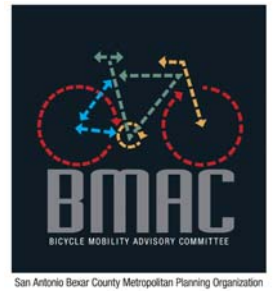




MEMORANDUM
July 07, 2010



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, July 14, 2010
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. Public comment that does not relate to a specific agenda item may be made during the Citizens to be Heard period.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the June 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes
3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the City of San Antonio's Bicycle Initiatives (Julia Diana/CoSA)
4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Linear Greenways Projects (Greg Hammer)
5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) projects (Jim Doersam/SARA)
6. Discussion and Appropriate Action VIA Metropolitan Transit Initiatives (Abigail Kinnison/VIA)
7. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the MPO's Regional Biking Travel Patterns Survey (Lydia Kelly/MPO)
8. Citizens to be Heard
 - a. Review of Citizens to be Heard from the April 14, 2010 BMAC Bike Night Meeting
 - b. Citizens to be Heard at the July 14, 2010 Bike Night Meeting
9. BMAC Communication

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Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC)
Effective July 2010**

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Annette Prosterman Vacant	Transportation Coordinator Alternate	AACOG AACOG	210-362-5213
Richard Higby	Bicycle Coordinator	Bexar County	210-335-6785
Roger Christian Georgianne Gale	Citizen Alternate	At Large	210-829-1953
Greg Hammer	Citizen	At Large	210-678-3310
Cindi Snell Able Gonzales	Citizen Alternate	At Large	210-828-5558
Jeff Russell	Citizen	At Large	210-563-2941
Julia Diana	Bicycle Coordinator	CSA Office of Environmental Policy	210-207-6321
Samuel Sanchez David Arciniega	Planner Alternate	CSA Parks & Rec CSA Parks & Rec	210-207-4091 210-207-2886
John Osten Patricia Wallace	Sr. Planner Alternate	CSA Planning CSA Planning	210-207-2187
Phil Crane	San Antonio Real Estate Council	Development Community	210-366-4444

Name	Title	Organization	Phone #
Vacant		Economic Development Community	
Valerie Flinn	Citizen	GBCCC	210-857-3123
SGT George Aguilar	VIA Police	Law Enforcement evenings:	210-362-2436
LT Charles Garcia	CoSA Alternate		210-207-8217
Dr. Della Corales	Cool Cats	Rotating Bicycle Org	210-224-0888
Veronica Petralia	Rides Like a Girl		210-383-3660
Jim Doersam	Engineer	San Antonio River Authority	210-302-3618
Jordan Merson	Alternate	San Antonio River Authority	210-302-3665
John Mayfield		SA Wheelmen	210-662-2612
Cliff Hickel	Alternate	SA Wheelmen	210-481-1807
Luis Marti		Schools Rep.	210-397-1236
Dave Foegelle		STORM	210-722-5864
George Longoria		TX Bicycle Coalition	210-325-0265
Abigail Kinnison	Planner	VIA	210-362-2564
Michael Dominquez	Alternate	VIA	210-362-2143

2. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the June 9, 2010 BMAC Meeting Minutes

Issue

The June 9, 2010 BMAC meeting minutes are presented for the committee's review.

Action Requested

A motion to approve the June 9, 2010 BMAC meeting minutes is requested.



**BICYCLE MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2010**

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
Roger Christian	Citizen
David Arciniega (alt)	CoSA Parks and Recreation Department
Valerie Flinn	Greater Bexar County Council of Cities
LT. George Aguilar	Law Enforcement/Bicycle Patrol
Dr. Della Corales	Rotating Bicycle Organization
Jim Doersam	San Antonio River Authority
John Mayfield	San Antonio Wheelmen/John Mayfield
Abigail Kinnison	VIA Metropolitan Transit

Voting Members Absent:

Greg Hammer	Citizen
Jeff Russell	Citizen
Cindi Snell	Citizen
Julia Diana	CoSA Office of Environmental Policy
John Osten	CoSA Planning and Development Services
Luis Marti	School District Representative
David Foegelle	STORM
George Longoria	Texas Bicycle Coalition

Others Present:

Mona Lisa Zertuche	MPO
Lydia Kelly	MPO

1. Roll Call

Judge Kazen called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. and there was a quorum present.

2. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens wishing to speak.

