

MEETING SUMMARY

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

February 19, 2020

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met at 2:00 pm on February 19, 2020, at NCTCOG offices.

Please see pages 4 and 5 for meeting attendance

1. Welcome and Introductions – Jessica Shutt, Chair, City of Richardson

Jessica Shutt, Mobility and Special Projects Manager with the City of Richardson, welcomed attendees and introduced herself as the 2020 Chair and Kathy Nelson, Capital Improvement Project Manager with the City of Grapevine, as the Vice-Chair. The summary of the November 20, 2019 meeting was accepted and submitted with no further discussion. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves, their agency, and to name a recently completed, ongoing or future bicycle and/or pedestrian project within their jurisdiction.

2. Local Community Updates

a. City of Fort Worth's Vision Zero Plan – Quenell Johnson, Senior Professional Engineer, City of Fort Worth

Quenell updated the committee regarding the city's recently adopted Vision Zero resolution (November 2019). Vision Zero is important for the City of Fort Worth because since 2016, Federal Highway Administration has designated Fort Worth as a "focus city" due to the city's high rate of pedestrian fatalities. Fort Worth has set a clear goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and severe injuries as they develop their Vision Zero policies and regulations. The city is currently working with their independent school districts (ISDs) to prioritize safety efforts within school zones.

b. E-Assist Bikes & Bike Share Ridership – Jennifer Grissom, Executive Director of Fort Worth Bike Sharing

Jennifer gave the committee an update on the April 2019 addition of electric assist, or "e-assist," bikes and overall bike share ridership throughout Fort Worth. FWBS ridership has increased with the addition of the e-bikes, and the organization plans to increase the number of them within the existing fleet. Rides per bike model are much higher when comparing the e-bikes with traditional pedal bicycles.

The presentation can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

c. North Richland Hills City Plan & Bicycle Boulevards – Joe Pack, PLA and Senior Park Planner, City of North Richland Hills

Joe updated the committee on NRH's active transportation projects for trails and on-road systems, which also include bicycle boulevards. NRH staff have been working diligently

to develop bicycle and pedestrian facilities that provide safety and comfort for active travelers of all ages and abilities, while maintaining and expanding local and regional connectivity.

The presentation can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

d. DART Bike Lids Update – Patricio Gallo, Project Manager, Dallas Area Rapid Transit

Patricio shared with the committee an update on DART’s bike lids program. DART conducted a survey and determined that 70-80 percent of bike lid users were misusing the lids to store personal items, not bicycles.

e. Upcoming Events and Training – Kathy Nelson, Co-Chair, City of Grapevine

Kathy reviewed upcoming events and training opportunities for active transportation professionals. Event details can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

3. Better Block Pilot Intersection Improvements in Dallas – Jason Roberts, Founding Director for Better Block

Jason presented an update on recent activities of the Better Block organization, a nonprofit that helps communities and community leaders reshape streets and intersections to promote the growth of healthy and vibrant neighborhoods. Team Better Block has worked on projects that challenge outdated city codes by creating temporary installments in areas with neglected or deficient built environments. Success stories include the Vickery Meadows (Five Points Intersection) project in Dallas and Bike Harwood, a six-month project to improve bicycle infrastructure along Harwood Street through downtown, which includes micromobility lanes, additional on-street parking, new crosswalks and more.

4. Greenville Avenue Road Diet – Jessica Shutt & Doug McDonald, City of Richardson

Jessica and Doug spoke on a study the City of Richardson conducted along Greenville Avenue, involving potential mobility improvements and improved access to the DART Arapaho Center Station. Through stakeholder input, staff determined innovative ways to support the district’s vision of creating a walkable/bikeable district, which utilizes the Arapaho station as its primary gateway. Project staff integrated land use and transportation planning to develop temporary installments to glean user data that would eventually be used to gain council approval of permanent improvements.

The presentation can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

5. NCTCOG Updates

a. Transportation Alternatives 2020 Call for Projects – Daniel Snyder

Daniel provided an overview of the 2020 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects (CFP) for the North Central Texas Region. The Call will have an active transportation project category as well as a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project category. Eligible active transportation projects must be located within the urbanized area boundary,

whereas SRTS projects can be located anywhere within the 12-county metropolitan planning area. Funding awards for the 2020 CFP will be limited to construction only, thus requiring engineering design and environmental approvals to be funded entirely with local funds. A minimum 20 percent local match will also be required for the construction phase. The Call for Projects will open on March 2, 2020, and close on May 15, 2020. More details regarding eligible areas, project categories, schedule and scoring criteria can be found on the [Call for Projects website](#).

