammer updated the committee on the progress of the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board. Greg is the District 7 Representative on the committee and updates BMAC on a monthly basis.

There are approximately seventeen miles of paved paths that are currently open and available for riding along the Salado & Leon Creeks and the Medina River. Projects currently under construction include the segments on the central Salado from McAllister Park to Loop 410 and on the south Salado from Comanche Park to South Side Lions Park and are expected to be completed this spring.

Bid openings for the Leon Creek segments from Loop 1604 to Babcock Road and from Bandera Road. to Ingram Road. were scheduled for January 9th and January 13th, respectively, and construction on both segments is anticipated to begin in March 2010. Design work on a disconnected segment along south Leon Creek near Pearsall Park is nearing completion and will include highlighting some nice natural features with interpretive displays and boardwalks.

Planning and early design work is underway for the Medina River Phase 3 segment that will stretch westward to Pleasanton Road.

A resolution has been passed by the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board recommending that City Council support a renewal of the voter initiative to continue the collection of sales tax funds for the Linear Creekway Parks Development Program.

The Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board continues to meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Media Briefing Room.

Information on the linear creekway parks can be found online by visiting <http://www.sanantonio.gov/creekways>.

For information and discussion only.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Westside Creekways

Abigail Kinnison is a representative for the Westside Creekways Oversight Committee and provides monthly updates on the San Antonio River Authority project. Abigail stated the last public meeting for the Westside Creeks Project will be held on Saturday, February 27th at 9:00 a.m. at the VIA Metro Center. All are encouraged to attend.

For information and discussion only.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the City of San Antonio's Bicycle Initiatives

Julia Diana provided an update on several initiatives the City of San Antonio (CoSA) is currently working on. Julia stated the City of San Antonio has launched an interactive GIS website. She invited everyone to visit the site and provide input. Julie announced that on Friday, January 16th, the City of San Antonio will be launching the Employee Bike Share Program where employees will be able to check out a bicycle during the day. Julie stated that five proposals were received for the City of San Antonio's Bicycle Master Plan Request for Qualifications (RFQ). She distributed the proposals amongst the committee members. Julie also announced the Bike Share/Bike Rental RFQ has had no responses as of to date. Julia noted that no decision had been made for the Texas Department of Transportation Grant Application.

Julia mentioned that February 3rd thru 6th is the Austin Texas Bike Coordinator Conference. She and others from the City of San Antonio will be presenters at the conference.

Julia discussed the cities in Texas who have either adopted or are considering adopting city ordinances with the same language as the failed "Safe Passing Bill". Julia announced that the City of Helotes and Austin, Texas had passed an ordinance outlining a 3 foot clearance requirement for passing vulnerable roadway users and 6 foot clearance requirement for truck or commercial vehicles. She went on to explain the City of San Antonio is looking into a similar ordinance and she will keep the committee informed as the process moves forward.

For information and discussion only.

7. Discussion and Appropriate Action on VIA Metropolitan Transit's Bicycle Initiatives

Abigail Kinnison provides monthly updates on the Bus Rapid Transit project along Fredericksburg Road and VIA's SmartWaySA Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

There were no updates this month.

For information and discussion only.

8. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Review of the Citizens to be Heard Agenda Item from the October 14, 2009 BMAC Bike Night Meeting

Lydia Kelly announced that 2010 Bike Night Meetings will be April 14th, July 14th and October 13th, 2010 at VIA Metro Center located at 1021 San Pedro. She thanked Abigail, as the VIA representative, for partnering with the MPO on Bike Nights.

Judge Kazen requested Lydia go through each item from citizens to be heard from the October meeting and identify if a response is needed and by whom. Lydia will send out the information before the February meeting.

For information and discussion only.

9. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Rotating Bicycle Organization Alternate position

Lydia Kelly welcomed Dr. Della Corales to her first official meeting as a Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee member and explained that Dr. Corales' term is two years. Lydia requested approval to post for the Alternate Rotating Bicycle Organization position. The person filling the vacancy will move into the primary position in January 2012.

Abigail Kinnison moved to authorize the announcement of the vacancy. Greg Hammer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. BMAC Communications

John Osten updated BMAC on the City of San Antonio Planning Department's recent planning efforts. He stated that on January 22nd there will be a citizen advisory committee meeting for updating the Master Plan Policies for the City of San Antonio. John stated that apart from the Master Plan Update, there will be eventually seven Sector Plans that would cover the entire city of San Antonio and

its Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) area. John also stated that the Sector Plans are different from Neighborhood Plans which are parcel based and land use. John noted the Sector Plans will also encompass large areas, including the ETJ. John stated that these plans would include, but are not limited to, community facilities, transportation, land use, economic development, housing, natural environment and urban design.

