

MEETING SUMMARY

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

August 15, 2018

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met at 2:00 pm on August 15, 2018, at NCTCOG offices.

Please see Pages 4 and 5 for meeting attendance.

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 May 16, 2018 meeting was accepted as submitted with no further discussion.

2. Local Community Updates

a. South Main Green Bike Lane – Julia Ryan, City of Fort Worth

Julia Ryan presented an update about the recently installed green bike lanes in downtown Fort Worth utilizing a durable liquid pavement marking or high friction surface treatment. The material uses a polymer resin binder to adhere the 100 percent recycled colored glass beads to the roadway surface. More information about the product and project can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

b. Grapevine Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning – Kathy Nelson, City of Grapevine

Kathy Nelson presented an overview of the recently approved Grapevine Parks and Recreation Master Plan and process. She discussed the various stakeholder input tools, and opportunities for city departments to better collaborate. The presentation can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

c. Opportunity for Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance – Travis Liska, NCTCOG

Travis Liska announced on behalf of the Urban Land Institute, which is partnering with the Trust for Public Land, to host a Technical Assistance Panel for a 10-Minute Walk to Park plan. More information can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

d. 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. School Siting and Safe Routes to School Planning

Shawn Conrad presented an overview of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program and the School Siting Guidebook. She reviewed tips on how to improve SRTS through school siting and school district coordination as well as example policies to move the initiative

forward. A technical workshop will take place before an STTC meeting (date TBD), and a one-day regional workshop will take place in early 2019.

4. **Burleson Safe Routes to Middle and Elementary Schools – Laura Melton, City of Burleson**

Laura Melton presented the process for developing an all-inclusive Safe Routes to School Plan. She discussed strategies for success and items that should be completed for the planning process, including preparing for possible SRTS funding opportunities through NCTCOG and TxDOT.

5. **Bike. Walk. Safe. Texas – Neal Johnson, Texas Transportation Institute**

Neal Johnson, researcher with the Texas Transportation Institute, was awarded a grant from the TxDOT Traffic Safety Grant program to research the causes of injury and fatality accidents in the North Central Texas Region. His team completed on-site observations to document user behavior of cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists in the selected corridors. From that analysis, an outreach campaign was created to educate motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists through various social media tools. More information can be found on the project [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#) channel.

6. **Implementation of Regionally Significant Veloweb Trail Corridors – Kevin Kokes, NCTCOG**

Kevin Kokes presented an overview of the planning, design, and construction of several Regional Veloweb corridors in the region. A future 11 mile regional trail will traverse from Midlothian to Waxahachie, located in Ellis County. NCTCOG is coordinating with several cities and Dallas County for an alignment and opinions of probable costs by jurisdiction for a Regional Veloweb path across southern Dallas County from Cedar Hill to Lancaster. Beginning in the fall 2018, preliminary engineering will begin for a Regional Veloweb Trail from the DCTA Hebron Station in south Lewisville to the Champion Trail along the border of Coppell and Irving. This project involves seven local jurisdictions including the Denton County Transit Authority (DCTA), Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), the cities of Lewisville, Carrollton, and Coppell, and Denton and Dallas counties. Beginning in mid-2019, preliminary engineering will be initiated for the Bomber Spur Regional Veloweb Trail in Fort Worth. This is a partnership by NCTCOG, the City of Fort Worth, and Streams and Valleys, Inc. The City of Farmers Branch is coordinating regional trail connections to the Farmers Branch DART station including connections west (Westside Trail) across IH 35E to the Champion Trail in Irving, to the north along the DART rail corridor to Carrollton, and to the south linking with future bikeway improvements along Denton Rd. in Dallas under design by Dallas County. NCTCOG is coordinating with DART and seven cities across three counties to implement the Cotton Belt Regional Veloweb Trail from DFW Airport to the future Shiloh Station in south Plano. Portions of this regional trail are anticipated to be constructed with the DART Cotton Belt Commuter Rail project. The Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Veloweb Trail will connect Dallas to Fort Worth, through Irving, Grand Prairie, and Arlington. NCTCOG has been coordinating with the local communities to identify funding for construction of the remaining “unfunded” trail sections.

7. **Development of On-Street Bikeways – Karla Weaver, NCTCOG**

Karla Weaver announced that NCTCOG will host a regional work group to discuss current practices in bicycle facility design, pavement markings and materials, prior to the November 14 BPAC meeting. Interested BPAC members and others are encouraged to participate in the work group.

8. **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 November 14, 2018 at 2:00 PM in the Transportation Council Room.

Members in Attendance at the August 15, 2018 BPAC meeting:

Agency	Name
City of Arlington	Anthony Cisneros
City of Burleson	Laura Melton
City of Carrollton	Roger Wheeler (For Andrew Combs)
City of Cedar Hill	William Ford (for Carolyn Skeels)
City of Desoto	Renee Johnson
City of Duncanville	Chasidy Benson (For Jackie Culton)
City of Grand Prairie	Daon Stephens
City of Grapevine	Kathy Nelson
City of Haltom City	Will Wiegand
City of Irving	Cody Owen
City of Keller	Susan Kenney
City of Lewisville	Stacie Anaya
City of Mansfield	James Fish
City of McKinney	Robyn Root
City of North Richland Hills	Michael Wilson
City of Plano	Christina Sebastian
City of Richardson	Jessica Shutt
City of Southlake	Madeline Oujesky
City of The Colony	Eve Morgan
City of Waxahachie	Shon Brooks
City of Wylie	Robert Diaz
Town of Flower Mound	Kari Biddix
Wise County	Chad Davis
North Texas Tollway Authority	Lori Shelton
Trinity Metro	Sandip Sen
TxDOT, Dallas District	Shelley Pridgen
TxDOT, Fort Worth District	Phillip Hays

Non-Members and Guests in Attendance at the August 15, 2018 BPAC meeting:

Agency	Name
BikeDFW	Heather McNair
City of Crowley	Rachel Roberts
City of Dallas	Jason Ney
City of Fort Worth	Julia Ryan
City of Irving	Emily Asbury
City of North Richland Hills	Joe Pack
City of Stephenville	Jen Basham
City of Stephenville	Eugene Calvert
City of Weatherford	Chad Marbut
City of Wylie	Brent Stowers
FHWA	Millie Hayes
Halff Associates	Bud Melton
Halff Associates	Dean Stuller
Lee Engineering, Inc.	Josh Smith
Texas Transportation Institute	Joan Hudson
Texas Transportation Institute	Neal Johnson
	Jim Waldbauer

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance at the August 15, 2018 BPAC meeting:

Shawn Conrad
Kevin Kokes
Gabriel Ortiz
Jessica Scott
Daniel Snyder
Karla Weaver