

MEETING SUMMARY

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

August 21, 2019

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met at 2:00 pm on August 21, 2019, at The REC in Grapevine, Texas.

Please see Pages 5 and 6 for meeting attendance.

Meeting Summary Outline

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Local Community Updates
3. ADA Transition Plans with a Transportation Focus
4. Developing Regional Bicycling and Walking Mode Share Targets
5. Statewide TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee Update
6. NCTCOG Updates
7. Other Business/Open Discussion

1. Welcome and Introductions – Jessica Shutt, Co-Chair, City of Richardson

Jessica Shutt welcomed attendees and introduced herself as the 2019 co-Chair of BPAC. The May 2019 meeting summary was accepted as submitted with no further discussion.

2. Local Community Updates

a. 10 Minute Walk to Park Initiative – Stacie Anaya, City of Lewisville

Stacie presented an overview of the recently completed walk study completed by the Urban Land Institute team. The study was comprised of a walking tour of the area and stakeholder interviews to develop actionable recommendations such as corridor connections and safe routes to school. More information about the project can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

b. Greenville Avenue Bike Lanes – Jessica Shutt, City of Richardson

Jessica presented an overview of a pilot project that will test green paint and vertical barriers along Greenville Avenue from Jackson to Campbell, which is about a two-mile stretch of a six-lane divided arterial. The project will also include an at-grade midblock crossing to allow for easier connections from the Central Trail to the Arapaho Center DART Rail Station. If successful, the city will make the features permanent. The presentation can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

c. 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.

3. **ADA Transition Plans with a Transportation Focus – Matt Fall, NCTCOG; Jamie Brierton and Kori Allen, City of Coppell**

Matt provided an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), focusing on the mandates behind ADA self-evaluations and transition plans developed and implemented by local agencies. Jamie, a Capital Projects Administrator, reviewed the process the City of Coppell used for developing the ADA Transition Plan in 2017 with the help of consultants, which cost roughly \$500,000 and was managed by the City's engineering department. After the plan was written and improvement projects were identified, it was determined that an ADA coordinator was needed to oversee the implementation of the projects and to be a resource for city staff and the community. Kori, the City's ADA coordinator, works with all City departments to identify improvements to be implemented using each department's budget. Karla took an informal survey of the group to determine how many agencies had existing plans and how many would be drafting a plan soon. For more information, the presentation can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

4. **Developing Regional Bicycling and Walking Mode Share Targets – Daniel Snyder, NCTCOG**

Daniel provided an overview of performance measures, targets, and project ideas currently under development to increase the number of people in the region commuting by bicycling and walking. The data source for the mode share performance measure is the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey for the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Urbanized Area. The latest five-year rolling average commute mode share in the urbanized area for bicycling and walking are 0.2 percent and 1.3 percent respectively. While the urbanized area average lags behind other peer urbanized areas across the country, there are pockets within the North Central Texas Region where bicycling and walking to work is significantly higher. At the time of this presentation, NCTCOG staff are proposing three target scenarios (low-medium-high) representing at which level of commitment both NCTCOG and local communities are to increasing walking and bicycling. In order to achieve high aspirational targets several "high impact" project ideas were discussed to solicit feedback. The themes for project ideas focus on improving comfort and safety to encourage people in the region to choose walking and bicycling over a motor vehicle. Project ideas discussed include land use densification surrounding transit and job centers, street shade, pedestrian scale lighting, facilities suitable for all ages and abilities, and dense on-street bikeway networks. For more information, Daniel's presentation can be found on the [BPAC website](#).

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

Karla presented an update from the June TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee in Austin. On July 24, the Unified Transportation Plan included \$600 million for safety projects, inclusive of \$60 million specifically for pedestrian enhancements and \$120 million for intersection improvements to be distributed in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 as identified in district-wide safety plans. The recently conducted statewide Call for Projects saw \$330 million in requests from applicants; \$8.74 million will be awarded by the end of the year. The Texas Transportation Commission will consider applications for funding trail segments as identified in the Texas Tourism Trails Study on an individual basis by scoring safety, community and accessibility, economic development, and project readiness. The Design Division is currently reviewing their process to ensure planning before design begins to ensure bicycle and pedestrian elements can be added to projects across the state.