Abigail Kinnison announced the approved grant for Metro Health. The MPO is has been in discussion with Metro Health to support their efforts by making bike/ped safety classes and helmets available.

Dave Foegelle stated STORM has two upcoming events: January 30th there would be a bike marathon at Flat Ranch in Comfort Texas and March 13th and 14th there will be a cross country race also at Flat Ranch.

Julia Diana announced there will be a Bicycle Master Plan Advisory Committee formed and if anyone was interested they should contact her.

Ken Zigrang announced that statewide there were \$67 million available in enhancement funding but there were \$250 million in project applications.

Lydia Kelly announced that the 14th annual Walk & Roll event will hopefully be held on May 15th. The location is yet to be finalized. Lydia also requested input for updating the BMAC brochure asking that the suggestions be returned to her by February 27th.

With there being no other business Judge Kazen requested a motion to adjourn.

Julia Diana moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m. David Arciniega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Linear Greenways Projects

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 requested this month.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Westside Creekways

Issue

Abigail Kinnison, a representative of the Westside Creekways Oversight Committee, will provide an update of the San Antonio River Authority's most recent initiative.

Action Requested

No action is being requested this month.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the City of San Antonio's Bicycle Initiatives

Issue

Julia Diana, City of San Antonio (CoSA) Bicycle Coordinator, will provide a CoSA update on the following initiatives:

- Survey summary included in the packet for cyclist preferences and perceptions
- Update on Bike Master Plan Update and Implementation Plan
- Update on Bike Share / Bike Rental and Tourist Amenities options
- Update on Safe Passing Ordinance
- Reflections on Texas Trails Network and Active Transportation Conference

Action Requested

No action is requested this month.

Cyclist Preferences and Perceptions Survey Summary



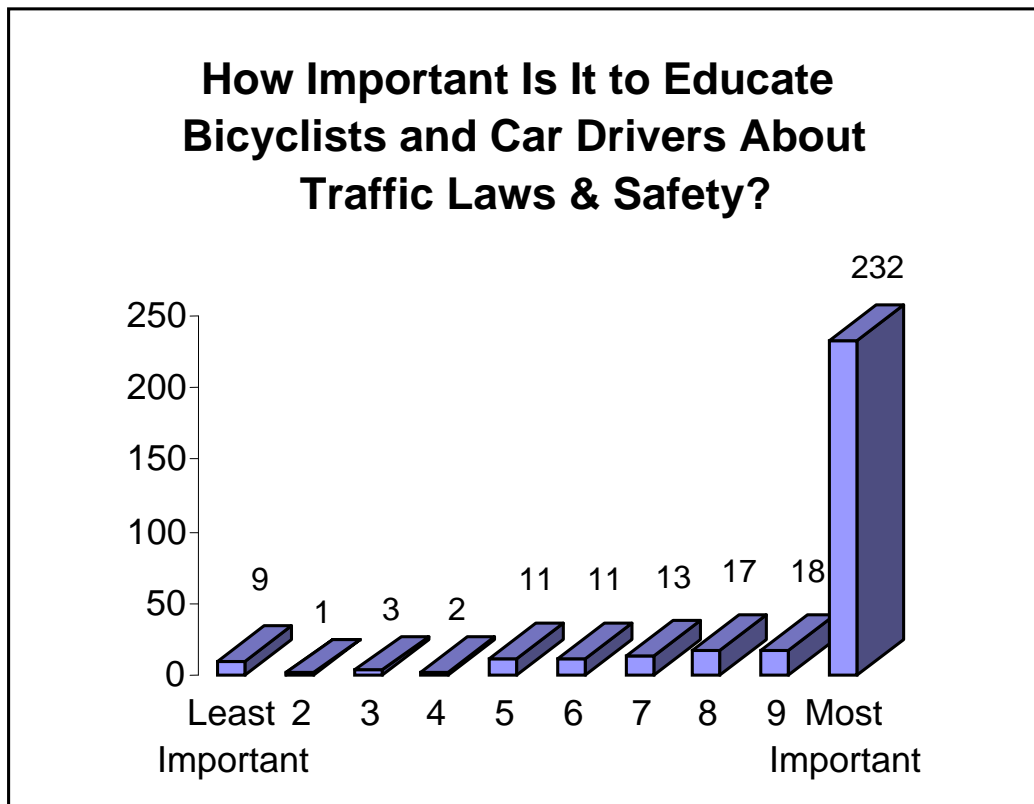
In November 2009, the Office of Environmental Policy posted an online survey and asked persons who live, work, or play downtown about their perceptions and preferences for riding bikes in San Antonio. A total of 559 responded, and here is a summary of what they said:

