

MEETING SUMMARY

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

February 20, 2019

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met at 2:00 pm on February 20, 2019, at NCTCOG offices.

Please see Pages 4 and 5 for meeting attendance.

1. Mitzi Davis was recognized for her service as the 2018 BPAC Chair. Laura Melton was welcomed into her new role as Chair and was thanked for her service as the 2018 Vice-Chair. The committee welcomed Jessica Shutt, Mobility and Special Projects Manager with the City of Richardson as the 2019 Vice-Chair.

2. Welcome and Introductions – Laura Melton, Chair, City of Burleson

Laura Melton of the City of Burleson welcomed attendees and introduced herself as the 2019 Chair and Jessica Shutt with the City of Richardson as the Vice-Chair of BPAC. The summary of the November 2018 meeting was accepted as submitted with no further discussion. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves, their agency, and to name a topic they would like for BPAC to address this year. Please see agenda item 5 for more information.

3. TxDOT Bicycle Program and Statewide TA-Set Aside Update – Bonnie Sherman, TxDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Bonnie Sherman updated the committee on several ongoing projects that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program from the TxDOT Administrative Offices in Austin are conducting on a statewide basis. She also overviewed the Statewide Transportation Set-Aside Funding program available to local communities outside of the urbanized area. For more information, Bonnie’s presentation can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

4. 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Policy Survey – Susan Howard, TxDOT Austin

Last fall, residents of North Texas had the opportunity to provide feedback regarding bicycling infrastructure, funding, and safety to influence future policy decision making at TxDOT. Susan Howard with the Texas Department of Transportation presented the results of the 2018 Bicycle Policy Survey and discussed findings of the public hearings. For more information, Susan’s presentation can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

5. Potential BPAC Topic Review and Discussion – Jessica Scott, NCTCOG

Jessica Scott, NCTCOG, presented a summary of the topics mentioned during introductions and asked the audience to elaborate on a few frequently mentioned themes. The Committee looks forward to bringing these topics up for discussion throughout the year.

7	ADA Transition Plan
7	Safe Routes to School

6	Connections of Trails and Trail Plans Between Cities
4	Safety Education and Safer Design
4	Complete Streets and Road Diet Standards
3	Design Standards of Sidewalks, Trails, and On-Street Facilities
3	Local Community Updates
2	Citizen Encouragement to Walk and Bike More
2	Dockless Bikeshare Policy Examples
2	Sidewalk Designs that are Comfortable for All Ages and Abilities
2	Public/ Private Partnership Examples
1	Inter-Agency Communication
1	Suburban Complete Streets
1	Transit Design Standards for Pedestrian and Cyclist Connections
1	Rural Constructability of Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
1	Multi Modal Planning
1	Minority Community Engagement Examples
1	Program Structure
1	Air Quality Impact
1	Wide Outside Lane
1	Bicycle Storage
1	Crossing Guards
1	Economic Impact
1	Long Range Plan
1	Better Block Examples
1	Wayfinding
1	Pedestrian focused outreach
1	Lighting
1	Travel Demand Management
1	Right-of-way Issues and Solutions
1	Art on Trails

6. Local Community Updates

a. Online Trails and On-Street Bikeway Interactive Map – Gabriel Ortiz, NCTCOG

Gabriel Ortiz, Transportation Planner at NCTCOG, presented a summary of the recently published bikeways and shared use path maps available to the public [here](#). More information about the product and project can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

b. Active Transportation Projects Funded Through Strategic Partnership Program – Gabriel Ortiz, NCTCOG

Gabriel Ortiz presented an overview of pedestrian, bicycle, and complete streets projects that were recently awarded funding by the Regional Transportation Council through the Metropolitan Transportation Plan's Policy Bundle and use of Transportation Development Credits. Bicycle and pedestrian projects can be funded in part with MTP Policy Bundle TDCs on federally eligible local projects. The presentation can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

c. Towncreek Trails Phase 2 – Chad Marbut, City of Weatherford

Chad Marbut, PE at the City of Weatherford presented an update about the Towncreek Trails Phase II project. The 0.87 mile, ten-foot-wide trail project was awarded Transportation Alternatives Program funding in 2014 and construction was completed in October of 2018. More information can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

d. Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Call for Projects – Daniel Snyder, NCTCOG

