



**BICYCLE MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 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
Cindi Snell	Citizen
Roger Christian	Citizen
Greg Hammer	Citizen
Jeff Russell	Citizen
John Osten	CoSA Planning and Development Services
Julia Diana	CoSA Office of Environmental Policy
David Arciniega	CoSA Parks and Recreation Department
George Aguilar	Law Enforcement/Bicycle Patrol
Dr. Della Corales	Rotating Bicycle Organization
Jordan Merson (alt)	San Antonio River Authority
Cliff Hickel (alt)	San Antonio Wheelmen/John Mayfield
Luis Marti	School District Representative
David Foegelle	STORM
George Longoria	Texas Bicycle Coalition
Abigail Kinnison	VIA Metropolitan Transit

Voting Members Absent:

Valerie Flinn	Greater Bexar County Council of Cities
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Others Present:

Mona Lisa Zertuche	MPO
Lydia Kelly	MPO
Peyton McLeod	Sprinkle Consulting, Inc

1. Roll Call

Judge Kazen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and there was a quorum present.

2. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the March 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Judge Kazen asked if there were any corrections to the March 10th meeting minutes. Lydia Kelly stated that the minutes in the packet had incorrect miles represented on Item #6 but the copy for signature was correct.

Abigail Kinnison moved to approve the March 10, 2010 meeting minutes with the corrections. Cliff Hickel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Road Diet Study

This item is a continuation of the March agenda from which the elements work to build on the previous Bicycle Level of Service data collection efforts. Peyton McLeod of Sprinkle Consulting presented a detailed analysis of approximately 284 miles of roadways in the San Antonio region that are candidates for roadway restriping to create bike lanes. An additional 80 miles of road diet candidates are also recommended. Peyton's presentation prompted much discussion among committee members as well as from the public in attendance.

Also included in the meeting material is a draft resolution encouraging responsible agencies to adopt the study and use the information in the study for future planning purposes.

Greg Hammer moved to recommend the MPO's Transportation Policy Board approve the final study and adopt the resolution that encourages decision makers to consider implementation of appropriate measures within their respective jurisdictions. Julia Diana seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on VIA Metropolitan Transit's Primo (Bus Rapid Transit) project update

Arturo Herrera provided an update on the VIA's Primo (Bus Rapid Transit) project along Fredericksburg Road.

Arturo stated this is the highest patron traveled corridor in the system with a current ridership of 10,000 plus. Featured technologies will include Transit Signal Priority, Level Boarding, Increased Frequency, Stylized vehicle and Unique Stations and Real Time Bus Information. Arturo stated the original route system will be maintained but may extend north of Medical. Buses will have bicycle amenities. If 60' buses are chosen, bikes will be accommodated on the inside of the vehicle. If 40' buses are chosen, bicycle racks will be installed on the front of the bus.

For information and discussion only.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the Linear Greenways Projects

Greg Hammer, San Antonio City Council district representative provided a monthly update on the Linear Greenways Projects.

Greg stated there were approximately 19 miles of existing paths completed and open to the public. He reviewed current projects for Leon Creek, Salado Creek and Medina River.

Leon Creek: Loop 1604 to Babcock – under construction
Bandera to Ingram – under construction
SH 151 to Levi Strauss – in design
SW Military to Quintana – in design

Salado Creek: MacAllister to Loop 410 – expected completion May/June 2010
TxDOT project at Loop 410 bridge is expected to be completed in fall of 2010 to complete link with Tobin Park
Jack White Park to Willow Springs – CIMS Ph. II project to begin April 2010

Medina River: Phase III – Medina River Crossing to Pleasanton Rd – finalizing design.

For information and discussion only.

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

Jordan Merson provided an update to the San Antonio River Authority's Initiatives.

Brackenridge Park Segment:

- Approximately 0.5 mile of the river trail was recently completed that connects Avenue 'B', along the outer perimeter of the Brackenridge Golf Course, under Hwy 281 to the Pearl Brewery (the northern end of the Museum Reach).

Museum Reach Segment:

- The 1.3 mile extension of the Museum Reach was effectively complete in May 2009, and 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 Segment:

- The existing trail that terminates at Guenther St. is being extended under Guenther St., adjacent to the Pioneer Flour Mill, under South Alamo to Blue Star. This should be complete by the spring of 2011.

Eagleland Segment:

- 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 Segment:

- 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 June. 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 a year from now in April 2011.
- Jordan stated the remainders of the Mission Reach improvements (6 miles) that will connect the remainder of the trail system to Mission Espada are scheduled to be complete in December 2013.

For information and discussion only.

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

Julia Diana, City of San Antonio Bicycle Coordinator, provided an update on the City of San Antonio's bicycle related initiatives.

Julia stated new bike route and signs have been placed on Main St & Soledad from Main Plaza to Central Library and that San Antonio is en route to becoming a bicycle friendly community. It was also stated the new bike light ordinance is the same as State of Texas law requirements which are 1) front white light, and 2) rear red reflector or red rear light. The ordinance carries a Class C Misdemeanor fine up to \$200.

Julia made note of a Community Bike Calendar that is being hosted by the Express News at LivingGreenSA.com.

Also announced was the timeline for the City of San Antonio Bicycle Master Plan Update and Implementation Plan.

Julia announced that the Downtown Alliance awarded the City of San Antonio Office of Environmental Policy the 2010 "Best Public Program Work in Progress" for the efforts in making San Antonio a bike friendly community.

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8. Citizens to be heard

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. He went on to suggest the City of San Antonio enact a helmet ordinance and provide an educational program about the lighting ordinance. Julia Diana explained the City of San Antonio is planning a safety campaign that will be evident 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.

9. BMAC Communications

Judge Kazen would like to see discussion of Bus Lanes allowing bikes on a future agenda.

Lydia thanked Jim Britton for attending the Bike Summit in Washington, DC and reminded those in attendance of the Fiesta Wildflower Ride.

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

Greg Hammer moved to adjourn. Abigail Kinnison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



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