6. NCTCOG Updates

a. **E-Bike Legislation – Jessica Scott**

Jessica presented an overview of the recently updated law for electric assist bicycles, [HB 2188](#), which will go into effect September 1, 2019. Riders of these bicycles must adhere to the same rules of the road as traditional bicyclists but might be barred from use on certain trails across the region.

b. **Bikeway Selection Guide Workshop – Jessica Scott**

Jessica discussed the upcoming workshop focused on FHWA's Bikeway Selection Guide published in February 2019. The workshop will detail the process for selecting bicycle infrastructure appropriate for the context of the roadway. Two one-day workshops will occur at the TxDOT District Training Centers on October 1 in Mesquite (Dallas District) and October 2 in Fort Worth (Fort Worth District).

c. **Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and Survey Responses Update – Jessica Scott**

Jessica provided an overview of the public survey that was developed as part of the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. Over the course of two months, more than 1,045 respondents completed the survey which will help guide the goals and objectives of the plan. Survey results from the mapping exercise and other comments that mention specific locations or cities will be shared with city staff using KML and Excel formats. Jessica announced the next PSAP Committee meeting will take place in late October.

d. **Walk to School Day – Kathryn Rush, NCTCOG**

Kathryn announced that Walk to School day would take place on October 2, 2019. School Districts are eligible to receive educational materials and are invited to check out [school kit](#) reference materials on the [Look Out Texans](#) website.

e. **Best Practices for Trails and Bikeway GIS files – Gabriel Ortiz, NCTCOG**

Gabriel presented best practices to consider when developing GIS files that are prepared for local plans and shared with NCTCOG. Consistent formatting will help NCTCOG staff integrate local GIS files into the regional trails/bikeways geodatabase and produce regional maps that accurately display the latest information.

f. **Regional On-Street Bikeway Network – Kevin Kokes, NCTCOG**

Kevin highlighted efforts NCTCOG staff are drafting for purposes of identifying areas of the region that have the highest demand for on-street bicycle infrastructure and the potential greatest opportunity to increase bicycling mode share through the implementation of on-street bikeway projects. Draft criteria and weighting priorities and related maps of possible priority areas are anticipated to be provided at the November 2019 BPAC meeting.

g. 2020 Transportation Alternatives Program Call for Projects – Kevin Kokes, NCTCOG

Kevin provided an overview of the anticipated 2020 Call for Projects for the Transportation Alternatives Program. NCTCOG staff is currently drafting the schedule and program rules and anticipate having more detailed information available at the November 2019 BPAC meeting.

7. Other Business/Open Discussion – Co-Chair Jessica Shutt, City of Richardson

Jessica opened the floor to Committee members for open discussion. Jessica announced the date of BPAC's next scheduled meeting on November 20, 2019, at 2 PM at NCTCOG.

Members in Attendance at the August 21, 2019 BPAC meeting:

Agency Representing	Name
City of Allen	Krishan Patel
City of Arlington	Anthony Cisneros
City of Carrollton	Marcos Fernandez
City of Cedar Hill	Shawn Ray
City of Colleyville	Lisa Escobedo
City of Coppell	Kori Allen
City of Denton	Marc Oliphant
City of Desoto	Tony Irvin
City of Euless	Alex Harvey
City of Farmers Branch	Mitzi Davis
City of Fort Worth	Jeremy Williams
City of Frisco	Robert Caskey
City of Garland	Josue De la Vega
City of Grand Prairie	Brett Huntsman
City of Grapevine	Kathy Nelson
City of Irving	Emily Asbury
City of Keller	Kyle Cooper
City of Lewisville	Stacie Anaya
City of Mansfield	Chris Ray
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	Colby Collins
City of Weatherford	Chad Marbut
City of Wylie	Brent Stowers
Town of Addison	JR Phillips
Town of Flower Mound	Kari Biddix
Dallas County	Micah Baker
North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA)	Lori Shelton
Trinity Metro	Sandip Sen
TxDOT, Dallas District	Melissa Meyer
TxDOT, Fort Worth District	Phillip Hays

Non-Members and Guests in Attendance at the August 21, 2019 BPAC meeting:

Agency	Name
City of Balch Springs	Chris Dyser
City of Coppell	Jamie Brierton
City of Fort Worth	Quenell Johnson
City of Lewisville	Michael Kim
City of Midlothian	Heather Dowell
City of North Richland Hills	Vickie Loftice
Dallas County	Minesha Reese
FHWA, Texas Division	Amelia Hayes
Halff Associates	Dean Stuller
Lee Engineering, Inc.	Josh Smith
Stantec	Ami Parikh
BW2 Engineers	Jim Waldbauer
Circuit Trail Conservancy	Philip Hiatt-Haigh

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance at the August 21, 2019 BPAC meeting:

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