- 13% of survey respondents reside within ZIP code 78212; 8% within ZIP code 78209; 6% within ZIP codes 78201 and 78210.
- 12% of respondents' work/school hours begin at 0900; 30% of respondents work/school hours end at 1700 (278 Valid Responses)
- 66% of respondents indicate they ride a bicycle somewhere between 1 to 6 times per week.
- 40% of respondents ride a bicycle to benefit from exercise and enhance personal health.
- 68% of respondents feel that rain and extreme temperatures deter their bicycling.
- 62% of respondents commute between <1 – 10 miles to work
- 58% of respondents do not have adequate bicycle parking/storage provided by their employer.
- 72% of respondents do not have access to showers or locker room facilities provided by their employer.

For the following questions, respondent ranked their answers on a scale from 1 to 10, with 1 being LEAST important and 10 being MOST important:

- 60% of respondents feel that adding bicycle lanes downtown is MOST important for downtown cyclists with a ranking of 10 out of 10.
- 52% of respondents feel that adding wayfinding signage on downtown streets is MOST important for downtown cyclists with a ranking of 10 out of 10.
- 46% of respondents feel having more bike parking and/or bike racks is MOST important for downtown cyclists with a ranking of 10 out of 10.
- 58% of respondents indicate that improving street maintenance is MOST important for downtown cyclists with a ranking of 10 out of 10.

- 73% of respondents feel that educating bicyclists and motorists about traffic laws and safety is MOST important for downtown cyclists with a ranking of 10 out of 10. Here is a graph illustrating this statistic:



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- 59% of respondents feel that bicycle storage should be provided for free or cost no more than \$1 per day.
 - 46% of respondents feel that shower facilities, a locker to store a change of clothes and secure bicycle storage should be provided for free of cost no more than \$1 per day.
 - 52% of respondents surveyed indicate they would purchase a monthly contract for the ability to shower, store a change of clothes and have secure bicycle storage.
 - 63% of respondents feel that the ability to shower and store a change of clothes is the most important issue facing bicyclist commuters.
 - 51% of respondents say they would ride a bicycle if their employer provided one at personal cost.
 - 72% of respondents would ride a bicycle if provided with a tax incentive.
 - 73% of respondents would ride a bicycle if their employer rewarded alternative transportation choices.
 - 86% of respondents surveyed indicate they would ride a bicycle if they felt safer downtown.

- 58% of respondents would ride a bicycle if the cost of gasoline were to increase.
- 61% of respondents have free parking provided by their employer.
- 39% of respondents would be willing to walk 1 – 2 blocks and 29% would walk 3-4 blocks from bicycle storage to their place of employment.
- 57% of respondents commute to work in their own private vehicle, usually alone.
- 48% of respondents feel government should definitely assist those who seek to commute by bicycle.
- *When asked to provide additional comments*, 38% of respondents commented that additional bicycle lanes and safer bicycle routes should be added (197 Valid Responses)

7. Discussion and Appropriate Action on VIA Metropolitan Transit's Bicycle Initiatives

Issue

Abigail Kinnison will provide a monthly update on the Bus Rapid Transit project along Fredericksburg Road and VIA's SmartWaySA Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Action Requested

No action is being requested this month.

8. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee's By-Laws

Issue

Three organizations have requested consideration for permanent status on the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee.

Betsy Erne, Special Projects Manager, has submitted a letter for consideration of City South San Antonio.

Suzanne B. Scott, General Manager, has submitted a letter for consideration of the San Antonio River Authority.

Martha Mangum, Executive Director, has submitted a letter for consideration of the Real Estate Council of San Antonio.

Any change to membership requires an amendment to the By-Laws. This is an opportunity for committee discussion on the requests.

Action Requested

Action may be requested to update the BMAC by-laws for approval by the MPO's Transportation Policy Board. The next Transportation Policy Board meeting will be held in March.

San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee By-laws

Purpose

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.

