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MEMORANDUM September 7, 2005

TO: Members, Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee
FROM: Joanne Walsh, Director
SUBJECT: Meeting Notice and Agenda

The next meeting of the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC) is scheduled from **8:30 – 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 14, 2005**, in the **VIA Administrative Board Room located at 800 W. Myrtle, San Antonio, Texas 78212.**

The following agenda items will be discussed.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Citizens to be Heard
3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the August 10, 2005 Meeting Minutes
4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Presentation by the City of San Antonio Planning Department Concerning Neighborhood Plans (COSA Planning Department/Greg Baker)
5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on report from subcommittee concerning a Methodology to Determine Bicycle/Pedestrian Needs and Costs in Support of the Texas Metropolitan Mobility Plan (MPO/Kelly)
6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Status of City of San Antonio Bicycle Facility Projects (COSA/Kinnison)
7. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Bicycle Data Collection Draft Report for Subtask 2.4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Data Collection (MPO/Martinez)
8. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Status of Subcommittee's Evaluation of Routes for the Revised Bike Route Usability Map (MPO/Bell and Martinez)
9. Discussion and Appropriate Action on October's Walk and Roll Challenge San Antonio (AACOG/Young)
10. BMAC Communications

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1. Roll Call

Judge Oscar Kazen	Chairman		210-865-2354
Ken Zigrang (Vice Chair)	Planner	TxDOT	210-615-5923
Alison Young	Coordinator	AACOG	210-362-5213
Richard Higby	Bike Coord	Bexar County	210-335-6785
Cliff Hickel	SA Wheelmen	Citizen	210-481-1807
Dave Foegelle	STORM	Citizen	210-722-5864
Ernie Villarreal		Citizen	210-614-8977
Steve Wood		Citizen	210-823-2200
Greg Hammer		Citizen	210-536-1447
Ken Greene		Citizen	210-999-8213
Roque Duque De Estrada	Planner	CSA Parks and Rec	
Bill Burman	Planner	CSA Planning	210-207-7937
Abigail Kinnison	Bike Coord	CSA Public Works	210-207-3971
Vacant		GBCCC	
Allen Hodapp	Cycle Logic	Rotating Bicycle Org	210-490-8251
Vacant		School District Rep	
Mark MacDonald	Citizen	Tx Bicycle Coalition	210-207-7245
Michael Dominguez	Planner	VIA	210-362-2143

2. Citizens to be Heard

3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the August 10 2005 Meeting Minutes

Issue

The August 10, 2005 minutes are included in the packet for review.

Action Requested

A motion to approve the August 10, 2005 meeting minutes is requested.



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BICYCLE MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES August 10, 2005

Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee **Voting Members Present:**

Judge Oscar Kazen	Chair
Ken Zigrang (Vice Chair)	TxDOT
Alison Young	AACOG
Richard Higby	Bexar County
Cliff Hickel	Citizen
Steve Wood	Citizen
Greg Hammer	Citizen
Abigail Kinnison	City of San Antonio Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator
Bill Burman	City of San Antonio Planning Dept.
Allen Hodapp	Rotating Bicycle Organization
David Foegelle	STORM
Michael Dominguez	VIA

Voting Members Absent:

Ken Greene	Citizen
Ernie Villarreal	Citizen
Mark MacDonald	Texas Bicycle Coalition

Others Present:

Margaret Adams	MPO
Scott Ericksen	MPO
Jeanne Geiger	MPO
Lydia Kelly	MPO
Cecilio Martinez	MPO
Joanne Walsh	MPO
Mona Lisa Zertuche	MPO

1. Roll Call

Ken Zigrang called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. Judge Kazen arrived a few moments later. A quorum was present.

2. Citizens to be Heard

There were no citizens to be heard.

