



MEMORANDUM
March 11, 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, March 18, 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 February 18, 2009 PMAC Meeting Minutes
4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Proposed Resolution Supporting a Complete Streets Policy (Lydia Kelly/MPO)
5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Update for Call for Projects for the FY 2010 - 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (Lydia Kelly/MPO)
6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Vacated Citizen Position on the Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (Lydia Kelly/MPO)
7. PMAC Communications

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Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee**March 18, 2009****1. Roll Call**

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
Vacant	At Large	Citizen	
Rachel Cywinski	At Large	Citizen	210-532-4123
George Burton	At Large	Citizen	210-674-6641
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 February 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Issue

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

Action Requested

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



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

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andrew Hudgins
Anne Larme
Richard Higby
Dr. Hoan Duong (alt)
Mark McDonald (alt)
Richard Jackson (alt)
Priscilla Rosales-Piña
Lizette Ödfalk (alt)
Ken Zigrang
Abigail Kinnison

AACOG
Bexar ADA Council
Bexar County
Citizen
CSA Disability
CSA Metro Health
CSA Planning & Community Development
GBCCC
Texas Department of Transportation
VIA Planning

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Adkisson (Chair)
David Frost (Vice-Chair)
Bill Peters
George Burton
Chip Henderson
David Arciniega
Eloy Rosales
Lillie Harris

Bexar County
VIA Metropolitan Transit
Bexar Schools
Citizen
Citizen
CSA Planning Department
SAUCC
Walking Organization

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Crowell
Ashley McNabb
Aaron Stein
Lydia Kelly
Ambar Perez
Mona Lisa Zertuche

Citizen
CSA
CSA Environmental Policy
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Metropolitan Planning Organization
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1. Roll Call

Ken Zigrang 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

Brian Crowell introduced himself and explained he is interested in being involved on the Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (PMAC). He has a passion for walking as a form of transportation. Mr. Crowell is interested in the PMAC vacancy and plans to apply for the citizen position as soon as it is posted.

3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the November 19, 2008 PMAC Meeting Minutes.

Ken asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Hearing none he asked for a motion.

Richard Higby moved to approve the minutes as presented. Priscilla Rosales-Piña seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Lydia Kelly presented the draft Resolution Supporting a Complete Streets Policy for a final review. Minor changes to the draft were made based on suggestions through email and committee discussion. With these changes, there was consensus from committee members that the document was complete and relevant to move forward.

Abigail Kinnison moved to adopt the Resolution Supporting a Complete Streets Policy with the recommended changes and to forward it to BMAC for additional support. Mark McDonald seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Sidewalk Projects developed within PMAC

Lydia explained the process to map the projects will be completed by April's PMAC meeting and will be presented to the committee at that time. Per previous discussions, once the projects have been mapped they will be maintained on the

MPO website, www.sametroplan.org. This will provide a forum for area residents to submit their thoughts on projects and also to suggest new projects. The process for submitting projects by the public will be developed in the future.

The MPO asks that responsible agencies keep the MPO current on when a project is funded so the project can be closed out. This will be an ongoing topic of discussion as the project list expands.

For information and discussion only.

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

Lydia Kelly introduced Stephanie Lee, the MPO's Regional Transportation Planner. Stephanie announced the Call for Projects for the FY 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Stephanie reviewed the schedule and process for developing the FY 2010-2011 UPWP. She stated approximately \$2.2M would be available each fiscal year totaling \$4.4M. She briefly reviewed the UPWP Project Proposal Form and the Procedures for the UPWP studies.

The committee agreed for a subcommittee to convene to identify projects. The subcommittee will bring recommendations to the March meeting.

For information and discussion only.

7. PMAC Communications

Lydia Kelly will post the citizen vacancy this week.

Richard Jackson distributed Steps to a Healthier San Antonio Calendars to everyone at the meeting. He also provided each agency with a copy of the Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey Report completed in 2007.

Abigail Kinnison announced the service changes VIA Metropolitan Transit will make for March 2009.

With there being no other business, Ken Zigrang adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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

Issue

This is a continuation of the January and February agenda item. The Complete Streets Policy Resolution has been presented and adopted by both the Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Committees. Per previous discussions the next step is to present the resolution to the Transportation Policy Board in March for review and adoption.

Action Requested

Action requested to forward the Resolution Supporting a Complete Streets Policy to the MPO's Transportation Policy Board for review.



A Resolution Supporting a Complete Streets Policy

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” are defined as roadways that enable safe and convenient access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and drivers (of all ages) and is conducive to efficient movement of people; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” policies support the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (MPO) Metropolitan Transportation Plan mission statement which states “The San Antonio metropolitan area is served by an environmentally friendly transportation system where everyone is able to walk, ride, drive or wheel in a safe, convenient, and affordable manner to their desired destinations”; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” policies support the goals of the MPO’s adopted Regional Bicycle Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” policies support the MPO’s Walkable Community Program, the Walk and Roll Program; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” supports national and local public health efforts by recognizing the linkages between the built environment and human health and calls on public officials to participate in local and regional land use and transportation support planning and policy making processes; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” may be achieved through single projects or incrementally through a series of smaller improvements or maintenance activities over time; and

WHEREAS, “Complete Streets” policies and plans have been adopted by the United States Department of Transportation, other Texas MPOs including Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and Houston-Galveston Area Council and cities including San Francisco, Sacramento, San Diego, Boulder, Chicago, Seattle and Portland; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Policy Board, in order to ensure all transportation options are available, and to improve air quality and the quality of life for residents in our communities, strongly encourages decision makers in all jurisdictions to adopt and implement similar Complete Streets policies and practices that:

- Serve as guiding principles to design, construct, operate and maintain the region’s roadway system to promote safe and convenient access and travel for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and people of all abilities, as well as motor vehicle drivers and freight;
- Create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network planned for people and the principles be incorporated into existing policies such as the Regional Bicycle Master Plan;
- Incorporate “Complete Streets” policy except in unusual or extraordinary circumstances;
- To the extent possible, apply policies to both new and retrofit projects,
- Recognize the need for flexibility and identify “Complete Streets” solutions that fit in with the context of the community;

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

Issue

This is a continuation of the discussion for the process involved in developing the FY 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program. A subcommittee of the Bicycle Mobility Advisory and Pedestrian Advisory Committees met on March 5th to discuss studies that would benefit the complete streets, walkable community concepts. The subcommittee will present and explain the proposed studies. Due to the suspense of early April, recommendations will be finalized in March.

Action Requested

Action is requested to identify and submit project(s) for funding consideration for the FY 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program.

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

Issue

One application was received applying for the current vacancy. Mr. Brian Crowell introduced himself at the February PMAC meeting. At that time he expressed an interest in being involved on the committee. As per his discussion in February, Mr. Crowell submitted his application. This is an opportunity to discuss his qualifications.

Action Requested

Action to approve the invitation to the candidate to serve on PMAC is requested if found appropriate.

7. PMAC Communications