Generally, the BMAC will:

- Provide bold and visionary leadership in all matters affecting bicycle mobility in the MPO study area
- Be expansive in its vision and assertive with its mission throughout the entire community

In particular, the BMAC will:

- Consider all technical and public outreach issues related to bicycle mobility including but not limited to urban design, construction standards, design standards, maintenance, access, connectivity and safety.
- Communicate with and educate the public and elected officials on the importance of bicycling through a speaker's bureau as well as periodic articles and opinion pieces to appropriate agency and mass media.
- Participate in all regional transportation planning activities
- Recommend funding options and opportunities for bicycle-related projects
- Participate in the promotion and implementation of the Regional Bicycle Master Plan and Safe Routes to Schools programs as well as other related initiatives
- Promote and participate in annual Walk & Roll activities year round
- Recommend bicycle-related planning studies to be conducted
- Serve as liaison to other stakeholders and interest groups for bicycling
- Communicate and educate both cyclists and motorist that cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles on the road

Membership

The BMAC shall consist of 18 voting members and a Chair who will vote only in case of a tie. These members define the “voting membership” of the BAC and shall be appointed by the respective agencies or from nominees.

- One member shall be appointed from each of the following public agency staffs:
 - a) Alamo Area Council of Governments,
 - b) Bexar County Infrastructure Services,
 - c) City of San Antonio Public Works Department,
 - d) City of San Antonio Planning and Community Development Department,
 - e) City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department,
 - f) Law enforcement bicycle patrol representative
 - g) Texas Department of Transportation - San Antonio District,
 - h) VIA Metropolitan Transit

Agencies are encouraged to appoint an alternate member to serve in case of an absence. Alternates have full “voting membership” privileges when acting as the primary agency representative.

- Four citizen members shall be selected from applicants to represent bicycling interests at-large. These members shall be citizens who are selected to serve on the BMAC because of their knowledge and experience in bicycling and pedestrian issues respectively. These members will each nominate an alternate with voting privileges in their absence to be approved by the BMAC.
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the Bexar County Association of School Superintendents.
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the Greater Bexar County Council of Cities (GBCCC).
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the San Antonio Wheelmen.
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the South Texas Off-Road Mountain Bikers (STORM).
- One (1) member shall be appointed by a cycling organization selected by the BMAC on a rotating basis for a two year, non-renewable term. The rotating bicycle organization position is intended to allow different community cycling groups to have representation over time on the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee. The position will be filled by a candidate applying as the alternate member. The alternate will move into the primary position after two years and the vacant alternate position will be posted.
- One (1) member shall be appointed by the Texas Bicycle Coalition (TBC)

- The BMAC Chair shall be nominated by the BMAC and will be appointed by the MPO Transportation Policy Board for a two-year term.
- The BMAC Vice-Chair shall be a member elected by the BMAC membership.
- All BMAC citizen members shall reside within the MPO's study area.
- Applications for the at-large citizens positions will be mailed to the MPO's standard mailing list and the application will be available on the MPO's website. A subcommittee of the BMAC will review applications, shortlist and may interview candidates as appropriate, and provide a recommendation to the BMAC as a whole.

In order to allow for increased citizen participation, the following terms shall apply:

- Agency staff – no term
- Citizens At -Large – renewable two-year terms to begin on April 1, 2005
- Bexar County Association of School Superintendents – renewable two-year term to begin on April 1, 2005
- Greater Bexar County Council of Cities – renewable two-year term to begin on April 1, 2005.
- Should a member fail to attend three consecutive meetings of the BMAC, the Chair may recommend that the member be removed and replaced by an alternate or by selecting a representative from previously submitted applications.
- In addition to appointing the voting membership, the BMAC may appoint ex-officio members as appropriate. The ex-officio members are not voting members but will receive all meeting materials and are encouraged to actively participate in all BMAC discussions.

Procedures

- The BMAC shall meet monthly (with the exception of November), or as often as necessary.
- The BMAC shall meet jointly with the Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (PMAC) quarterly or as needed.
- BMAC meeting notices and information will be provided by mail or e-mail to all members approximately one week prior to a meeting.
- BMAC meetings are subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act and must be posted in the Texas Register and other appropriate places at least 72 hours prior to a meeting.

Provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act shall be observed at all times.

- Meeting minutes shall be made of each meeting. Meeting minutes will be posted on the MPO's website following approval.
- Each agenda will include a "Citizens to Be Heard" item. Participation by interested citizens is encouraged.
- A meeting quorum shall be defined as one-half of the existing voting membership. A quorum will be present for all actions taken by the BMAC.
- These by-laws and any future amendments will be approved by the San Antonio-Bexar County MPO Transportation Policy Board.

Staff Support

- Support shall be provided to the BMAC by MPO staff within limitations imposed by budgetary and personnel considerations.
- In consultation with BMAC members, MPO staff will develop the meeting agenda, meeting package, provide meeting minutes, participate in discussions, and coordinate BMAC activities as appropriate.

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.

Goal 2 Build the network to increase ridership: develop a comprehensive on-road and off-road bicycle network throughout the region

Goal 3 Find the funding: identify and secure local, state, federal, private and grant funding to expand and improve bicycle facilities and programs in the 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 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; events can be identified by visiting www.walkandrollsa.com
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.