**3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the April 14, 2010 and May 12, 2010
BMAC Meeting Minutes**

Jim Doersam moved to approve the April 14, 2010 minutes as written with corrections. Annette Prosterman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ken Zigrang moved to approve the May 12, 2010 minutes as written. David Arciniega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Linear Greenways Projects

Greg Hammer was unavailable for an update.

For information and discussion only.

**5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the San Antonio River Authority
Projects**

Jim Doersam provided an update of the San Antonio River Authority initiatives.

Park Segment:

Approximately 0.5 mile of the river trail was recently completed that connects Avenue 'B' to the Pearl Brewery (the northern end of the Museum Reach) is open and looking good. Construction on the trail from Avenue 'B' to Avenue 'A' on either side of Mulberry will go out for bid on July 1st, and should be complete by January 2011. This will effectively connect Hildebrand to the end of the Museum Reach.

Museum Reach:

The 1.3 mile extension of the Museum Reach was complete in May 2009, and we recently celebrated the 1 year anniversary of it opening. Riders may use the eastern 8 foot wide trail from the Pearl Brewery to the southern end of this stretch at Lexington St.

Blue Star:

The extension of the existing trail that terminates at Guenther St. is under construction at this time, and should be complete by the Spring of 2011.

Eagleland:

The Eagleland trail is approximately 1 mile long, and extends from Blue Star, crosses the river at Brackenridge High School, and continues south to Mission Road at the Lone Star Brewery.

Mission Reach:

The 1.25 mile extension of Phase 1 of the Mission Reach from the Lone Star Brewery to Mitchell St. is nearly complete and should be opened in late summer, which has been delayed slightly to better establish vegetation. The 0.5 mile stretch from Mitchell St. to Theo St. is scheduled to be complete later this year in December 2010.

Phase II that extends from Theo St. to Mission Road is scheduled to be complete in April 2011, plus some time to grow vegetation if needed. Mission Parkway (Mission Rd. at the Riverside Golf Course) is permanently closed to vehicular traffic, and will be open to pedestrian/bicycle traffic in the future. Meanwhile, bicycle traffic must continue south on Mission Rd. to White, turn left to the river at Mission County Park where the trail may be picked up at that point.

The remainder of the Mission Reach improvements (6 miles) to connect the remainder of the trail system to Mission Espada is scheduled to be complete in December 2013.

Jim stated that SARA is preparing a new map prepared (coordinating with Julia's staff) to present at the July meeting to show an update on the trail system with closures, temporary rerouting, etc., from Hildebrand to Mission Espada.

Judge Kazen suggested a Mobile Meeting to a specific project in lieu of a regular BMAC meeting. Lydia is putting a subcommittee together to discuss details.

For information and discussion only.

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

Lydia Kelly provided an update for Julia Diana as to what the City of San Antonio is working on.

- Committee on the City of San Antonio Complete Streets Policy is meeting regularly
- Downtown bike ride and run maps are coming soon
- Media campaign concepts and contract for bike share system will go to City of San Antonio City Council on June 17th.

For information and discussion only.

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

Abigail Kinnison provided an update on VIA's initiatives concerning the Bus Rapid Transit project along Fredericksburg Road and VIA's SmartWaySA Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Abigail distributed two handouts that showed the adopted conceptual station design which will include bike amenities. She explained VIA has not decided to purchase the 40 foot or 60 foot bus. VIA has applied for a grant that would allow

the purchase of the longer bus which could allow for bicycles inside. The committee discussed providing a letter of support to VIA to be included in the grant application.

Richard Higby moved to submit a letter of support to VIA for a 60ft bus. Valerie Flinn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Lydia will develop a letter of support for Judge Kazen's signature within the next week. Abigail went on to announce the dates for the next round of public meetings for the SmartWaySA Long Range Plan.

8. Discussion and Appropriate Action Concerning the Development Community and Economic Development Vacancies

Lydia Kelly reviewed the recommendations of the subcommittee. Lydia noted the subcommittee recommended Phil Crane be invited to join BMAC for the Development Community position. The recommendation of the subcommittee for the Economic Development position was to re-post with more specific information. Per the subcommittee the applications submitted for the Economic Development vacancy did not meet the requirements. Previous applicants will be invited to reapply with the new posting.

There was an extensive discussion on what the qualifications for the Economic Development position requires. Applicants will be asked to specify how they qualify for the particular position.

Valerie Flinn moved and Abigail Kinnison seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of the subcommittee for the Development Community vacancy, Phil Crane and to repost the Economic Development vacancy. The motion carried unanimously.

