

MEETING SUMMARY

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

February 19, 2025

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met virtually at 2:00 pm on February 19, 2025, via Microsoft Teams.

See Page 5 for meeting attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions – Anthony White, Chair, TxDOT Fort Worth District

Anthony White welcomed attendees and introduced himself as Chair of BPAC. Daniel Herrig introduced himself as Vice Chair. The November 2024 meeting summary was accepted as submitted.

2. Highlights from the AASHTO Bike Guide 5th Edition (Dec 2024) – Jeremy Chrzan, Toole Design

The *AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facility, 5th Edition* was published December 2024. Jeremy informed the committee of the new material added to the guide since the last edition, and provided highlights from Chapters 1-2, and 4-9.

The authors of the guide collaborated with TxDOT to update the TxDOT Roadway Design Manual including Chapter 18 (Bicycle Facilities) and Chapter 19 (Pedestrian Facilities)

AASHTO Bike Guide 5th edition is available for purchase: aashtojournal.transportation.org/aashto-releases-5th-edition-of-comprehensive-bicycle-guide/

TxDOT Roadway Design Manual:

onlinemanuals.txdot.gov/TxDOTOnlineManuals/txdotmanuals/rdw/rdw.pdf

This presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC.

3. Advancing Implementation of the Safe System Approach – Millie Hayes, FHWA

Item was postponed to a future meeting date.

4. Town of Prosper Crosswalk and School Zone Policy – Hulon Webb, Town of Prosper, and Josh Smith, Lee Engineering

The Town of Prosper adopted *Determining Whether and How to Mark Crosswalks and Schools* policy in August 2024. The Town is experiencing rapid population growth, and with new sidewalks on most streets, Town staff received a high volume of requests from citizens to install crosswalk treatments at midblock crossing locations. To evaluate citizen requests in a consistent manner, the Town of Prosper hired a consultant team to develop a comprehensive crosswalk and school zone policy.

The policy is divided into five parts:

1. Laws and standards related to crosswalks
2. Deciding whether to mark crosswalks
3. Recommended crosswalk design features
4. Reduced speed school zones
5. Development review

Section two includes flow charts and a checklist for uncontrolled crosswalks in school locations and non-school locations. When it is determined a crosswalk treatment is needed, Part 3 of the policy informs staff of the type of treatment options based on the tier level. Renderings are available in the policy with notes so staff can visualize recommended design features.

Town staff reported the policy has been successful in evaluating whether a marked crosswalk is needed, and town citizens have been supportive of the policy.

The policy *Determining Whether and How to Mark Crosswalks and Schools* can be view at: prospecttx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4316/Determining-Whether-and-How-to-Mark-Crosswalks-and-School-Zones and the presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC.

5. Local Community Updates – Various Community and BPAC Members

a. Trinity Metro Bike Share Program Re-Launch – Shawn Tubre, Trinity Metro

In January 2025, Trinity Metro relaunched the bike share program as Trinity Metro Bikes. Trinity Metro partnered with Lyft Urban Solutions to acquire new bikes (electric and standard), e-stations, and developed a new app. Trinity Metro also implemented a new pricing structure with various pricing options for commuters and recreational riders with reduced pricing for low-income individuals. Since the launch, users have taken over 2,400 rides.

More information about Trinity Metro Bikes can be found at: ridetrinitymetro.org/bikes/
This presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC.

b. Upcoming Events – Daniel Herrig, BPAC Vice-Chair.

This presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC.

6. NCTCOG Updates

a. Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan – Catherine Richardson

NCTCOG is in the process of developing a Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan. Catherine informed the committee of the bicycle crash analysis completed to date, the next steps in stakeholder engagement and plan development, and conducted a live poll of BPAC members to understand leading bicycle safety issues and priorities for their communities.

Live poll questions and results:

What is the most significant safety issues for bicyclists in your community?

1. Not enough connected on-street and off-street bicycle facilities
2. (tied) Distracted drivers/riders
3. (tied) Traffic speeds/congestion

Rank the following safety tools and countermeasures you would prioritize for implementation in your community.

