

MEETING SUMMARY

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

May 16, 2018

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met at 2:00 pm on May 16, 2018, at NCTCOG offices.

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Meeting Summary Outline

1. Welcome and Introductions
 2. Local Community Updates
 3. Partnership Opportunities and Leveraging for Active Transportation Projects in the Region
 4. Regional Bicycle Opinion Survey
 5. 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Traffic Count Report
 6. Statewide TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee Update
 7. Other Business/ Open Discussion
- 1. Welcome and Introductions – Mitzi Davis, Chair, City of Farmers Branch**
- Mitzi Davis welcomed attendees and introduced herself as the 2018 Chair and Laura Melton with the City of Burleson as the Vice-Chair of BPAC. The summary of the February 21, 2018 meeting was accepted as submitted with no further discussion.
- 2. Local Community Updates**
- a. Interim Approval for Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons – Millie Hayes, FHWA**
- Millie Hayes, Safety & Traffic Operations Specialist with the Texas Division of the Federal Highway Administration, presented an update of the Interim Approval for the Optional Use of Pedestrian-Actuated Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at Uncontrolled Marked Crosswalks ([IA-21](#)). The previous Interim Approval, (IA-11) is terminated and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has received a blanket approval to allow all Texas municipalities to install RRFBs that meet the technical requirements. All installed beacons should be reported to TxDOT.
- b. Economic Impacts of Trinity Trails – Tina Nikolic, TRWD**
- Tina Nikolic, Neighborhood and Recreation Enhancement Coordinator with the Tarrant Regional Water District, presented a review of the 2016 Trinity Trails Impact Study, which was conducted by the University of North Texas in 2017.
- c. Frisco Hike & Bike Master Plan Update – Robert Caskey, City of Frisco**
- Robert Caskey, Traffic Engineer with the City of Frisco, reviewed the process for the update to the 2008 Hike & Bike Plan. The update included a demand analysis, implementation plan, and a wide variety of opportunity for the public to provide input and feedback.

d. Katy Trail Speed Limit – Jared White, City of Dallas

Jared White, with the City of Dallas, provided an update about the newly installed speed limit signs found along the Katy Trail north of Downtown Dallas. The speed limit signs were installed by the Friends of the Katy Trail to encourage safe speeds by cyclists due to concerns about bicycles moving too quickly along the trail, which is often congested with pedestrians, strollers, and pets.

e. City of Weatherford Complete Street Policy Recognition

The City of Weatherford was recognized for a job well done in writing the city’s Complete Streets Policy. The policy scored a 92.8 out of 100 and was included in [“The Best Complete Streets Initiatives of 2017.”](#)

f. Upcoming Events and Training – Laura Melton, Co-Chair, City of Burleson

Laura Melton reviewed upcoming events and training opportunities for active transportation professionals. The presentation is available on the BPAC website.

3. Partnership Opportunities and Leveraging for Active Transportation Projects in the Region – Kevin Kokes, NCTCOG and Various Speakers

Kevin Kokes reviewed opportunities for funding active transportation projects using local partnerships and funding opportunities.

Mitzi Davis highlighted the City of Farmers Branch coordination with private development to build trails in their community that are also a part of the regional veloweb and the City of Farmers Branch adopted Trail Master Plan. Some portions of the trails were built by developers, or funding was provided via a developer’s agreement to construct the trails. The Trail Master Plan is used to guide in the development of trails and the design plans are reviewed by the City’s Development Review Committee.

Jared White described the partnerships used by the City of Dallas to implement trails and amenities throughout the city. Dallas has found success through “Friends Groups” such as Friends of the Katy Trail, Friends of the Santa Fe Trail, SOPAC, Northhaven, Oak Cliff, and Preston Ridge to fund landscaping, wayfinding, and the trails themselves. Funds have been raised through private sponsors or state funding.

Micah Baker provided a review of opportunities to partner with Dallas County via two funding mechanisms. The Dallas County Public Works Department coordinates the Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Program (MCIP) and the Dallas County Planning and Development Department coordinates the Trail and Preserve Program (TAPP). The Cottonwood Trail through Dallas was funded through the MCIP program and the Campion Trail in Irving was funded through TAPP. The MCIP is a matching program that requires City participation for on-street or off-street projects to fund multiple projects a year. The TAPP does not require City participation and is used mostly for off-street trails in green space, typically funding construction of one trail each year.