Daniel Snyder, Transportation Planner at NCTCOG, presented an update about the 2019 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Call for Projects (North Central Texas Region) submittal deadline on March 1, 2019. He detailed the scoring criteria, schedule for scoring, public comment and review period, and action by the Surface Transportation Technical Committee and Regional Transportation Council. The projects recommended for funding will be announced at the next BPAC meeting. More information can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

e. Emerald Ash Borer Update – Mia Brown, NCTCOG

Mia Brown, Environment and Development Planner at NCTCOG, informed the committee about an upcoming threat to North Central Texas trees. The Emerald Ash Borer is a pest that has infected many trees across the country and a quarantine on moving ash wood out of Tarrant County is now in effect. More information can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

f. Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Update – Jessica Scott, NCTCOG

Jessica Scott, Transportation Planner at NCTCOG, provided an update of the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. Interested parties should contact Jessica at jscott@nctcog.org. More information can be found at <https://www.nctcog.org/pedsafetyplan>.

g. Upcoming Events and Training – Jessica Shutt, Co-Chair, City of Richardson

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

7. Other Business/Open Discussion – Chair Laura Melton, City of Burleson

Laura Melton opened the floor to Committee members for open discussion. Laura announced the date of BPAC's next scheduled meeting on May 15, 2019 at 2:00 PM in the Transportation Council Room.

Members in Attendance at the February 20, 2019 BPAC meeting:

Agency	Name
City of Allen	Chris Flanigan
City of Arlington	Anthony Cisneros
City of Burleson	Laura Melton
City of Carrollton	Marcos Fernandez
City of Cedar Hill	Shawn Ray
City of Colleyville	Lisa Escobedo
City of Dallas	Jason Ney
City of Denton	Marc Oliphant
City of Desoto	Renee Johnson
City of Duncanville	Athena Seaton
City of Farmers Branch	Mitzi Davis
City of Fort Worth	Jeremy Williams
City of Grapevine	Kathy Nelson
City of Haltom City	William Wiegand
City of Irving	Cody Owen
City of Keller	Cody Maberry
City of Lancaster	Bester Munyaradzi
City of Lewisville	Omotayo Ajaya
City of Mansfield	Chris Ray
City of McKinney	Robyn Root
City of Mesquite	Wes McClure
City of North Richland Hills	Michael Wilson
City of Plano	Christina Sebastian
City of Richardson	Jessica Shutt
City of Southlake	Stephanie L.
City of The Colony	Eve Morgan
City of Weatherford	Chad Marbut
Town of Flower Mound	Matt Hotelling
Dallas County	Micah Baker
Ellis County	Joseph Jackson
Hood County	Scott Sopchak
Hunt County	Wayne Hartt
Rockwall County	Lee Gilbert
Tarrant County	Joe Trammel
Dallas Area Rapid Transit	Patricio Gallo
Trinity Metro	Sandip Sen
TxDOT, Fort Worth District	Phillip Hays

Non-Members and Guests in Attendance at the February 20, 2019 BPAC meeting:

Agency	Name
City of Arlington	Jim Chin
City of Cedar Hill	William Ford
City of Carrollton	Jon M. Bunner
City of Duncanville	Bart Stevenson
City of Fort Worth	Chandra Muruganandham
City of Fort Worth	Quenell Johnson
City of Highland Village	Fince Espinoza
City of Irving	Emily Asbury
City of Plano	Lance Knox
Hunt County	Staron Faucher
Halff Associates	Bud Melton
FHWA Texas Division	Amelia Hayes
TxDOT Fort Worth District	David Wagner

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance at the February 20, 2019 BPAC meeting:

Kevin Kokes
Gabriel Ortiz
Jessica Scott
Daniel Snyder