

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

**November 14, 2018**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met at 2:00 pm on November 14, 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 August 2018 meeting was accepted as submitted with no further discussion.

#### **2. Local Community Updates**

##### **a. SH 377 Bicycle Friendly Rumble Strips – Phil Hays, TxDOT Fort Worth District**

Phil Hays, TxDOT Fort Worth District Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, presented the recently installed bicycle friendly rumble strips along SH 377 which include a gap in the rumble that allows for cyclists to safely avoid an upcoming hazard. More information about the product and project can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

##### **b. Dockless Vehicle Ordinance and Buffered Bike Lane – Jared White, City of Dallas**

Jared White, Bicycle Transportation Manager with the City of Dallas, presented an overview of the recently approved Dockless Vehicle Ordinance and amended an existing ordinance to remove a ban of motor-assisted scooters. He also discussed the recently completed Continental Avenue and Riverfront Boulevard bike lanes as well as the SoPac Trail which was built in an old rail corridor. The presentation can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

##### **c. Denton Drive Complete Street – Tushar Solanki, Dallas County**

Tushar Solanki, Project Manager at Dallas County, provided an overview of the Denton Drive Phase 1 Project, which extends beyond Walnut Hill Lane to Royal Lane. The project aims to create a walkable, pedestrian friendly environment with access from transit to potential high density residential and mixed used developments by including sidewalks and cycle tracks. More information can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

##### **d. 10 Minute Walk To Park Grant – Stacey Anaya, City of Lewisville**

Stacie Anaya, Director of Parks and Recreation at the City of Lewisville, discussed 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](#).

##### **e. Update on Regional Veloweb – Gabriel Ortiz, NCTCOG**

Gabriel Ortiz, Planner with NCTCOG, discussed the recently awarded Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Trail, approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), for the final 3.1 miles needed to complete a continuous trail alignment from Downtown Fort Worth to Downtown Dallas. Additionally, the Cotton Belt Regional Trail was approved by RTC for the design of the 26-mile corridor and the construction of 8.5 miles of critical trail sections. The Dallas County Commissioners Court also approved funding for construction of an additional 3 miles of the Cotton Belt Trail. More information can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

**f. Update on Regional On-Street Work Group – Jessica Scott, NCTCOG**

Jessica Scott, Planner with NCTCOG, provided an update of the On-Street Bicycle Design Work Group held the morning of November 14, 2018 to discuss best practices in design and materials for the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Interested parties should contact Jessica at [jscott@nctcog.org](mailto:jscott@nctcog.org). More information can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

**g. 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. Confluence – The Trinity River Strategic Master Plan – Stacey Pierce, Streams and Valleys, Inc.**

Stacey Pierce, Executive Director with Streams and Valleys, Inc. presented an overview of the recently adopted **Confluence: The Trinity River Strategic Plan**. The Plan aims to create a safe, inclusive, healthy, natural, accessible and vibrant corridor for the region. Stacey identified projects that would add to the expansive network of trails in the area and discussed ways to fund the projects. For more information, Stacey's presentation can be found [here](#).

**4. Regional Active transportation Performance Measures and Targets – Daniel Snyder, NCTCOG**

Per federal transportation legislation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to establish targets for national performance measures. Of the national performance measures, two involve active transportation: Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries and Percent of Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle Travel (i.e. not driving alone).

The Regional Transportation Council approved regional targets aligned with statewide safety targets to reduce projected non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries by two percent by the year 2022. The data source for this metric comes from TxDOT's crash records and combines both bicyclists and pedestrians. The 2018 regional target for the five-year rolling average number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries is 560.

Due to the North Central Texas region not meeting national air quality standards, the MPO must establish targets for performance measures aimed at reducing emissions and increasing modes of travel that are environmentally friendly. Non-SOV modes of travel include carpooling, transit, walking, bicycling, and working from home. The data source for this performance measure is the Census' American Community Survey (ACS) five-year

rolling average dataset. The current five-year rolling average percent of non-SOV commute travel for the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington urbanized area is 19.5 percent (2012-2016). In November, the RTC adopted targets to increase non-SOV commute travel to 19.9 percent in 2020 and 20.2 percent in 2022.

Mode share data at the community level can be accessed online here:

<https://factfinder.census.gov/>

**5. Statewide TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) Update – Kevin Kokes, AICP, NCTCOG**

The State Bicycle Advisory Committee will work to update to guidelines and further accommodations on state roadway system. Interested individuals should forward any items or questions to Karla Weaver at NCTCOG so that she can pass them along to the Committee in Austin.

**6. Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program, Kevin Kokes, AICP, NCTCOG**

The 2019 Call for Projects for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (North Central Texas Region) will open on December 17, 2018. Eligible projects and the program rules are nearly identical to the 2017 Call for Projects. Eligible projects include pathways, on-street bicycle infrastructure, safety projects such as traffic signals and signage that facilitate bicycle and pedestrian activities that improve regional connectivity and safety. Kevin noted that through the evaluation and scoring process, applications with construction design complete or nearly complete and providing additional local funding overmatch will be given higher priority (points) in the ranking process.

**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 February 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM in the Transportation Council Room.

**8. Review of 2045 Regional Veloweb and On-Street Bikeway Network Maps**

Members and attendees were given the opportunity to review and suggest edits to the Regional Veloweb and On-Street Bikeway Networks to provide feedback regarding recommended alignment updates as projects have been built since the last update.

**Members in Attendance at the November 14, 2018 BPAC meeting:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Name</b>
City of Arlington	Anthony Cisneros
City of Bedford	Michele Wilson
City of Burleson	Laura Melton
City of Carrollton	Marcos Fernandez
City of Cedar Hill	William Ford
City of Colleyville	Lisa Escobedo
City of Dallas	Jared White
City of Denton	Marc Oliphant
City of Desoto	Renee Johnson
City of Duncanville	Chasidy Benson
City of Farmers Branch	Mitzi Davis
City of Fort Worth	Clarence Bryant
City of Frisco	Robert Caskey
City of Garland	Rebecca Beckham
City of Grapevine	Kathy Nelson
City of Irving	Cody Owen
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 Weatherford	Terry Hughes
City of Wylie	Robert Diaz
Town of Flower Mound	Kari Biddix
Ellis County	Joseph Jackson
Hunt County	Kevin St. Jacques
Rockwall County	Lee Gilbert
Tarrant County	Joe Trammel
Trinity Metro	Sandip Sen
TxDOT, Dallas District	Shelley Pridgen
TxDOT, Fort Worth District	Phillip Hays

**Non-Members and Guests in Attendance at the November 14, 2018 BPAC meeting:**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Name</b>
City of Arlington	Jim Chin
City of Cedar Hill	William Ford
City of Fort Worth	Quenell Johnson
City of Fort Worth	Julia Ryan
City of Grand Prairie	Walter Shumac
City of Grapevine	Jeff Colston
City of Irving	Emily Asbury
City of Mesquite	Wes McClure
City of North Richland Hills	Joe Pack
City of Plano	Lance Knox
City of Rowlett	Tara Bradley
City of Weatherford	Chad Marbut
City of Westworth Village	Mike Coleman
City of Westworth Village	Dan Novak
City of White Settlement	Marissa Glass
Dallas County	Minesha Reese
Halff Associates	Dean Stuller
Halff Associates	Bud Melton
Lee Engineering, Inc.	Josh Smith

**NCTCOG Staff in Attendance at the November 14, 2018 BPAC meeting:**

Kevin Kokes
Gabriel Ortiz
Jessica Scott
Daniel Snyder