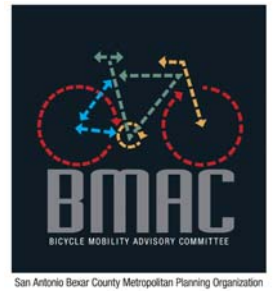




MEMORANDUM
January 6, 2010



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, January 13, 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 November 18, 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 Review of the Citizens to be Heard Agenda Item from the October 14, 2009 Bike Night Meeting (Lydia Kelly/MPO)
9. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Rotating Bicycle Organization Alternate position (Lydia Kelly/MPO)
10. 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 November 18, 2009 BMAC Meeting Minutes

Issue

The November 18, 2009 BMAC meeting minutes are presented for the committee's review.

Action Requested

A motion to approve the November 18, 2009 BMAC meeting minutes is requested.



**BICYCLE MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2009**

Voting Members Present:

Judge Oscar Kazen	Chair
Ken Zigrang (Vice Chair)	Texas Department of Transportation
Annette Prosterman	Alamo Area Council of Governments
Richard Higby	Bexar County
Georgianne Gale (alt)	Citizen (Roger Christian)
Julia Diana	CoSA Office of Environmental Policy
David Arciniega	CoSA Parks and Recreation Department
John Osten	CoSA Planning and Development Services
Allen Hodapp	Rotating Bicycle Organization
John Mayfield	San Antonio Wheelmen
Abigail Kinnison	VIA Metropolitan Transit

Voting Members Absent:

Roger Christian	Citizen
Greg Hammer	Citizen
Cindi Snell	Citizen
Jeff Russell	Citizen
Valerie Flinn	Greater Bexar County Council of Cities
George Aguilar	Law Enforcement/Bicycle Patrol
Luis Marti	School District Representative
David Foegelle	STORM
George Longoria	Texas Bicycle Coalition

Others Present:

Dr. Della Corales	Alternate for the Rotating Bicycle Organization
Jaclynn Fragoso	MPO
Jeanne Geiger	MPO
Lydia Kelly	MPO
Bruce Landis	Sprinkle Consulting, Inc

1. Roll Call

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

Items taken out of order

9. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Status Report of the Road Diet Study

Mr. Bruce Landis provided a brief update on the Road Diet Study that is currently underway.

Mr. Landis explained that although this is a separate study from the Bicycle Level of Suitability study, it is a natural step in the planning process. The Road Diet Study will take the information from the first study and do an analysis to determine roadways in the region that might qualify. One of the more popular road diet techniques is to reallocate the roadway cross section by optimizing the cross section allocation, the space for motor vehicle to operate while providing some striping for cyclist. This basically means that a roadway would be restriped to allow for a bicycle facility. Road diets do not typically displace motorized vehicles.

The study will make recommendations for facilities with current lane widths that could accommodate bicycle facilities and stay within agency guidelines. The City of San Antonio's minimum lane width guideline is 10 feet, 11 feet along a VIA route or a road with significant horizontal curvature. Bexar County maintains a guideline of 12 feet lane width. Texas Department of Transportation maintains a guideline of 11 feet for lane width. The study will take these guidelines into consideration in the recommendations.

It is hoped that a review of the findings will be available for the April 14, 2010 "Bike Night" Meeting.

For information and discussion only.

Items returned to order:

2. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the October 14, 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.

Julia Diana moved to approve the October 14, 2009 meeting minutes and John Mayfield seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Letters of Support for Projects Being Submitted for the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program Call for Projects

Richard Higby began the discussion by presenting Bexar County's Bulverde Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Shared Use Path proposed project for the 2009 enhancement program. Higby noted the project proposal is to add an eight feet wide shared-use off road path on each side of Bulverde Road from Evans Road to Marshall Road.

Julia Diana, City of San Antonio, provided a review for the Share the Road proposed project: "Same Road, Same Rules, Same Rights". Julia explained the campaign would be consultant-driven and will employ various media and social marketing techniques specifically for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists. She went on to say that the hope is that through education and awareness, all users of the road will gain respect for each other resulting in a more livable and walkable community.

Lani Cabico, University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), presented a four part project consisting of a Multi-use Path system to connect students in the nearby neighborhoods to UTSA. The project would also connect UTSA to the Leon Creek Greenway Project. This would include 7400 feet of 10 feet wide multi-use path along UTSA Blvd linking to the Leon Creek while providing needed bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the region. Ms. Cabico noted the path would also provide cyclists and pedestrians' safe, off-road alternatives as well as an exercise station, cultural and or environmental signage.

Abigail Kinnison, VIA Metropolitan Transit, explained VIA will be submitting two applications. The first project is to enhance the eight stations along the Fredericksburg Road Bus Rapid Transit route. The second project is to revitalize two buildings VIA owns in the Ellis Alley enclave.

