

MINUTES FOR ADOPTION

Bicycle Advisory Committee – Via WebEx Teleconference Meeting
January 15, 2021

BAC Committee Members Present and Participating:

Karla Weaver, *DFW, Chair*
Bobby Gonzales, *El Paso, Vice Chair*
Chelsea Phlegar, *Waco*
Clint McManus, *Houston*
Eddie Church, *Cedar Park*
Eva Garcia, *Brownsville*
Frank Rotnofsky, *Laredo*
Jeffrey Pollack, *Corpus Christi*
Mike Schofield, *Austin*
Rick Ogan, *San Angelo*
Trent Brookshire, *Tyler*

TxDOT Present and Participating:

Eric Gleason, Director, Public Transportation Division (PTN)
Donna Roberts, Program Services Section Director (PTN)
Bonnie Sherman, Statewide Bicycle / Pedestrian Coordinator (PTN)
Noah Heath, Statewide Bicycle / Pedestrian Planner (PTN)

Also Present and/or Participating:

Carl Seifert, Jacobs Engineering Group

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order.

Karla Weaver, calls the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Remarks from Texas Transportation Commissioner Robert C. Vaughn.

Commissioner Vaughn made comments beginning at 9:32 AM expressing TxDOT's appreciation of the work the Committee Members have completed on the BAC, and the importance of integrating bicycles and pedestrians into the state transportation network.

Comments: Karla Weaver, and Eric Gleason

AGENDA ITEM 5: Report from TxDOT's Public Transportation Division (PTN) Director regarding statewide bicycle and pedestrian matters.

Eric Gleason delivered the Director's report beginning at 9:40 A.M.

Eric Gleason gave an update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Program activities including; status of rule revisions which expand the scope of the committee to include pedestrians and the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program.

Comments: No comments or questions

AGENDA ITEM 7: Update on Bikeway Design Effort and discussion on next BAC effort.

Carl Seifert and Bonnie Sherman presented beginning at 9:47 A.M.

Questions/Comments: Karla Weaver, Eva Garcia, Frank Rotnofsky, Clint McManus, Chelsea Phlegar, Bobby Gonzales, Rick Ogan, Eddie Church, Jeff Pollack, Trent Brookshire, and Mike Schofield.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Safety briefing.

Bonnie Sherman presented beginning at 10:31 A.M.

Comments: No Comments

AGENDA ITEM 3: Approval of minutes from October 9, 2020 BAC meeting. (Action)

Karla Weaver introduced this item at 10:35 A.M.

MOTION Bobby Gonzales moved to approve the October 9, 2020 BAC meeting minutes.

SECOND Trent Brookshire seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously at 10:35 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Discussion on TxDOT's 2021 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Call for Projects. (Action)

Noah Heath presented this item at 10:36 A.M.

MOTION Eva Garcia made a motion in support of the process laid out in the presentation for administering TxDOT's 2021 TA Call for Projects and collecting feedback from the BAC related to TxDOT's 2021 TA Call for Projects criteria category weights.

SECOND Frank Rotnofsky

The motion passes unanimously at 10:55 A.M.

Questions/Comments: Clint McManus, Karla Weaver, and Eva Garcia

AGENDA ITEM 8: Presentation on Rio Grande Valley active transportation efforts.

Eva Garcia presented this item at 10:56 A.M.

Questions/Comments: Karla Weaver, Mike Schofield, and Bonnie Sherman.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Updates from committee members on local and statewide issues.

Committee members provided updates from their regions at 11:15 A.M.

Questions/Comments: Bobby Gonzales, Chelsea Phlegar, Clint McManus, Eddie Church, Eva Garcia, Frank Rotnofsky, Jeff Pollack, Mike Schofield, Rick Ogan, Karla Weaver, and Trent Brookshire.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Public comment – Due to the virtual format of the meeting, public comments may be submitted by email to BikePed@txdot.gov by January 25, 2021, to be included as part of the meeting record.

Karla Weaver introduced this item at 11:38 A.M.

Three public comments were submitted via email and provided to BAC members.

Neal Ehardt, Houston, TX

Supported BAC efforts to “expand the bikeway network, to build safer bike/ped accommodations, to train engineers and planners, to manage bike/ped data, and to fund these projects.” Recommended “a policy of creating safe bike/ped access with every resurfacing project.” Recommended the BAC focus on safe infrastructure and safe traffic operations laws rather than educating cyclists.

Lauren Baldwin, El Paso, TX

Requested additional information related to the Bicycle Tourism Trails and expressed interest in how a pilot project could be organized in El Paso to show the value of bicycle tourism.

Molly Cook, Houston, TX representing STOP TxDOT I-45

Recommended the BAC focus on policies that alter infrastructure to reduce crashes over efforts that the reader deems less effective like education but suggests supporting existing local education efforts as a way to address this interest.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Discussion of agenda items for future BAC meetings. (Action)

Karla Weaver introduced this item at 11:59 A.M.

Comments: Eddie Church, Frank Rotnofsky, Karl Weaver, Clint McManus, Jeff Pollack, Mike Schofield, Bonnie Sherman, and Eva Garcia.

AGENDA ITEM 11: Adjourn. (Action)

MOTION Frank Rotnofsky

SECOND Eddie Church

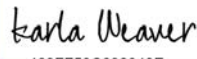
Meeting adjourned at 11:49 A.M.

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