3. Discussion and Appropriate Action on the June 8, 2005 Meeting Minutes and July 13, 2005 Meeting Notes

Abigail Kinnison moved to approve the June 8, 2005 meeting minutes and to adopt the July 13, 2005 meeting notes. Steve Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on a Methodology to Determine Bicycle/Pedestrian Needs and Costs in Support of the Texas Metropolitan Mobility Plan

Jeanne Geiger presented information on the Texas Metropolitan Mobility Plan (TMMP) and explained it is a state requirement for the eight largest MPO's in Texas. The TMMP is a needs based transportation plan as opposed to a financially constrained plan that MPOs typically are required to produce. The original TMMP, which was locally approved in July 2004, focused on vehicle mobility and congestion, but for this update the focus will be on maintenance and operation needs and costs: signals and signage, bicycle and pedestrian needs and roadway maintenance and rehabilitation.

Jeanne suggested the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC) form a subcommittee. Its charge will be to further define what the bicycling needs are over the long term, to develop a methodology to estimate costs and to provide unit cost information. The subcommittee will report back periodically to the BMAC and obtain approval from the BMAC for the bicycle elements of the TMMP by the end of February 2006.

The goal of the TMMP is to take the input from the eight urban MPOs in the state and develop one plan. The subcommittee is to estimate the costs but not to identify funding sources since the TMMP is not a financially constrained plan.

Judge Kazen moved to form a subcommittee to address the needs of the Texas Metropolitan Mobility Plan. Bill Burman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The subcommittee will consist of Judge Kazen, Alison Young, Richard Higby, Abigail Kinnison, Bill Burman, Ken Zigrang, Mike Dominguez, and Cliff Hickel. Lydia Kelly will arrange the first meeting by September 1, 2005.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Bicycle Data Collection Draft Report for Subtask 2.4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Data Collection

Cecilio Martinez reported he is now responsible for developing the bicycle portion of the Subtask 2.4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Data Collection report. He has met with the Oversight Committee and will continue to report back with his progress. Segments of the Regional Bicycle Master Plan that haven't been rated using the Bicycle Level of Suitability model will be the initial focus. Four hundred and twenty eight miles have been identified as needing detailed study from the initial bicycle study. In addition, segments from the City of San Antonio's and Bexar County's Capital Improvement Programs, segments identified by the Oversight Committee and routes identified from the July 12, 2005 citizen input meeting will be identified for the report. Some of the data can be collected by aerial photography but other data must be collected through actual field work. Cecilio and a team of assistants will develop the Bicycle Level of Suitability for the identified areas of the region that will be included in the report. Cecilio Martinez and Mitchel Bell will work together to develop the final report for both Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Data Collection.

For information and discussion only.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Status of Subcommittee's Evaluation of Routes for the Revised Bike Route Usability Map

Mitchel Bell provided maps designating the routes that were identified at the July 12, 2005 meeting. Mitchel will turn the maps into PDF files for BMAC review. Collecting routes is an ongoing undertaking. None of the routes have been considered using the Bicycle Level of Suitability (BLOS) model. Cliff Hickel suggested routes that travel outside the study area be included because they may have a relationship with routes identified by the UTSA Rural Bike Plan Study. There was discussion as to eventually having an interactive map on the website. The suggestion was also made to design a PDF formatted map for each route for the MPO website. This would make it easy for residents to get a copy of the desired route. There was also discussion for the website to have a

way for cyclists to make comments about the routes. A disclaimer will be needed explaining the routes have not been through the BLOS and that cyclists are riding at their own risk. The intention is for this to be a set of suggested routes for discussion.

Mitchel Bell agreed to have each route in PDF format by the September meeting for review and Cecilio Martinez will have a system on the web page for comments from cyclists for each route.

7. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Unified Planning Work Program Project Proposals Submitted Previously

Lydia Kelly reported the San Antonio – Bexar County Regional Transportation Attitude Study II will be included in the FY 2005-2006 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The Central San Antonio Bicycle Plan was not included in the UPWP because of budget constraints.

Judge Kazen moved and Mike Dominguez seconded the motion to request the Transportation Policy Board approve funding for The Central San Antonio Bicycle Plan project if additional funds become available. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Walk and Roll 2005, Safe Routes to School, Walkable Community Workshops, and Steps -SA

The Walk and Roll San Antonio Calendar is still updated regularly. It is hoped that people use it as a resource when considering events in the area. The October Challenge to San Antonio residents will be discussed later in the meeting.