Abigail went on to introduce a proposed project that Balcones Heights will submit which will link the Bus Rapid Transit station at Crossroads and Fredericksburg Road with the Crossroads Park and Ride. VIA is requesting support of all three projects.

There was additional discussion on the Call for Projects and the timeline associated with the process. Various clarifying questions were asked by committee members. Answers were provided by the agency representatives.

Jeanne Geiger brought the "Old Town Helotes Pedestrian and Bicycle Expansion Project" to the committee's attention. This is a project being submitted by the City of Helotes.

Abigail Kinnison moved to recommend to the Transportation Policy Board that they provide letters of support for the Bulverde Road project being submitted by Bexar County. Julia Diana seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Abigail Kinnison moved to recommend to the Transportation Policy Board that they provide letters of support for the projects being submitted by the City of San Antonio. John Mayfield seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Allen Hodapp moved to recommend to the Transportation Policy Board that they provide letters of support for the projects being submitted by University of Texas. Richard Higby seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

David Arciniega moved to recommend to the Transportation Policy Board that they provide letters of support for the two projects being submitted by VIA and the one VIA friendly project being submitted by the City of Balcones Heights. Julia Diana seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Richard Higby moved to recommend to the Transportation Policy Board that they provide letters of support for the projects being submitted by the City of Helotes. David Arciniega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Linear Greenways Projects

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Westside Creekways

Abigail Kinnison provided a brief update on the progress of the Westside Creekway initiative. The next meeting will be on December 8, 2009. There is an important informational meeting scheduled sometime in February 2010. Abigail will provide more information as it is available. The public is welcome to attend.

For information and discussion only.

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

Julia Diana provided an update on the City of San Antonio bicycle initiatives. She began by announcing a San Antonio Bikes Downtown Online survey and invited everyone to participate and tell other cyclists who may ride through the downtown area.

Julia reviewed the November 2nd Bicycle Summit. Mayor Julian Castro and City Manager, Sheryl Sculley, both gave opening remarks. Among the over thirty people in attendance Councilman Ray Lopez participated along with staff from Councilman Reed William's office. Over thirty people participated in the brainstorming exercise. There was a bicycle ride to the Missions after the summit with Mayor Castro and Councilman Lopez leading the riders out of Main Plaza. Everyone involved felt the event was very successful.

Julia also discussed the issues regarding parking in bicycle lanes that have surfaced recently. Depending on which Unified Development Code (UDC) was in effect at the time the bike facility is placed on the street determines whether parking is allowed. She understands it is a frustrating and confusing regulation but the UDC is the deciding factor. She took this opportunity to discuss the Request for Proposal the City of San Antonio announced for updating the city's Bicycle Master Plan. This will be a consultant driven project. There will be an oversight committee with some members coming from BMAC. There will more information in the future.

Julia began the discussion on the cities in Texas considering adopting city ordinances with the same language as the failed "Safe Passing Bill". Lydia announced that the City of Helotes had passed an ordinance outlining a 3 feet clearance requirement for passing vulnerable roadway users. Julia said the City of Austin was also expected to pass a similar ordinance. She went on to explain it was a concept the City of San Antonio is looking into.

Julia also announced that the public television station is now showing "Neighborhood Adventures in Bicycle Safety". It is a video produced by the Texas Department of Transportation.

For information and discussion only.

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

Abigail Kinnison stated there is no update on the Bus Rapid Transit and bicycle initiatives at this time. She went on to announce that for transit drivers the safe passing distance will be expanded to six feet when passing vulnerable roadway users. She also mentioned that drivers are taught to give a short horn when passing a cyclist. This was news to some on the committee. Abigail explained there is training in the future for drivers to clarify the policies.

Abigail also noted that the SmartWaySA Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan that includes public comment is coming to an end. She encouraged everyone to participate in one of the meetings coming up.

For information and discussion only.

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

This item was postponed until the next BMAC meeting.

11. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Walk & Roll (Hike & Bike) Financial Statement

Abigail Kinnison suggested that a bank be located that does not charge \$14.00 a month for services. Lydia Kelly explained she has routinely checked for accounts that do not charge a fee for business accounts. To date she has not found one. It was recommended that she look into a local credit union. Lydia agreed to continue the research. Judge Kazen asked for a motion to approve the budget as presented.

David Arciniega moved to recommend approval of the financial statement for the Walk & Roll/Hike & Bike account. Annette Prosterman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Call for Research Ideas and the League of American Bicyclists "The Economic Benefits of Bicycle Infrastructure Investments"

This item was postponed for a future meeting.

13. BMAC Communications

Richard Higby suggested that the committee consider promoting a "Share the Road" bumper sticker or window sticker that would be placed on vehicles to show support for cyclists.

