



MEMORANDUM
April 8, 2009

TO: Members, Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee

FROM: Lydia Kelly, Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: Meeting Notice and Agenda

The next meeting of the **Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (PMAC)** is scheduled for
Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 3:30 p.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 March 18, 2009 PMAC Meeting Minutes
4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Strategies to Encourage the Implementation of the Complete Streets Policy (Lydia Kelly and Clayton Elkins/MPO)
5. PMAC Communications

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Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee**April 15, 2009****1. Roll Call**

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| Commissioner Adkisson | Chairman | Bexar County | 210-335-2614 |
| David Frost | Vice Chair | VIA | 210-362-5101 |
| Andrew Hudgins | Transportation Coordinator | AACOG | 210-362-5228 |
| Anne Larme | Citizen | Bexar ADA Council | 210-735-5161 |
| Richard Higby | Ped.Coord | Bexar County | 210-335-6785 |
| Bill Peters | Representative | Bexar Schools | 210-397-1213 |
| Chip Henderson | At Large | Citizen | 210-824-8758 |
| Brian Crowell | At Large | Citizen | 210-798-1895 |
| Rachel Cywinski | At Large | Citizen | 210-532-4123 |
| George Burton | At Large | Citizen | 210-313-3192 |
| Erica Haller-Stevenson | | CSA Metro Health | 210-207-0160 |
| Judy Babbitt | Planning Mgr | CSA Disability | 210-207-7957 |
| David Arciniega | Sr. Planner | CSA Parks & Rec | 210-207-2886 |
| Priscilla Rosales-Piña | Planner | CSA Planning | 210-207-7839 |
| Vacant | Ped. Coord. | CSA | |
| Rick Schroder | City of Helotes | GBCCC | 210-695-8877 |
| Eloy Rosales | Representative | SAUCC | 210-207-6949 |
| Ken Zigrang | Ped.Coord. | TXDOT | 210-615-5923 |
| Abigail Kinnison | Planner | VIA Planning | 210-362-2564 |
| Lillie Harris | New Jefferson Heights NA | Walking Organization | 210-223-4753 |

2. Citizens to be Heard

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

Issue

The March 18, 2009 PMAC Minutes are presented for review.

Action Requested

A motion to approve the March 18, 2009 PMAC Meeting Minutes is requested.



**Pedestrian Advisory Mobility Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2009**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Adkisson (Chair)
Andrew Hudgins
Anne Larme
Richard Higby
George Burton
Mark McDonald (alt)
Erica Haller-Stevenson
David Arciniega
Eloy Rosales
Ken Zigrang
Abigail Kinnison

Bexar County
AACOG
Bexar ADA Council
Bexar County
Citizen
CSA Disability
CSA Metro Health
CSA Planning Department
SAUCC
Texas Department of Transportation
VIA Planning

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Frost (Vice-Chair)
Bill Peters
Rachel Cywinski
Chip Henderson
Priscilla Rosales-Piña
Rick Schroder
Lillie Harris

VIA Metropolitan Transit
Bexar Schools
Citizen
Citizen
CSA Planning & Community Development
GBCCC
Walking Organization

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Crowell
Ashley McNabb
Aaron Stein
Lydia Kelly
Ambar Perez

Citizen
CSA
CSA Environmental Policy
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Metropolitan Planning Organization

1. Roll Call

Commissioner Adkisson called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. The roll was read and there was a quorum present.

2. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

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

Commissioner Adkisson asked if there were any changes to the minutes.

Hearing no changes Commissioner Adkisson approved the February 18, 2009 PMAC Meeting Minutes as distributed.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Proposed Resolution Supporting a Complete Streets Policy

Lydia Kelly reviewed the process to date. The Complete Streets Policy was adopted by both the Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee and the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee. The next step in the process is to present the Complete Streets Policy to the Transportation Policy Board for consideration.

Abigail Kinnison moved to present the Resolution Supporting a Complete Streets Policy to the Transportation Policy Board for consideration. George Burton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Update for Call for Projects for the FY 2010 – 2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Lydia reviewed the projects recommended by subcommittee for submission for the FY 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program. The proposed study that includes pedestrian amenities is entitled Linear Creekway Baseline Usage. This study provides a baseline traffic count for the Linear Creekways (Salado Creek, Leon Creek and Medina River). No study to date has been completed that can provide a baseline count of users to identify the increase with time as the projects reach completion. Also, this study could identify the percentage of traffic that is commuter traffic rather than solely recreational recreation traffic on the creekway paths. Further committee discussion supported the project as worthwhile to move forward.

Abigail Kinnison moved to submit the Linear Creekway Baseline Usage study for funding consideration for the FY 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program. Eloy Rosales seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion an Appropriate Action on Vacated Citizen Position on the Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee

Lydia reviewed the application from Mr. Brian Crowell. Mr. Crowell introduced himself at the February PMAC meeting and he was also present at the March meeting. Commissioner Adkisson asked Mr. Crowell to review his qualifications.

