



MEMORANDUM
May 13, 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, May 20, 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 Meeting Minutes and April 15, 2009 Meeting Notes
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**May 20, 2009****1. Roll Call**

Commissioner Adkisson	Chairman	Bexar County	210-335-2614
David Frost	Vice Chair	VIA ADA	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	210-798-7895
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 and April 15, 2009 Meeting Notes

Issue

The March 18, 2009 PMAC Minutes and April 15, 2009 Notes 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
March 18, 2009**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Adkisson (Chair)	Bexar County
Andrew Hudgins	AACOG
Anne Larme	Bexar ADA Council
Richard Higby	Bexar County
George Burton	Citizen
Mark McDonald (alt)	City of San Antonio Disability
Erica Haller-Stevenson	City of San Antonio Metro Health
David Arciniega	City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation
Eloy Rosales	San Antonio Utilities Council
Ken Zigrang	Texas Department of Transportation
Abigail Kinnison	VIA Metropolitan Transit Planning

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Frost (Vice-Chair)	VIA Metropolitan Transit ADA
Bill Peters	Bexar Schools
Rachel Cywinski	Citizen
Chip Henderson	Citizen
Priscilla Rosales-Piña	City of San Antonio Planning & Community Development
Rick Schroder	Greater Bexar County Council of Cities
Lillie Harris	Walking Organization

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Crowell	Citizen
Ashley McNabb	City of San Antonio
Aaron Stein	City of San Antonio Office of Environmental Policy
Lydia Kelly	Metropolitan Planning Organization
Ambar Perez	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**



**Pedestrian Advisory Mobility Committee
Meeting Notes
April 15, 2009**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Adkisson (Chair)	Bexar County
Anne Larme	Bexar ADA Council
Richard Higby	Bexar County
Brian Crowell	Citizen
Mark McDonald (alt)	City of San Antonio Disability
Erica Haller-Stevenson	City of San Antonio Metro Health
David Arciniega	City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation
Ken Zigrang	Texas Department of Transportation
Abigail Kinnison	VIA Metropolitan Transit Planning

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Frost (Vice-Chair)	VIA Metropolitan Transit ADA
Andrew Hudgins	Alamo Area Council of Governments
Bill Peters	Bexar Schools
George Burton	Citizen
Rachel Cywinski	Citizen
Chip Henderson	Citizen
Priscilla Rosales-Piña	City of San Antonio Planning & Community Development
Rick Schroder	Greater Bexar Council of Cities
Eloy Rosales	San Antonio Utilities Council
Lillie Harris	Walking Organization

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lydia Kelly	Metropolitan Planning Organization
Ambar Perez	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 not a quorum.

2. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

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

A quorum was not present; therefore, minutes were not approved.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Strategies to encourage the implementation of the Complete Streets Policy

A. Encouraging implementation of the Complete Streets Resolution

1. Send the support letter to government agencies with the MPO study area: Lydia Kelly reported that the MPO's Transportation Policy Board adopted the Complete Streets Resolution on March 23rd. She began the discussion on strategies to encourage the implementation of the Complete Streets Resolution regionally.
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:
This item will be continued at May's meeting.
3. Expand discussion on the Renaissance Village concept around Ft. Sam Houston from March PMAC meeting:
A similar study is being conducted by the City of San Antonio. This would be a duplication of effort.

B. Continue committee discussion on the previously identified projects:

Cecilio Martinez and Clayton Elkins provided the committee with maps of projects previously identified by PMAC. This presentation included an inventory of sidewalk data district which included an estimated cost by project and by district. Due to time constraints the presentation will be provided to PMAC again in May.

For information and discussion only.

5. PMAC Communications

There were no additional PMAC communications.

**With there being no other business,
Commissioner Adkisson adjourned the meeting at
5:15 p.m.**

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

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

Issue

This is an opportunity to continue the discussion on 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. Continue committee discussion on the previously identified projects. These projects support the Complete Streets concept. 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.
- B. Encourage municipalities, school districts, utility companies and other jurisdictions to adopt the Complete Streets Resolution.
 - 1. Letter of support for the Complete Streets Resolution to municipalities
 - 2. Letter of support for the Complete Streets Resolution to school districts, utilities and other jurisdictions.

Action Requested

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



June 23, 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 region's overall economic, social and environmental goals. On March 23, 2009, the MPO Transportation Policy Board unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the concept of "Complete Streets". Guiding principles such as this provide a foundation for planning for the multi-modal needs of the community. The MPO is a catalyst for transportation improvements in our community.

Over the years 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. Concerns expressed at our Safe Routes to School and Walkable Community workshops support these findings that residents of the community do not walk because of real and perceived barriers. One real barrier is the lack of sidewalks around and leading to schools, public transit and other public places.

Increased environmental consciousness and the desire for improved physical health are two reasons adults and children are choosing healthy alternatives to driving such as walking and bicycling. A comprehensive sidewalk system is an integral aspect when choosing to walk because everyone appreciates the convenience of safe pedestrian facilities. The attached Complete Streets Resolution provides a foundation for planning for more walkable communities.

The MPO urges municipalities and local jurisdictions to be cognizant of the need for adequate sidewalks, especially in neighborhoods that include schools and transit. The MPO staff is available to assist in planning for walkable communities. Your support of pedestrians and cyclists is appreciated and the MPO looks forward to working with you towards a healthier tomorrow. The MPO's "Complete Streets" 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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Over the years 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 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.

The MPO urges local jurisdictions such as school districts and utility companies to coordinate efforts with local municipalities to ensure adequate sidewalks are provided to schools, to public transit and other public places. All responsible agencies are asked to be cognizant of the need for "Complete Streets" and the MPO requests that you implement the principles to ensure sidewalks for the future.

MPO staff is available to assist in planning for walkable communities. Your support of active transportation that supports the "Complete Streets" concept is appreciated and the MPO looks forward to partnering with you towards a healthier tomorrow. The MPO's "Complete Streets" 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.

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