



MEMORANDUM
January 9, 2012

To: Members, Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee
From: Jeanne Geiger, Deputy Director
Subject: Meeting Notice and Agenda

The next meeting of the **Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (PMAC)** is scheduled for
Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.
at the MPO offices located at 825 S. St. Mary's, San Antonio, Texas, 78205

The following agenda items will be discussed and action will be taken as appropriate.

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the December 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes
3. Revised Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
 - a) Review schedule
 - b) Review changes made in response to comments provided since the December 14, 2011 meeting
 - c) Other comments
4. PMAC Communications
5. Citizens to be Heard

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1. Roll Call

Robert Hanley	Chairman		210-829-5858
David Frost	Vice Chair	VIA ADA	210-362-5101
Annette Prosterman	Transportation Coordinator	AACOG	210-362-5228
Daniel Ludwig	Citizen	Bexar ADA Council	210-492-6554
David Stallworth	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
David Clear	Sr. Mgmt Analyst	CSA Metro Health	210-207-2002
Judy Babbitt	Planning Mgr	CSA Disability	210-207-7957
David Arciniega	Sr. Planner	CSA Parks & Rec	210-207-2886
Priscilla Rosales-Piña	Sr. Mgmt Analyst	CSA Planning & Community Dev	210-207-7839
Vacant	Representative	GBCCC	
Vacant	Representative	SAUCC	
Lorri Pavliska	Ped.Coord.	TXDOT	210-615-6003
Abigail Kinnison	Sr. Service Planner	VIA Planning	210-362-2564
Vacant		Walking Organization	

2. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the December 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Issue

The December 14, 2011 meeting minutes are attached for your review.

Action Requested

A motion to approve the December 14, 2011 meeting minutes is requested.



**Pedestrian Advisory Mobility Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2011**

Voting Members Present:

Robert Hanley
Annette Prosterman
Bill Peters
George Burton
Mark McDonald (alt)
Katherine Velasquez (alt)
David Arciniega
Priscilla Rosales-Piña

Lorri Pavliska
Abigail Kinnison

Chair
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Bexar Schools
Citizen
City of San Antonio Disability Department
City of San Antonio Metro Health Department
City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department
City of San Antonio Planning and Community
Development Department
Texas Department of Transportation
VIA Metropolitan Transit

Voting Members Absent:

David Frost (Vice-Chair)
Daniel Ludwig
Brian Crowell
Chip Henderson
Rachel Cywinski
Vacant
Vacant
Vacant

VIA Metropolitan Transit ADA
Bexar ADA Council
Citizen
Citizen
Citizen
Greater Bexar Council of Cities
San Antonio Utilities Council
Walking Organization

Others Present:

Lydia Kelly
Mona Lisa Zertuche

Metropolitan Planning Organization
Metropolitan Planning Organization

1. Roll Call

Robert Hanley called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. A quorum was present at 2:15 p.m.

2. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the June 15, 2011 and July 20, 2011 PMAC Meeting Minutes

The June 15, 2011 and July 20, 2011 PMAC Minutes were provided for review and action.

Abigail Kinnison moved to approve the June 15, 2011 and July 20, 2011 Meeting Minutes. Annette Prosterman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review of Draft Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

On behalf of Toole Design Group, Jim Carrillo with Halff Associates Inc. introduced the draft document prepared by Toole Design Group. He noted that a PowerPoint presentation had been prepared as a guide to the contents of the draft report. This PowerPoint would be used to facilitate review of the report contents and help the committee members as they read the report and provided further comments. All comments are due to the MPO by Wednesday, December 28, 2011. Each chapter was reviewed and comments and questions received during the review of the draft plan were as follows:

- a. Ensure that there is a recommendation to include audible signals to all crosswalk signals as these are upgraded throughout the city. The report should specifically mention this.
- b. Committee members were concerned that the report needs to mention priority locations for installation of pedestrian safety improvements. They recognize that the plan is not a review of every single location in San Antonio, but would like language that addresses critical locations where improvements may be needed. For example, schools and transit centers were mentioned by committee members.
- c. Is complete streets mentioned in the report? If not, be sure to include a discussion of what San Antonio is currently engaged in with Complete Streets and tie the Pedestrian Safety Plan recommendations to that plan.
- d. Is there a discussion of the need to add sidewalks in developed areas where those do not currently exist?
- e. The plan should include a recommendation that developers provide bonding to help build future sidewalks that may not be installed at the time of development.
- f. For example, sidewalks are only built on lots where the home is being built, resulting in many gaps if homebuilding slows down. Developer concerns were over damage to sidewalks from construction activity as infill houses were built. Rolled curbs were tried as a solution, but were not deemed to be a good solution.
- g. Concern was expressed regarding Table 5.1. Committee members wanted to be sure that this table referred only to the City of San Antonio. They felt instead that it should be used as a baseline for best practices for all area cities.
- h. Concern was expressed that the document needs to emphasize the need for pedestrian facilities always having a place at the table. In other words, who will be the advocate for pedestrian facilities? The committee felt that there is no strong advocate right now. While the report cannot specifically designate who that advocate or reviewer should be, it should emphasize strongly the need to create such a reviewer.
- i. Table on page 127 in Chapter 6 is really important, and needs to be highlighted along with examples already developed in the area. Also, all tables need to contain enough information so that the reader can understand the tables on their own without benefit of much of the text.

- j. Does the report mention or highlight areas where multiple improvement types could be integrated and thus achieve many benefits from one project? If not, this needs to be included. Look at areas that merge multiple priorities.
- k. The committee would like to include a strong statement linking bicycle and pedestrian facilities where the two benefit each other.
- l. Note VIA's long range plan and the need to integrate pedestrian facilities into actions by VIA.
- m. Note ongoing SRTS plan for seven middle schools in San Antonio as an example of how to integrate pedestrian improvements around school sites.
- n. At the very beginning of the report, highlight and emphasize the need for pedestrian safety improvements in particular around schools.
- o. Rearrange items in table on page 127 so that similar items are discussed together (i.e. school related items).
- p. Reverse the order of the two items that refer to crashes. Also specify the frequency of crashes.
- q. On pages 128 and 129, provide backup for case studies.
- r. On page 130, include ACOG, FHWA and TxDOT as related agencies. Also include note about other municipalities as having a leadership role.
- s. Include discussion of role of franchise utilities and other franchise entities. Note that San Antonio Coordinating Council (SACC) is an umbrella entity that can help coordinate.
- t. Define the role of citizens – how do they get involved and advocate for facilities?
- u. Note need for San Antonio to have a pedestrian coordinator. The city currently only has an ADA reviewer.
- v. PMAC would like the report to have a statement that all areas communities commit to having a pedestrian coordinator.
- w. Note that there are two parts to implementation: 1) Policy, and 2) Action construction of improvements.
- x. The text for Strategic measures on page 132 needs a better lead in statement.
- y. What are the time frames for near, medium and long term implementation?
- z. Who is or will be the keeper of information regarding sidewalk data? How often will it be updated?
- aa. What are the next steps for PMAC? Does the report address where PMAC goes from here?
- bb. What is the annual work plan? Who prepares it? Who updates the data in it?

- cc. The role of the MPO is to monitor plan progress.
- dd. PMAC would like to have some PMAC representation on the Transportation Policy Board. Currently there is none.
- ee. Is there a discussion on funding mechanisms or sources?
- ff. When presenting this to the Policy Board, emphasize that this is a real useful tool that all area agencies and communities can use to improve pedestrian safety everywhere.

This item was for presentation and discussion only. Action on the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan is scheduled for February 2012.

4. PMAC Communications

There were none

5. Citizens to be heard

There were none

Abigail Kinnison moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. David Arciniega seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Robert Hanley
Chair
Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee

3. Revised Pedestrian Safety Action Plan:

Issue

The draft Pedestrian Safety Action Plan was extensively reviewed at your December 2011 meeting. Additional comments were due to the MPO on Wednesday, December 28, 2011; these comments were transmitted to the consultant team on December 29, 2011. The document will again be reviewed at your January meeting with action scheduled for the February 2012 PMAC meeting. The Plan will also be presented at the MPO Transportation Policy Board meeting on Monday, January 23rd with final action scheduled for February 27th.

a) Review schedule

b) Review changes made in response to comments provided since December 14, 2011 meeting

c) Other comments

Action Requested

No action is requested this month. This is the first review of the revised document. Final review and action will be requested in February 2012.

4. PMAC Communications

5. Citizens to be Heard