Erica Haller-Stevenson moved to appoint Mr. Brian Crowell to fill the vacant citizen position on PMAC. David Arciniega seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crowell joined the committee at this point. Commissioner Adkisson then asked Brian if he had experience planning for a community. Commissioner Adkisson went on to discuss a concept he called a Renaissance Village around Ft. Sam Houston that would encourage new personnel to live close to where they work. Brian agreed to meet with Commissioner Adkisson before the next meeting to discuss possible strategies. Lydia will make arrangements for Brian and Commissioner Adkisson's meeting. Commissioner Adkisson would like to discuss strategies in the future as to what our region needs to do to be recognized as as top tier walkable city.

7. PMAC Communications

Andrew Hudgins announced AACOG's Fresh Air Friday that will take place on April 3rd at Main Plaza. He invited everyone to stop by during lunch.

Eloy Rosales reported that the school districts are in the process of developing the inter-local agreements. He suggested a letter from PMAC recommending agreements which ensure sidewalks and walkable school grounds. After further discussion, Lydia will draft a letter for review in April.

With there being no other business, Commissioner Adkisson adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

**Commissioner Adkisson
Chair,
Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee**

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Strategies to Implementation of the Complete Street Policy

Issue

This is an opportunity to discuss strategies to encourage implementation of the Complete Streets Policy throughout the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization's study area. Possible strategies could include but are not limited to:

- A. Encouraging implementation of the Complete Streets Resolution
 - 1. Send the support letter to government agencies, within the MPO study area
 - 2. Support effort to coordinate stakeholders (municipalities, utility companies, school districts, private businesses) to ensure the Complete Streets concepts are understood in relation to their particular jurisdiction
 - 3. Expand discussion on the Renaissance Village concept around Ft. Sam Houston from March PMAC meeting
- B. Continue committee discussion on the previously identified projects. Clayton Elkins has mapped the projects and will provide an estimated cost for each. This is an opportunity to identify a strategy for encouraging that these projects be funded.

Action Requested

Action to approve strategies for implementation of the Complete Streets Resolution is requested.



May 1, 2009

Name
Address
City, TX Zip

Dear _____ :

The San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was created by federal law to provide a comprehensive, cooperative and continuous transportation planning process for cities with a population of 50,000 or greater. The MPO's mission is to provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods consistent with the regions overall economic, social and environmental goals. On March 23, 2009, the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Transportation Policy Board unanimously adopted a Complete Streets Resolution. Guiding principles such as this provide a foundation for planning first for people.

The MPO invites municipalities and local jurisdictions to be cognizant of the need for Complete Streets programs and requests that you consider adoption of similar principles as you plan for the future.

Within the last generation the number of children walking to school has dropped dramatically. Adults do not use walking as viable transportation either and the increased use of cars for short trips has been linked to an increase in diabetes, asthma and obesity in our region. The health of our environment is at stake, also. With increased congestion, comes increased level of pollution. Planning for a complete street where pedestrians and cyclists are welcomed rather than just tolerated demonstrates environmental consciousness. A Complete Streets program supports a healthy community and a healthy environment.

MPO Staff is available to assist in planning for walkable communities. Your support of active transportation that supports the Complete Streets Resolution is appreciated and the MPO looks forward to partnering with you towards a healthier tomorrow. A copy of the MPO's Complete Street Resolution is attached for your information. For additional information please contact Lydia Kelly, MPO Bicycle/ Pedestrian Transportation Planner at either 210-230-6911 or kelly@sametroplan.org.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Tommy Adkisson
Chair, Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee

Honorable Sheila McNeil
Chair, MPO Transportation Policy Board

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Unified Planning Work Program Project Proposal Form

Project Name: Renaissance Village in close proximity to Ft Sam Houston

Preliminary Budget: \$ _____

| QUESTIONS | YES | NO |
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| 1. Does the project meet the primary objective of the funding agency, i.e. the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)? | X | |
| 2. What is the proposed project expected to accomplish? What are the benefits of the project? <u>The proposed increased number of troops at Ft Sam Houston will impact the entire region and will potentially increase the amount of congestion throughout the area. This study will consider the benefit of investing in a five mile radius around Ft. Sam Houston with bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, capital improvement projects and other sustainable projects that encourage the new influx of residents to make the choice to live in close proximity of where they work (Ft. Sam). The outcome of such a study could develop a complete streets scenario that lessens congestion for the entire region. The outcome could also be that the entire community around Ft Sam Houston sees and increase in property values, increase in retail development and decrease in crime.</u> | | |
| 3. Is the project worth the expenditure? | X | |
| 4. Is the project similar to recent existing or previous work? Explain how the project may differ from similar previous work or how it is a logical extension of previous work. <u>This project would compliment the Tri-Service proposal for "Solution to Installation Sustainability" that is currently underway in partnership with the Air Force, Army and Navy because of a federal requirement through a fence-to-fence approach of connecting service members and installations. This Tri-Service proposal looks at sustainability not only within the installations but also at the immediate surrounding communities. The Renaissance Village study would extend the Tri-Service concept to a five mile radius and support the Walkable Community Program already in place.</u> | | |
| 5. Is the proposed time frame for the project reasonable and does the agency have the resources available to accomplish the work being done? | X | |
| 6. Is your agency willing to fund the project out of its own budget? | X | |

5. PMAC Communications