

MEETING SUMMARY

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

May 20, 2020

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met virtually using Microsoft Teams at 2:00 pm on May 20, 2020.

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 February 19, 2020 meeting was accepted and submitted with no further discussion.

2. Local Community Updates

a. Marilla Street Makeover – Daniel Church, City of Dallas

Daniel presented an overview of the temporary and semi-permanent improvements installed along Marilla Street in Dallas, which serves as a connector between the Dallas Farmers Market and Dallas City Hall. In 2018, Downtown Dallas, Inc. (DDI) and the City of Dallas partnered to make improvements along the corridor as a part of the 360 Plan implementation. The project, known as the “Marilla Makeover” commenced with a large community walk, known as the Marilla to Market Walk, where a survey was conducted to collect feedback for desired street improvements. Improvements, including seven new crosswalks, new street trees, street art, and a reconfigured intersection, were installed in Fall 2018.

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

b. Greenville Avenue Bike Lanes in the City of Richardson – Jessica Shutt

Jessica provided an update on the improved bike facilities along Greenville Avenue. The bike lanes, bollards and flex post separations were originally conceived of as temporary installments through the City of Richardson’ Greenville Avenue study, conducted to determine mobility improvements and improved access to the DART Arapaho Center Station.

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

c. 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. Dallas District Pedestrian Safety Issues – Minh Le, Texas Transportation Institute

Minh Le presented the results from the Texas A&M Transportation Institute's study on pedestrian safety issues in Dallas County. Minh's research concluded that the number of pedestrian crashes has been increasing since 2010 as well as the percentage of pedestrian crashes within all modal crashes. Males and African Americans are overrepresented in terms of number of crashes and Hispanics are overrepresented within the city of Dallas. Further, most pedestrian crashes are not happening on freeways, and those that do involve mostly "intentional" pedestrians. A summarized list of these and other study conclusions can be found on the presentation.

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

4. Cotton Belt Trail Update and Context Sensitive Elements – Kathy Nelson, City of Grapevine

Kathy provided an update on the 6.5-mile Grapevine section of the 57-mile regional Cotton Belt Trail that spans from Fort Worth to Plano. All 6.5 miles are slated to be completed by June of 2022. Many context-sensitive elements have become part of the design for the trail and surrounding areas including, increased pedestrian facilities, landscaping, and midblock crosswalks, among other improvements.

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

5. Green Bike Parking Pilot Project – Amanda Popken, Amanda Popken Development

Amanda presented the committee with an update on her recent work designing and implementing a parklet, inclusive of seating and bicycle storage, within the Bishop Arts District in the city of Dallas. Parklets are an effective way to provide public space in areas with a mixed-use or commercial land use topology and available unrestricted parking spaces available.

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

6. NCTCOG Updates

a. FHWA Bikeway Facility and Design – Matt Fall

Matt informed the committee about FHWA's new Bicycle Facility Design web-based training course is now available for free. The eight-hour course can be completed at one's own pace and includes modules on referencing existing national planning and design resources that inform the planning, design, and implementation of multimodal transportation projects, identifying principles of bicyclist safety, comfort, and connectivity as part of the transportation planning process, selecting the appropriate bikeway type based on, and in context of, various factors, and identifying key design considerations for each facility type.

Information, including links to the registration page, can be found on the presentation on the [BPAC website](#).

b. 2020 Bike to Work Day on September 22 – Matt Fall

Matt informed the committee that May is still National Bike Month, despite the postponement of Bike to Work Week until September 21-27, 2020, with Bike to Work Day

(B2WD) taking place on September 22 (to coincide with Car Free Day). Data from bicycle and pedestrian counters along various trails in the Dallas-Fort Worth region have experienced an average daily increase of more than 200% since mid-March. Rather than focusing on the one-day B2WD event, support for active transportation may be more broadly and effectively promoted throughout the entire month, with a focus on biking to essential destinations while promoting social distancing.

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

c. State Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting Update – Kevin Kokes

In the interest of time, this item was deferred to the August 19, 2020 BPAC.

d. Trail Count Data in Response to COVID-19 – Daniel Snyder

Daniel presented on the impact of shelter-in-place policies throughout the region, which include decreased freeway volumes for cars, decreased DART/transit ridership, and explosive growth in bicycling and walking, with trails witnessing between 21%-255% increase in user count numbers.

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

7. 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 August 19, 2020, at 2 PM at NCTCOG/ Virtual?

Members in Attendance at the May 20, 2020 BPAC meeting:

Agency	Name
City of Allen	Krishan Patel
City of Arlington	Anthony Cisneros
City of Burleson	Heather Houseman
City of Carrollton	Marcos Fernandez
City of Cedar Hill	Shawn Ray
City of Coppell	John Elias
City of Dallas	Jared White (for G. Khankarli)
City of Denton	Marc Oliphant
City of Duncanville	Athena Seaton
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 Haltom City	Melissa Eckert
City of Irving	Cody Owen
City of Keller	Cody Maberry
City of Lancaster	Emma Chetuya
City of Lewisville	Stacie Anaya
City of McKinney	Robyn Root
City of Mesquite	Wes McClure
City of North Richland Hills	C VanSteenberg (for Joe Pack)
City of Plano	Christina Sebastian
City of Richardson	Jessica Shutt
City of Southlake	Stephanie Taylor
City of The Colony	Eve Morgan
City of Weatherford	Chad Marbut
City of Wylie	Brent Stowers for Robert Diaz
Dallas County	Minesha Reese
Hood County	Scott Sopchak
Hunt County	Kevin St. Jacques
Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)	Patricio Gallo
Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA)	Tim Palermo
Trinity Metro	Sandip Sen
TxDOT, Dallas District	Melissa Meyer
TxDOT, Fort Worth District	Phillip Hays

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance at the May 20, 2020 BPAC meeting:

Matt Fall
Kevin Kokes
Daniel Snyder
Barb Walsh