

MEETING SUMMARY

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

August 17, 2016

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met at 2:30 pm on August 17, 2016, at NCTCOG offices.

Please see Pages 5-7 for meeting attendance.

Meeting Summary Outline

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Statewide TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee Update
3. Statewide Bicycle Strategic Direction Report
4. TxDOT's Procedure for Pavement Grading, Seal Coat, Chip Seal, and Markings
5. Panel Discussion with TxDOT Staff
6. Local Community Updates
7. Other Business/ Open Discussion

1. Welcome and Introductions: Renee DeSoto, Chair, City of DeSoto

Reneé Johnson, Chair of BPAC, welcomed attendees and explained the function of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. With several TxDOT presenters from outside the region, all attendees introduced themselves and affiliation.

The summary of the May 16, 2016 Meeting was accepted as submitted. There was no discussion.

2. Statewide TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee Update – Karla Weaver, NCTCOG

Karla Weaver, Program Manager with NCTCOG, provided an update on the Statewide TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting held on July 29, 2016 in Austin. At the meeting there was a presentation about progress in other parts of the country developing the [United States Bicycle Route System \(USBRS\)](#) and a discussion on potential corridors to prioritize in the state of Texas. In the North Central Texas region, there are several regionally-significant corridors that could be candidates. These include regional shared-use path corridors between Fort Worth and Dallas, Denton to Dallas, Fort Worth to Plano, and McKinney to Dallas. Developing statewide corridors will be an ongoing statewide project and updates will be provided in the future. Ms. Weaver also presented new videos produced for Look Out Texans, the regional bicycle and pedestrian education campaign. In partnership with the DriveKind RideKind organization, NCTCOG was also able to brand

additional education videos on topics such as bikeway infrastructure and distractions. These videos are available here: <http://www.lookouttexans.org/videos>

3. Statewide Bicycle Strategic Direction Report – Teri Kaplan, TxDOT

Teri Kaplan, Statewide Bicycle Coordinator with TxDOT, presented highlights on TxDOT’s activities on bicycle education and safety and funding of infrastructure. Ms. Kaplan summarized the state’s funding awarded under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) 2015 call for projects and the Strategic Direction Report developed in partnership with the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC). The Strategic Direction Report serves as a reference for staff, policy makers, and stakeholders on prioritized program areas. Ms. Kaplan mentioned the State will do another Call for Projects under the new Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program in 2017 for areas outside of Census designated urbanized areas over 200,000.

4. TxDOT’s Procedure for Pavement Grading, Seal Coat, Chip Seal, and Markings – Randy Hopmann, TxDOT

Randy Hopmann, Director of District Operations at TxDOT, gave an overview on asphalt pavement seal coats and the effect on on-street bicycling. Roadways consist of multiple layers of materials, with seal coats being applied to the surface. Seal coats are applied to roadways in which pavement quality is deteriorating. Applying seal coats enhances safety by improving skid resistance and prolongs the life cycle of roadway by preventing water damage. Seal coats come in different sizes or “grades”. For example, Grade 3 Aggregate are larger rocks than Grades 4 and 5. The higher the grade aggregate, the smoother the ride for bicycle tires; however, the smaller size aggregate increases material costs and TxDOT selects which grade aggregate to apply based on several factors such as functional classification, traffic volume, and cost, among others. Each TxDOT District office maintains a four-year maintenance plan. Communities are encouraged to coordinate with their local TxDOT District office to identify popular bicycle routes for applying appropriate seal coats and rumble strip design.

NCTCOG staff provided maps at the meeting to allow participants to identify popular rural roadways for bicycling where wide shoulders are recommended.

5. Panel Discussion with TxDOT District Staff – Maher Ghanayem, TxDOT Dallas District and Phil Hays, TxDOT Fort Worth District

Jeremy Williams, Transportation Planner with NCTCOG, summarized the survey results from the two TxDOT Public Hearings on Bicycle Accommodations held on June 21st for the Dallas District and June 23rd for the Fort Worth District. Results to the survey’s eight questions are attached to the meeting summary.

Based on the results from a survey of BPAC members conducted the previous year, coordination with TxDOT was a topic that scored among the highest in interest. A panel discussion was held with Maher Ghanayem, Transportation Engineer with the TxDOT Dallas District and Phil Hays, Transportation Engineer with the Fort Worth District to discuss aspects related to improving coordination and understanding between cities and TxDOT

when working on infrastructure projects. Topics discussed included the different phases of project development and implementation, encouragement of cities developing a local Bicycle Master Plan to involve TxDOT as a stakeholder, and government procedures related to funding and managing a federally funded project by undergoing the Local Government Project Procedures training hosted by TxDOT. Several resources related to topics discussed during the panel are available online:

- *TxDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation Toolkit Website*
 - <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/division/environmental/compliance-toolkits/bicycle-pedestrian.html>
- *TxDOT's Local Government Projects Website*
 - <http://www.txdot.gov/government/programs/local-government-projects.html>
- *TxDOT's Local Government Project Procedures Training and Qualification*
 - <http://www.txdot.gov/government/programs/local-government-projects/training.html>
- *FHWA's Incorporating On-Road Bicycle Networks into Resurfacing Projects*
 - http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/resurfacing/resurfacing_workbook.pdf