Kevin Kokes provided a review of the previous Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Call for Projects. Members were reminded to begin planning for future opportunities. Right-

of-way and utility easements should be in place before applying for federal transportation funds. School districts should be involved early in the planning process for Safe Routes To School projects. The Long Range Mobility Plan for the Region (Mobility 2045) includes the opportunity for local governments to apply for Transportation Development Credits (TDCs), which come from the construction of toll facilities instead of using federal funding. Credits may be used toward the 20 percent local match in lieu of cash from the city. Cities are legible for TDCs if they adopt local policies listed in Mobility 2045. The Mobility 2045 policy bundle is a set of policies used to guide transportation projects and funding. For more information, please visit [this website](#).

4. Regional Bicycle Opinion Survey – Gabriel Ortiz, NCTCOG

Gabriel Ortiz presented an overview of the recently completed 2017 North Texas Regional Bicycle Opinion Survey. The survey was a statistically valid telephone survey conducted during the month of May in English and Spanish for the entire 12-county metropolitan planning region. More detailed analysis was completed for the five urban counties of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Rockwall, and Tarrant. The survey was designed to capture the public's general view on the frequency of bicycling, the public's access to bicycling facilities, perceived barriers to cycling, a person's level of comfort on certain facilities, as well as helmet use. For more information, please contact Gabriel Ortiz at GOrtiz@nctcog.org.

5. 2017 Bicycle and Pedestrian Traffic Count Report – Daniel Snyder, NCTCOG

Daniel Snyder presented an overview of the 2017 Annual Traffic Count Report for the North Central Texas Region. Highlighted topics included fluctuations in annual mode share split among count stations compared to 2016, school-trip travel patterns recorded by a count station on Watters Trail near Boon Elementary School in Allen, identifying groups of count stations based on their annual average daily bicycle and pedestrian traffic counts, and a before and after overview evaluating the impact of the proliferation of dockless bike share in Dallas in late 2017 compared to 2016 data. The 2017 Annual Traffic Count Report is available online on NCTCOG's website: <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/plan/bikeped/counts>. Agencies interested in borrowing mobile count equipment can contact Daniel Snyder at DSnyder@nctcog.org.

6. Statewide TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee Update

Kevin Kokes presented an update from the April TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee. The [Strategic Direction Report](#) identifies what the state is working on improving the State's short term strategies to advance walking and biking in the State of Texas from a policy perspective.

7. Other Business/Open Discussion – Chair Mitzi Davis, City of Farmers Branch

Mitzi Davis opened the floor to Committee members for open discussion. Mitzi announced the date of BPAC's next scheduled meeting on August 15, 2018 at 2:00 PM in the Transportation Council Room.

Members in Attendance at the May 16, 2018 BPAC meeting:

Agency	Name
City of Allen	Randy Thompson
City of Arlington	Ann Foss
City of Bedford	Michele Wilson
City of Burleson	Laura Melton
City of Carrollton	John Romberger (For Andrew Combs)
City of Coppell	George Marshall
City of Dallas	Jared White
City of Desoto	Renee Johnson
City of Duncanville	Athena Seaton (For Jackie Culton)
City of Farmers Branch	Mitzi Davis
City of Fort Worth	Clarence Bryant
City of Frisco	Robert Caskey
City of Garland	Rebecca Beckham
City of Grand Prairie	Daon Stephens
City of Grapevine	Kathy Nelson
City of Irving	Cody Owen
City of North Richland Hills	Michael Wilson
City of Plano	Christina Sebastian
City of Southlake	Madeline Oujesky (For Jerod Potts)
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
Hunt County	Staron Faucher (For Kevin St. Jacques)
Wise County	Chad Davis
Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)	Patricio Gallo
Trinity Metro	Sandip Sen
TxDOT, Dallas District	Shelley Pridgen
TxDOT, Fort Worth District	Phillip Hays

Non-Members and Guests in Attendance at the May 16, 2018 BPAC meeting:

City of Fort Worth	Williams, Jeremy
City of Fort Worth	Spencer, Mirian
City of North Richland Hills	Pack, Joe
City of River Oaks	Myrick, James
City of River Oaks	Smith, Gordon
City of Weatherford	Marbut, Chad
City of Westworth Village	Novak, Dan
FHWA - Texas Division	Hayes, Amelia
Freese & Nichols	Faucher, Staron
Halff Associates	Stuller, Dean
Halff Associates	Melton, Bud
KSA Engineers	deKock, Francois
NCTCOG	Myers, Kathleen
NCTCOG	Heath, Carrie
Shield Engineering	Canan, Luke
Shield Engineering	Gilbert, Emily

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance at the May 16, 2018 BPAC meeting:

Kevin Kokes
Gabriel Ortiz
Kathryn Rush
Jessica Scott
Daniel Snyder