

MEETING SUMMARY

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

May 15, 2019

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met at 2:00 pm on May 15, 2019, at NCTCOG offices.

Please see Pages 4 and 5 for meeting attendance.

Meeting Summary Outline

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Local Community Updates
3. Fort Worth Active Transportation Plan
4. Statewide TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee Update
5. Other Business/Open Discussion

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

Laura Melton with 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 February 2019 meeting was accepted pending the correction to the attendance summary.

2. Local Community Updates

a. SH 183/Baker Boulevard Bike Lanes in Richland Hills – Phil Hays, TxDOT

Phil presented TxDOT's recently installed bicycle lanes within the existing north and south shoulders of SH 183/Baker Blvd. in Richland Hills. The project includes median beautification and access point improvements. More information about the project can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

b. Mountain Creek Parkway Bike Facilities – Jared White, City of Dallas

Jared presented an overview of the recently installed bicycle facility along Mountain Creek Parkway in Dallas. Constructed in partnership with Dallas County, the unique design includes a separated sidewalk for pedestrians and a separated bicycle lane off the street by approximately five feet in width on both sides of the street. The presentation can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

c. Bikeway Selection Guide Overview – Millie Hayes, FHWA

Millie presented an overview of the recently published Bikeway Selection Guide from the Federal Highway Administration. The guide is intended to assist local practitioners' decision on an appropriate bicycle facility given the context of the surrounding built environment. For more detailed information on designing the selected bicycle facility, please refer to technical design guides such as FHWA's *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*, *The Guide for*

the Development of Bicycle Facilities, and the *Urban Bikeway Design Guide*. More information can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

d. Tarrant Regional Water District Mobile App – Tina Nikolic, TRWD

Tina Nikolic discussed TRWD’s recently improved Trinity Trails mobile app which is a tool that can, in part, be used to locate trail heads and trail amenities along the Trinity Trails system. For more detailed information on how to download the app, please see the [BPAC website](#).

e. MCIP 7th Call for Projects Invitation and Information – Micah Baker, Dallas County

Micah presented an overview of previous awards and announced the process for applying for the current round of funding. Between 1999 and 2020, the county leveraged over \$1.6 billion in transportation infrastructure improvements with the Major Capital Improvement Program (MCIP). Cities must provide a 50% match and the selected projects will be programmed for construction between FY 2022 and FY 2025. Trail and bicycle facility projects are eligible to submit under the call. More information can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

f. Governors Highway Safety Association 2018 Report, Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian Resources, and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) Update and Survey Opportunity – Jessica Scott, NCTCOG

Jessica provided an update from the GHSA 2018 Preliminary Data Report. Factors that may be influencing the rise in pedestrian deaths include increased exposure, unfriendly infrastructure, unsafe driving behaviors, and increased presence of sport utility vehicles. Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian is a program created by FHWA to encourage the use of cost-effective countermeasures with known safety benefits. More information can be found [here](#). NCTCOG is developing a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) to address the high number and rate of pedestrian crashes and fatalities across the North Central Texas Region. Jessica reviewed the April 17 PSAP Committee meeting and asked for interested parties to please be in touch. To assist in the development of the goals and action items of the PSAP, NCTCOG and TxDOT developed a survey to better understand user experience. Please take the survey [here](#) and be sure to leave your contact information to be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 gift card. More information can be found at <https://www.nctcog.org/pedsafetyplan>.

g. Bicycle Opinion Survey Social Media Posts – Gabriel Ortiz, NCTCOG

Gabriel presented the plan for social media posts to highlight statistics from the 2017 NCTCOG Bicycle Opinion Survey. Local governments are encouraged to share the posts to raise awareness about public opinion regarding bicycles and bicycle facilities. For more information about the posts, please [click here](#).

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

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

i. Complete Streets Implementation Plan – Julia Ryan, AICP, City of Fort Worth

Julia presented the process the City of Fort Worth used to develop a Complete Streets Plan and discussed best practices for implementation, including changing how they think about complete streets; from a product to a process. Next steps include City Manager's Office approval, adoption of a Transportation Equity Policy and Action Plan, as well as the establishment of a Complete Streets leadership structure and review committee.

3. Fort Worth Active Transportation Plan – Julia Ryan, City of Fort Worth

Julia presented an overview of the Fort Worth Active Transportation Plan's development, including the data driven approach for analysis and decision-making, and to prioritize outputs. The project was funded with an interlocal agreement between NCTCOG and the City of Fort Worth. A key component of the plan was conducting a Pedestrian Comfort Analysis as well as a Bicycle Stress Analysis. The next steps include adopting a Vision Zero Policy and a Comprehensive Sidewalk Policy, as well as coordinating the prioritized projects listed in the plan. For more information, Julia's presentation can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

5. Statewide TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee Update – Karla Weaver AICP, NCTCOG

Karla Weaver presented an update from the April TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee. The [Bicycle Tourism Trails Study](#) has identified bicycle routes across the state of Texas. It was proposed by the committee to the Texas Transportation Commission to reallocate 50% of the funding that is currently allocated to other transportation projects for the purpose of building out the trails identified in the plan. The other 50% of funding will remain with the Statewide Bicycle Program. TxDOT, in coordination with the Texas Transportation Institute, created the Texas Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Exchange. To view the recorded webinar, [click here](#) and to view the project website, please [click here](#).

6. 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 August 21, 2019, at 2 PM.

Members in Attendance at the May 15, 2019 BPAC meeting:

City of Arlington	Anthony Cisneros
City of Bedford	Michele Wilson
City of Carrollton	Marcos Fernandez
City of Cedar Hill	Shawn Ray
City of Colleyville	Lisa Escobedo
City of Dallas	Jared White
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 Frisco	Robert Caskey
City of Grand Prairie	Walter Shumac
City of Grapevine	Kathy Nelson
City of Irving	Cody Owen
City of Keller	Cody Maberry
City of McKinney	Robyn Root
City of Mesquite	Wes McClure
City of North Richland Hills	Joe Pack
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 Weatherford	Chad Marbut
City of Wylie	Robert Diaz
Town of Addison	Janna Tidwell
Town of Flower Mound	Kari Biddix
Dallas County	Micah Baker
Hood County	Scott Sopchak
Hunt County	Kevin St. Jacques
Tarrant County	Joe Trammel
Wise County	Chad Davis
Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)	Dan Dickerson
North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA)	Lori Shelton
TxDOT, Dallas District	Shelley Pridgen
TxDOT, Fort Worth District	Phillip Hays

Non-Members and Guests in Attendance at the May 15, 2019 BPAC meeting:

City of Arlington	Chin, Jim
City of Cedar Hill	Ford, William
City of Cedar Hill	Pena, Maria
City of Corinth	Marshall, George
City of Crowley	Roberts, Rachel
City of Fort Worth	Johnson, Quenell
City of Fort Worth	Ryan, Julia
City of Fort Worth	Jodray, David
City of Irving	Asbury, Emily
City of Kennedale	Hoover, Larry
City of Lewisville	Kim, M
City of Plano	Knox, Lance
City of Richland Hills	Brown, Jason
City of Wylie	Stowers, Brent
Dallas Area Rapid Transit	Gallo, Patricio
FHWA Texas Division	Hayes, Amelia
Friends of Bachman Lake	Cintron, Michael
NCTCOG	Garcia, David
Tarrant Regional Water District	Nikolic, Tina

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance at the May 15, 2019 BPAC meeting:

Matt Fall
Kevin Kokes
Gabriel Ortiz
Jessica Scott
Daniel Snyder
Karla Weaver