City South Management Authority
City of San Antonio, Economic Development Department
P.O. Box 839966, San Antonio, TX 78283

January 8, 2010

Ms. Lydia Kelly
Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation Planner
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Re: BMAC & PMAC Consideration

Dear Ms. Kelly:

This letter is to respectfully request committee membership for City South Management Authority staff in the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (PMAC), as well as the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC). City South was created by the State of Texas as a political subdivision with the authority to zone certain areas of South Bexar County, Texas. Thus, we have staff through the City of San Antonio Economic Development Department, which is tasked with the regulation of zoning and strategic land use planning issues. Furthermore, within the City South area, significant plans for viable pedestrian/bicycle corridors exist, including the Medina River Linear Creekway administered through the San Antonio Parks Department, as well as the Verano/Texas A&M Campus Development. Numerous coordination efforts between CSMA and other agencies will be necessary in the future to coordinate on bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, as additional development ensues.

Through its Community Plan, which was adopted in 2003, City South staff implements its various adopted policy goals, including the development of viable transportation networks with adequate infrastructure provisions for bicycle and pedestrian transportation systems. Our goal in becoming members of the PMAC and BMAC Committees is to coordinate with other agencies and to further our knowledge regarding these modes of transportation. As envisioned in the community plan, CSMA realizes the importance in having viable alternatives to vehicular transportation, and is aware of the many complexities in their planning and, more especially, their implementation.

The current staffperson we would like to assign to these committees is David Clear, who has been a Senior Planner for the Authority for the past two years, working on numerous issues involving pedestrian and bicycle transportation. Previously, he worked for the San Antonio Parks Department, where in 2007 and 2008 he served on both the BMAC and PMAC Committees. If you have any questions regarding this letter or City South in general, please contact me at (210) 207-7028. Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betsy L. Erne".

Betsy Erne
Special Projects Manager



SAN ANTONIO
RIVER AUTHORITY

Water Brings Us Together

January 25, 2010

Lydia Kelly
SA-BC Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation Planner
825 S. St. Mary's St
San Antonio, Texas 78205

RE: PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF SAN ANTONIO RIVER
AUTHORITY ON THE BICYCLE MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dear Ms. Kelly,

The San Antonio River Authority (SARA) has been very active in the management of the San Antonio River Museum and Mission Reach Improvements, as well as ongoing operations and maintenance of existing and new trails along the river. As a result, we would like to become more active in promoting the use of these trails for both pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and are requesting the opportunity to serve on the MPO Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee.

I am recommending Jim Doersam, P.E., of our engineering division, to serve on this committee. Jim is a registered professional engineer and has been an employee of SARA for almost four years. He has served on various committees and board positions in the past, including the Water Environment Association of Texas, the Recycling Coalition of Texas, and the San Antonio Recycling Advisory Council. We feel he would be a welcome addition to your organization not only because of his technical and previous volunteer committee experience, but also because he is an avid bicyclist who in his spare time organizes routine weekly bike rides from our downtown office to Mission Espada when daylight and weather conditions are favorable. He also participates in other organized rides, and as a result, has a keen interest in promoting bicycling safely within our community.

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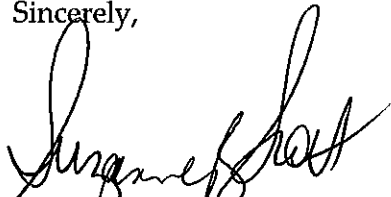


GENERAL MANAGER
Suzanne B. Scott

Ms. Kelly
January 25, 2010
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I hope you will consider having Jim serve on this important committee as he will be a resource to not only promote bicycling along the San Antonio River trails, but also within the San Antonio MPO area. Please feel free to contact me at 210-302-3613 should you have any questions regarding this request, and again, we appreciate this opportunity.

Sincerely,



SUZANNE B. SCOTT

General Manager

The Real Estate Council of San Antonio

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Subj: Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC)

Dear Lydia:

Thank you for visiting with Phil Crane and me recently regarding the Real Estate Council's participation on the BMAC.

On behalf of RECSA, we would like to request a position on the BMAC. Our organization represents the commercial development industry in San Antonio. Not only do we have extensive contacts and expertise in the real estate and development community, we have several members who are biking enthusiasts. Phil Crane with Providence Commercial Real Estate Services is one of them, and we believe he would be a perfect fit to provide input to the BMAC.

We respectfully request that RECSA be considered for a position on the BMAC and that Phil Crane is named as our representative.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to call me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Martha Mangum
Executive Director

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