6. Local Community Updates and Accomplishments

a. Houston Street Separated Bike Lanes – Jared White, City of Dallas

Jared White, Bicycle Transportation Manager, City of Dallas, presented on the Houston Street Separated Bike Lanes in Dallas. Prior to the separated bikeway, Houston Street was a four lane one-direction roadway with on-street parking in downtown Dallas. The roadway underwent a road diet and is now a two lane bi-directional roadway with a center turn lane and separated bikeway on each side of the road. Along Houston Street the city used a raised curb to delineate space dedicated for bicyclists. Other separated bikeways in Dallas utilize flexible posts to separate the bikeway lanes from the vehicle travel lanes.

b. Rockwall County Open Space/Trails Study – Lee Gilbert, Rockwall County

The Honorable Lee Gilbert, Commissioner, Rockwall County, presented on the Rockwall County Open Space Master Plan. As one of the fastest growing counties, the purpose of the Open Space plan is to preserve parks and shared-use paths to accommodate future growth. One of the plan's objectives is to protect/establish corridors essential for county-wide open space connectivity for non-motorized mobility modes. Several conceptual corridors were identified during the planning process that would connect communities and nodes of activity. The top priority corridor from the plan is a bikeway connection from Rowlett in east Rockwall County to Royse City in northeast Rockwall County.

c. Upcoming Events and Training – Terry Hughes, City of Weatherford

Terry Hughes reviewed upcoming events and training opportunities for active transportation professionals.

7. **Other Business/Open Discussion**

Reneé Johnson opened the floor to the Committee members for open discussion. Sean Clancy announced an upcoming charity event as part of the American Heart Association's CycleNation program.

The next BPAC meeting is on November 16, 2016.

Members in Attendance at the August 17, 2016 BPAC

Agency	Name	8/17/2016
City of Allen	Randy Thompson	√
City of Bedford	Bill Lankford (Michele Wilson)	√
City of Burleson	Laura Melton	√
City of Coppell	George Marshall	√
City of Dallas	Jared White	√
City of Denton	Julie Anderson	√
City of DeSoto	M. Renee Johnson	√
City of Fort Worth	Clarence Bryant	√
City of Frisco	Robert Caskey	√
City of Grand Prairie	Daon Stephens	√
City of Grapevine	Kathy Nelson	√
City of Haltom City	William Wiegand	√
City of Keller	Jennifer Basham	√
City of Mansfield	David Boski	√
City of McKinney	Robyn Root	√
City of North Richland Hills	Joe Pack	√
City of Plano	Christina Sebastian	√
City of Richardson	Jessica Shutt	√
City of The Colony	Eve Morgan	√
City of Weatherford	Terry Hughes	√
Town of Flower Mound	Kari Biddix	√
Dallas County	Micah Baker	√
Ellis County	Joseph Jackson	√
Rockwall County	Lee Gilbert	√
Wise County	Chad Davis	√
Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)	Renée Esses	√
Denton County Transportation Authority	Jonah Katz	√
Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA)	Jose Perez	√
North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA)	Lori Shelton	√
TxDOT, Fort Worth District	Phillip Hays	√

√ = representative was present

Non-Members and Guests in Attendance at the August 17, 2016 BPAC

Alta Planning + Design	Catrine Machi
BW2 Engineering	Jim Waldbauer
Carrollton Cycling Club	Steve Goff
City of Arlington	Bob Watson
City of Dallas	Jason Ney
City of DeSoto	Phil Lozano
City of Fort Worth	Mirian Spencer
City of Kennedale	Rachel Roberts
City of Lancaster	Tony Felts
City of Mesquite	Lauren Simcic
City of The Colony	Rajenda Pradhananga
City of Westworth Village	Daniel Novak
Cycle Nation (Dallas) American Heart Assoc.	Sean Clancy
Dallas County	Erin Moore
Dallas County	Minesha Reese
Fort Worth Bicycling Assoc.	Steve Gray
Fort Worth Bicycling Assoc.	Craig Roshaven
Fort Worth Bicycling Assoc.	David Wagner
Garver	Kathy Kleinschmidt
Halff Assoc., Inc.	W.J. "Bud" Melton
Halff Assoc., Inc.	Dean Stuller
Kimley-Horn, Inc.	Tyler Wacker
North Lake College, Irving	Brandon Morton
Texas Christian University	Sharon Canclini
Texas Christian University	Pamela Frable
TxDOT	Randy Hopmann
TxDOT	Teri Kaplan
TxDOT Dallas District	Maher Ghanayem
University of Texas at Arlington	Amber Raley
University of Texas at Arlington	Yalan Yildirim
	James C. Paris

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance at the August 17, 2016 BPAC

Kevin Kokes
Gabriel Ortiz
Daniel Snyder
Karla Weaver
Jeremy Williams