Abigail Kinnison moved and Valerie Flinn seconded the motion to repost the Economic Development vacancy and to revise the application and to invite the original applicants to reapply with the new form. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the MPO's Regional Biking Travel Patterns Survey

Lydia Kelly explained the Regional Biking Travel Patterns Survey is underway with the consultants working with the oversight committee made up of the agency bicycle coordinators. ETC Institute is developing survey instruments that will randomly identify 400 cyclists in the region who cycle at least once a week. In

addition, there will be up to 200 additional cyclists identified from bicycle organizations and clubs in the region.

Once identified a sub-sample of 25% of the respondents who participate in the two surveys will be invited to participate in the GPS data collection survey for one week.

The information gathered during the survey will help identify where and when cyclists ride. Distance traveled will be collected as well as speed and other data points that may be of interest to planning for future infrastructure.

Following collection of data, an assessment of the overall results of the surveys will be available to the MPO along with crosstabulations of the survey results of key demographic variables.

This study will provide a baseline for the region as it pertains to the number of cyclists we have in the region and where we travel. This study will be completed prior to October 2010, with the draft report currently scheduled to be presented at the October Bike Night meeting.

For information and discussion only.

10. BMAC Communications

There were no announcements.

Abigail Kinnison 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**

3. 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 monthly update on CoSA bicycle related initiatives to include:

- "Get Cyched" safety and media campaign (launch July 20th at Hays St. Bridge Hike & Bike Ribbon-Cutting)
- San Antonio Bike Share and B-Cycle (anticipated launch early 2011; demo in October)
- Bicycle Master Plan Update and Implementation Plan (progress, public participation, next steps)

Action Requested

No action is requested this month.

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 San Antonio River Authority Projects

Issue

Jim Doersam will provide an update of the San Antonio River Authority's initiatives.

Action Requested

No action is being requested this month.

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

Issue

Abigail Kinnison will provide a monthly update on the VIA initiatives to include, but not limited to, the Bus Rapid Transit (Primo) project along Fredericksburg Road and VIA's SmartWaySA Long Range Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Action Requested

No action is being requested this month.

7. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the MPO's Regional Biking Travel Patterns Survey

Issue

This is a Bike Night review of the Regional Biking Travel Patterns Survey that is underway. ETC Institute is developing survey instruments that will randomly identify 400 cyclists in the region who cycle at least once a week. In addition, there will be up to 200 additional cyclists identified from bicycle organizations and clubs in the region.

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The general time line:

July 7th: Oversight committee members provide feedback on draft 3 of the survey

July 8th and 9th: ETC makes changes if needed to the survey

July 10th – 12th: ETC conducts pilot test

July 14th: Main Survey begins

July 14th – 21st: ETC works with MPO to acquire contact information from bike clubs and to promote participation in the survey

July 21st: Survey of Biking Club/Association Members begins

August 7th: Main Survey Complete

August 10th – 31st: GPS Survey Conducted

September 15th: Draft Final Report Delivered

October 13th: Presentation to BMAC Bike Night meeting

Action Requested

No action is requested this month.

8. Citizens to be heard

a. Review of the Citizens to be Heard Agenda Item from the April 14, 2010 BMAC Bike Night Meeting

Issue

This is a review of the citizens to be heard portion of the April 14th BMAC Bike Night meeting

Brooke Bueno: Thanked the committee for the work it's been doing to make our region more bicycle friendly. She reminded all that as a commuter she saves money, saves the environment and gets exercise. She went on to say she has seen a difference, for the better, since the Safe Passing Ordinance. Brooke explained that she continues to see much debris on the roadway. George Longoria suggested she note the location and call 311 and report the problem.

John Yoggerst invited all in attendance to the 2010 Parade of Homes. There will be an organized bike ride with refreshments provided after the ride.

Todd O'Neill explained he has a bicycle at work for fast, inexpensive commute throughout downtown for meetings.

Daniel Day brought up concerns he has about Salado Creek. Greg Hammer will look into Daniel's concerns about the barriers on Roland and the bridge across Southcross. Daniel went on to say he does not support any helmet ordinance or law, but would like to see an educational program about the lighting ordinance. Julia Diana explained the City of San Antonio is planning a safety campaign that will launch in the near future.

Ralph Guerra explained the role of the City of San Antonio Emergency Medical Service Bike Patrol. He requested support from BMAC for their efforts to be utilized more often at events. Judge Kazen suggested this be on a future agenda for discussion.

b. Citizens to be Heard at the July 14, 2010 Bike Night Meeting

9. BMAC Communications