b. MTP Policy Bundle Round 4 – Kevin Kokes

Kevin gave an update on the use of Transportation Development Credits (TDCs). TDCs awarded in FY2020 may be used in FY2021-22. TDCs must be programmed in the TIP or allocated to projects through the CFP prior to the end of the fiscal year or they will be returned to the regional pool of TDCs. More detailed information can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

c. State Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Update – Kevin Kokes

Kevin gave an update from the January 17, 2020 TxDOT BAC meeting. After the State received 250 applications and \$270M in request for their last CFP, the commission took action on January 30, 2020 with 30 projects (12 SRTS and 18 non-urban Bike/Ped projects). The State will also be reviewing the TA-Set Aside rules for non-urban projects and have an updated version in 2021. Bike Count training was also discussed as well as discussions regarding changing the state committee to include pedestrians or micro-transit, or possibly having a separate state pedestrian committee.

d. TTI/TxDOT Bike/Pedestrian Count Workshop – Kevin Kokes

On April 2, 2020, the “Everything you Wanted to Know about Bicyclist and Pedestrian Count Data: Collecting, Summarizing, and Using” workshop will take place at the NCTCOG offices.

e. Selection of 2020 Committee Meeting Topics – Matt Fall

Matt solicited input as to the topics the committee would like covered throughout the 2020 meetings. Topics included connections of shared use paths between districts, use of TDCs in active transportation projects and more. A link to the presentation slides can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

6. Other Business/Open Discussion – Chair Jessica Shutt, City of Richardson

Jessica opened the floor to Committee members for open discussion. Jessica announced the date of BPAC’s next scheduled meeting on May 20, 2020, at 2 PM at NCTCOG.

Members in Attendance at the February 19, 2020 BPAC meeting:

Agency	Name
Town of Addison	Janna Tidwell
City of Allen	Krishan Patel
City of Arlington	Anthony Cisneros
City of Bedford	Michele Wilson
City of Burleson	Heather Houseman
City of Carrollton	Marcos Fernandez
City of Cedar Hill	Shawn Ray
City of Dallas	G. "Gus" Khankarli
City of Denton	Marc Oliphant
City of Desoto	Tony Irvin
City of Duncanville	Athena Seaton
City of Euless	Alexander Harvey
City of Farmers Branch	Mitzi Davis
Town of Flower Mound	Kari Biddix
City of Fort Worth	Jeremy Williams
City of Frisco	Robert Caskey
City of Garland	Josue De la Vega
City of Grand Prairie	Brett Huntsman
City of Grapevine	Kathy Nelson
City of Greenville	Letora Anderson
City of Irving	Cody Owen
City of Keller	Cody Maberry
City of Lancaster	Fabrice Kabona (For E. Chetuya)
City of Lewisville	Stacie Anaya
City of Mansfield	Chris Ray
City of McKinney	Robyn Root
City of Mesquite	Wes McClure
City of North Richland Hills	Joe Pack
City of Richardson	Jessica Shutt
City of Southlake	Stephanie Taylor
City of The Colony	Eve Morgan
City of Waxahachie	Colby Collins
City of Weatherford	Chad Marbut
City of Wylie	Robert Diaz
Dallas County	Micah Baker (for M. Reese)
Ellis County	Joseph Jackson
Hunt County	Kevin St. Jacques
Wise County	Chad Davis
Dallas Area Rapid Transit	Patricio Gallo
Denton County Transportation Authority	Tim Palermo
Trinity Metro	Sandip Sen
TxDOT, Dallas District	Melissa Meyer
TxDOT, Fort Worth District	Phillip Hays

Non-Members and Guests in Attendance at the February 19, 2020 BPAC meeting:

Agency	Name
Better Block	Jason Roberts
BikeDFW	Heather McNair
BW2 Engineers	Jim Waldbauer
City of Burleson	Michelle McCullough
City of Corinth	George Marshall
City of Dallas	Jason Ney
City of DeSoto	Renee Johnson
City of Fort Worth	Quenell Johnson
City of Fort Worth	Mirian Spencer
City of North Richland Hills	Vickie Loftice
City of North Richland Hills	Chad Van Steenberg
City of Plano	Drew Brawner
City of Weatherford	Matt Leppla
FHWA - Texas Division	Amelia Hayes
Ford Mobility	Madeline Shepherd
Fort Worth Bike Sharing	Jennifer Grissom
Half Associates, Inc.	Bud Melton
Half Associates, Inc.	Dean Stuller
Lee Engineering	Josh Smith
TxDOT Fort Worth	David Wagner

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance at the February 19, 2020 BPAC meeting:

Matt Fall
Kevin Kokes
Daniel Snyder
Barb Walsh