1. Improve existing bike lanes to protected bike lanes (physically separated from traffic)
2. Reduce vehicle speeds through traffic calming measures
3. Implement more all ages and abilities bicycle facilities (build out the bicycle network)
4. Improve safety of bicycle crossings at intersections
5. Education for bicyclists and drivers
6. Enforcement

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b. **Potential Cooperative Purchasing Program for Bikeway Facilities – Daniel Snyder**

NCTCOG and local government stakeholders are exploring potential regional procurement of pre-cast vertical barrier materials and related installation services used for separated bikeways. The next coordination meeting for the potential program is scheduled for March 13, 2025 via Microsoft Teams. At the next meeting, the group will discuss preferred procurement structure, scope of work options, and vertical barrier recommendations based on roadway type. Any local government staff interested in participating in the process should contact Daniel Snyder at NCTCOG.

This presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC.

c. **Public Comments About Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Received Through NCTCOG's Map Your Experience and TxDOT Public Hearing Comments – Daniel Snyder**

NCTCOG and TxDOT received public input on issues related to walking and bicycling collected through NCTCOG's Map Your Experience tool and TxDOT's 2024 Virtual Public Hearing for Bicycle Use on the State Highway System. NCTCOG and TxDOT staff will share public comments with local government staff in a KMZ file format, so local staff can follow up on identified concerns by the public.

This presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC.

d. **Update of Statewide District Public Hearing and 2025 Statewide TA Call for Projects – Rachael Twiggs**

The TxDOT Dallas District and Fort Worth District conducted a Public Bicycle Hearing from November 7 through November 25, 2024. The District staff received public input through a survey and social pinpoint interactive map.

Rachael also reminded the committee of the February 21, 2025, deadline to submit for the TxDOT 2025 Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program Preliminary Application.

This presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC.

e. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Outreach – Gwen Dorko**

NCTCOG is in the process of developing the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for North Central Texas, *Mobility 2050*. The MTP is a federally mandated performance-based multimodal transportation plan that guides federal investments and is the blueprint for the region's transportation network.

NCTCOG is still in the process of compiling the plan and receiving public input. Gwen informed the committee of the three main concerns that public input has revealed: roadway congestion, unsafe active transportation facilities, and demand for expanded transit.

The draft plan is scheduled to be posted online for public comment April 2025 and is set for Regional Transportation Council Adoption June 2025.

Information about *Mobility 2050* can be found on the Mobility 2050 website: nctcog.org/planinprogress

This presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC.

7. BPAC Member Introduction

This item was postponed to the May 21 meeting.

8. Other Business

After receiving no comments, Anthony White informed the committee that the BPAC's next scheduled meeting will be held on May 21, 2025. Anthony White adjourned the meeting.

Members in Attendance at the February 19, 2025, BPAC meeting

Agency	Full Name/Members
City of Allen	Krishan Patel
City of Arlington	Ann Foss (for Jana Wentzel)
City of Bedford	Mark Long
City of Burleson	Randy Morrison
City of Cedar Hill	Shawn Ray
City of Cleburne	Austin Nguyen (For K Overstreet)
City of Coppell	Abby Sandy (For Aaron Tainter)
City of Dallas	Jessica Scott
City of Farmers Branch	Alexander Pharmakis
City of Fort Worth	Gadimi J Hilton
City of Frisco	Michael Kim
City of Grand Prairie	Brett Huntsman
City of Grapevine	Kathy Nelson
City of Greenville	Letora Anderson
City of Hurst	Kyle Gordon
City of Irving	James White
City of Keller	Cody Maberry
City of Lancaster	Sylvester Brown
City of Lewisville	Sirwan Shahooei
City of Mansfield	Garett Smith
City of McKinney	Robyn Root
City of Midlothian	Heather Dowell
City of North Richland Hills	Michael Wilson
City of Plano	Jason Aprill
City of Richardson	Daniel Herrig
City of The Colony	Calvin Lehmann
City of Waxahachie	Oanh Vu
Dallas County	Minesha Reese
DART	Patricio Gallo
DCTA	Karina Maldonado
Tarrant County	Dee Long
Town of Addison	Joe Pack
Town of Flower Mound	Brennon Peltier
Trinity Metro	Shawn Tubre
TxDOT Dallas District	Rachael Twiggs
TxDOT Fw District	Anthony White

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance at the February 19, 2025 BPAC Meeting

Gwen Dorko	Devia Joshi
Kevin Kokes	Jill Krauter
Catherine Richardson	Daniel Snyder