Safe Routes to School Workshops will be starting again now that children are returning to school. There will be a number of opportunities to participate this year.

Lydia Kelly continues to be involved with Steps to a Healthier San Antonio. She is attending meetings and working with the partners to develop programs.

For information and discussion only.

9. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Year Long Safety Tip Program for Bicyclists and Motorists

There was a lengthy discussion on the “Safe and Healthy Bicycle Commuting in San Antonio” education program. The decision was to call it the “Share the Road Campaign”. A subcommittee was formed to work on an ongoing education program that will be responsible for publicizing our efforts and promoting safe cycling in the area. The Education subcommittee that will promote Share the Road ideas includes Scott Ericksen, Mona Lisa Zertuche, Cliff Hickel, Richard Higby, Allen Hodapp and Lydia Kelly. Until the tips are finalized Lydia asked that individuals promote September and October thoughts in newsletters and on websites. The committee will meet for the first time in September.

For information and discussion only

10. Discussion and Appropriate Action on October’s Walk and Roll Challenge San Antonio

Alison Young and Lydia Kelly spoke about the October Walk and Roll San Antonio Challenge. Members of the community will be asked to use alternative forms of transportation other than driving in a car by themselves to log a combined 500,000 miles in the month of October. BMAC members are asked to stay tuned for opportunities to assist in the success of the program. The focus of the challenge is both air quality and improved health for the region and its residents.

For information and discussion only.

11. BMAC Communications

Mike Dominguez reminded the committee about the public roll-out of the 1st Advanced Transportation District project. Everyone is welcome to attend on August 15, 2005.

Ken Zigrang reminded everyone of the UTSA Rural Route Study meeting to be held at Garner State Park on August 20, 2005.

4. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Presentation by the City of San Antonio Planning Department Concerning Neighborhood Plans

Issue

Greg Baker will present the process of developing neighborhood plans that support the Planning Department's mission. Per the Planning Department's website its mission is to promote (within the City and its extraterritorial jurisdictions) the development of livable communities and an enhanced quality of life through a framework of orderly growth and development that reflects the unique history, culture and diversity of San Antonio in a manner consistent with the Master Plan Policies, the priorities and policies established by the City Council, the Commissions appointed by City Council and the Community-at-large.

Action Requested

Discussion will determine any action that may be needed.

5. Discussion and Appropriate Action on report from subcommittee concerning a Methodology to Determine Bicycle/Pedestrian Needs and Costs in Support of the Texas Metropolitan Mobility Plan

Issue

The subcommittee's charge is to further define what the bicycling needs are over the long term, to develop a methodology to estimate costs and to provide unit cost information. The subcommittee will report back periodically to the BMAC and obtain approval from the BMAC for the bicycle elements of the TMMP by the end of February 2006.

Action requested

Discussion will determine if any action is necessary.

6. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Status of City of San Antonio Bicycle Facility Projects

Issue

Abigail Kinnison will provide an update on various bicycle projects happening within the City of San Antonio to include the status of the bicycle rack project.

Action Requested

Discussion will determine any action that may be needed.

7. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Bicycle Data Collection Draft Report for Subtask 2.4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Data Collection

Issue

Cecilio Martinez will present an update concerning Subtask 2.4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Data Collection with his focus on the bicycle portion of the project.

Action Requested

Discussion will determine any action that may be needed.

8. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Status of Subcommittee's Evaluation of Routes for the Revised Bike Route Usability Map

Issue

Continuing with the update from the citizen input meeting of July 12, 2005, Mitchel Bell agreed to have each route in PDF format by the September meeting for review. Cecilio Martinez agreed to develop a system for the web page so comments from cyclists can be collected for each route. They will report their progress.

Action Requested

Discussion and decision will determine any action needed.

9. Discussion and Appropriate Action on October's Walk and Roll Challenge San Antonio

Issue

Update on the upcoming October 2005, Walk and Roll Challenge to San Antonio area residents. The goal is for the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) study area to accumulate 500,000 alternative and healthy miles during October 2005.

Action Requested

Discussion will determine any action that may be needed.

10. BMAC Communications