Abigail Kinnison stated the Federal Transit Administration has a request for comments about a change in their policy. The policy currently for the catchment area around a transit station is a quarter mile, and are considering changing this to a half mile and adding a policy for bicycle catchment area to be three mile radius around a transit station. Abigail explained that this expands the radius around a public transportation stop or station within which FTA will consider pedestrian and bicycle improvements to have a de facto functional relationship to transit.

Abigail also provided everyone a copy of the new VIA Street Car Maps.

It was the consensus of the committee members that there will not be a formal meeting in December 2009. There will be an informal get together at Tito's Mexican Restaurant on December 9th at 8:30 a.m.

With the meeting running two hours, Judge Kazen asked for a motion to adjourn.

David Arciniega moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Annette Prosterman 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:

- CoSA Mapping Website
- CoSA Employee Bike Share
- CoSA Bicycle Master Plan Revision Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
- Bike Share/Bike Rental RFQ
- TxDOT Grant Application:
Share the Road Advertising Campaign: Same Road, Same Rules, Same Rights

Action Requested

No action is requested this month.

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 Review of the Citizens to be Heard Agenda Item from the October 14, 2009 BMAC Bike Night Meeting

Issue

This is an opportunity to review the citizens to be heard portion of the October 14th BMAC Bike Night meeting and determine what follow-up is needed. The following is taken from the October 2009 minutes:

Mr. Buehler thanked the cycling community for their attendance at his son and daughter-in-law's funeral. He pledged his support in educating and bringing more awareness to the motorists and cyclist relationship. He also noted that he was against the use of cell phones while driving.

Robert Davidson expressed his desire to have more connectivity within the region. He explained that even though he lives in a nice neighborhood, his community is land locked by high traffic roads. Robert invited those attending the meeting to the Walkable Community Workshop on Thursday, October 22nd at John Igo Library. The meeting is to look at the area in proximity to Bandera, Loop 1604 and Hausman Rd.

Veronica Petralia thanked the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee for all the work being done to bring more awareness and education to the cycling community and motorists.

Justin Moore expressed his opinion that all cyclists are ambassadors and should be obeying the rules of the road. He went on to suggest that the San Antonio Police Department Bike Patrol could be a better example to the community by not riding on the sidewalks. Justin's last comment was to say he is thrilled with the improvements on Blanco Road.

Tom Mathieu stated that he believes cycling has given him back his healthy lifestyle. He is now committed to giving back to the cycling community. Tom believes people need to be taught the meaning of bike lanes. He has almost been hit a number of times. The green routes on the map are good to see and Tom appreciates the efforts to improve cycling in the community.

Roman Fruth stated several of his concerns one of which is the last western end of Woodlawn Avenue is marked as a bicycle lane but that the street is too narrow when cars are parked in the road. Roman stated he thought that placing bicycle signs along Woodlawn Avenue in the narrow area is a waste of tax payers' money; and riding a bicycle there is

impossible. Roman also questioned how the Leon Creekway will maneuver around Southwest Research Institute. He recommended using Zarzamora as an alternate route around Southwest Research Institute. He also expressed a concern on all the creekways that safe access under freeways be a priority.

Andrea Basse explained her husband died because of a bicycle collision. She explained that investing in improved roads for cyclists and safety education could prevent serious injuries and deaths.

Robin Stallings, the executive director of Bike Texas provided a brief history and explanation of his organization. It is also known as Texas Bicycle Coalition, founded in 1991 as the Advocacy in Education Organization for Cyclists in Texas. Robin reported that approximately 200,000 children are reached through their education program. He encouraged BMAC members and citizens in attendance to endorse a local ordinance relating to restrictions for operating a motor vehicle near vulnerable road users. Robin remarked he attends MPO meetings all over the state of Texas and that this MPO has set the bar higher than any other MPO in the state of Texas with the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee. He said it is wonderful to see such commitment from the committee and the community. Judge Kazen requested that this ordinance be placed on a future BMAC agenda to move this forward to the TPB.

Jesse De La Santos, a 76 year old ex-cyclist, stated that West Mulberry at Broadway and West Mulberry at North St. Mary's are very dangerous intersections and that there are going to be serious accidents one day.

Daniel Day stated that he appreciated what the BMAC is doing for the community. Daniel who makes his living as a pedicab driver would like to see the city ordinances changed so that he can maneuver better through the downtown area.

John Banks appreciated the efforts of BMAC in hosting the evening meetings. He feels more bike lanes and connections would benefit the community and that there is a need for more East/West connections. He also stated he would like to see an ordinance passed dealing with subdivision design for better connectivity which would mean a safer ride. John also would like to see the City of San Antonio adopt an ordinance that would allow a cyclist to "Roll through" stop signs and stop lights.

Action Requested

No formal action is being requested this month. Committee members may be asked to follow-up on specific items for future discussion.

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

Issue

This is an opportunity to approve posting for the Rotating Bicycle Organization position. 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.

Action Requested

Action authorizing the announcement of the vacancy is requested.

10. BMAC Communications