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BMAC Purpose

The Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC) is established by the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to improve bicycle mobility within the Alamo Area MPO Study Area.

Generally, the BMAC will:

- Provide bold and visionary leadership in all matters affecting bicycle mobility in the MPO study area
- Be expansive in its vision and assertive with its mission throughout the entire community

BMAC Responsibilities

BMAC is a defined subcommittee under the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Along with the Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee, BMAC directly advises the TAC and Transportation Policy Board on bicycle and pedestrian-related policy issues and projects.

BMAC members are charged with the following specific responsibilities:

- Attending monthly BMAC meetings
- Attending transportation-related meetings throughout the community
- Supporting region-wide transportation initiatives such as Vision Zero and the Traffic Jam Safety Coalition
- Developing recommendations and advice on bicycle-related projects and policies
- Providing a forum for collaboration among agencies, organizations, and the public to address bicycle-related issues and enhance the overall bikeability of the region
This year, the Alamo Area MPO celebrated its 20th Annual Walk & Roll! Walk & Roll is a regional month-long effort held in May to encourage people to walk, ride a bike, take transit, or carpool instead of driving alone. It highlights active forms of transportation that increase quality of life, improve public health, and minimize impacts on the environment. BMAC members helped plan and promote Walk & Roll events throughout the month.

More than 300 people came out for the 20th Annual Walk & Roll Rally, the MPO’s kickoff event for National Bike Month. Participants enjoyed free breakfast, local art and music, a bike contest, and interactive exhibits from community groups and agencies who play a role in making the Alamo area more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

Other events that took place throughout National Bike Month included group social rides and tours, bike safety classes, bike buying workshops, and a group walk with San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor! BMAC also hosted Bike Night, which celebrated Bike to Work Day with a bike-themed Pecha Kucha featuring local cycling advocates and leaders.

Walk & Roll by the Numbers:

- 300+ people attended the Walk & Roll Rally
- 1,750 dollars raised by community sponsors
- 23 events throughout National Bike Month

Check out the MPO’s Bicycle Experience video created for Walk & Roll here: https://youtu.be/4SrXtStbVo8
In April, the Transportation Policy Board selected projects to include in the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program. A working group comprised of members from BMAC and PMAC evaluated the bicycle and pedestrian-related projects and made recommendations to the Policy Board. In total, 17 funded projects throughout the region incorporate shared-use paths, bicycle lanes or accommodations, including three projects that highlight bicycle-related improvements:

- Complete Street reconstruction of Broadway Street
- Complete Street reconstruction of Crestway Road
- Citywide bicycle and pedestrian improvements in San Antonio

Several MPO-funded projects with bicycle components were let for construction this year, including:

- Expanding FM 306 from River Chase Way to Hoffman Lane and adding bike lanes and sidewalks
- Adding bike accommodations and sidewalks to Fair Oaks Parkway over IH-10 West
- Constructing bike lanes and sidewalks on SH-123B
- Enhancing Landa Street bicycle and pedestrian facilities

With guidance and feedback from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committees, the MPO worked with Halfplass Associates and Toole Design Group to develop the Alamo Area MPO Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Study. In addition to addressing specific needs within the City of San Antonio, the study was intended to help integrate new member cities into the region’s active transportation planning framework. The study was broken into five components:

1. San Antonio Pedestrian Study
2. Mission Trail Access Study
3. City of Boerne
4. City of New Braunfels
5. City of Seguin

Each chapter included an analysis of existing conditions, recommendations for improving bicycle and/or pedestrian infrastructure and connectivity, and a guide to implement those recommendations. The report’s findings were informed by feedback from an online survey, interactive map, and public meetings, as well as ongoing communication with agency staff and local stakeholders.

The final report can be found at: http://www.alamoareampo.org/Studies/
ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACTIVITIES FROM 2016

BMAC members were involved in the development of the MPO’s 5th Edition Bike Map, which was completed this year. The map departs from previous editions by depicting Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) for bicyclists rather than just the locations of various bike facilities. This enables people to find routes that are comfortable enough for their skill level and avoid more stressful parts of the roadway network. Posted speed limit, number of lanes, level of traffic congestion, and the type of bike facility present were all factors used to determine a road’s LTS score.

Pick up a copy of the 5th Edition Bike Map at the MPO, your local bike shop or library. The interactive bike map can be found at http://www.alamoareampo.org/bikemap. You can also view a PDF at http://www.alamoareampo.org/GIS/map_files/bike/LTSBikeMap2016.pdf.

Currently, only six Bicycle Friendly Businesses are designated by the League of American Bicyclists in the MPO study area, and there are zero Bicycle Friendly Universities. This year, BMAC voted to create a Bicycle Friendly Business Working Group charged with increasing the number of businesses and universities aware of the designation process, thereby making it safer and more convenient overall to ride a bike in our region. Let’s see how many businesses and universities we can get on board in 2017!

For more information on the Bicycle Friendly Business Program, visit http://www.bikeleague.org/business.

A variety of other projects and policy issues were presented to BMAC for knowledge-sharing opportunities, input, and review during regular monthly meetings. These include:

- VIA’s Vision 2040
- City of San Antonio’s Vision Zero Initiative
- City of San Antonio’s proposed 2017-2022 bond program
- The Alamo Area Council of Governments Commute Solutions Program
- VIA’s Ingram Transit Center, 5 Points, and Passenger Amenities projects
- Presentation from the Federal Highway Administration on how to incorporate on-road bicycle networks into roadway resurfacing projects
- Wurzbach Parkway bike facility and network improvements
- Transportation Alternatives project selection process and scoring criteria
- Addition of a Bike Share Master Plan Study to the Unified Planning Work Program
- Redevelopment plans for Lone Star Brewery
- Regional air quality issues and responsibilities
- Avenue B bike lane survey
- BMAC membership and procedures
- Creation of a new BMAC logo
Bicycle Mode Share

According to the Alliance for Biking and Walking Benchmarking Reports, the percentage of people who commute by bike in the City of San Antonio has increased slightly over the past six years. The Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee has facilitated this growth through its role in creating bike maps and funding bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects. BMAC will continue to encourage mode shift through its Bicycle Friendly Businesses Working Group and through its advisory role in planning and programming bicycle infrastructure.

Bicycle Safety

33 people were killed or seriously injured while riding a bike in the MPO study area in 2016, a steady increase over previous years. The Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee is committed to reducing this number by working with its transportation partners and the public to promote safer streets and educate drivers and cyclists.

Bicyclist Fatalities and Serious Injuries in the MPO Study Area

Source: MPO's analysis of 2016 Crash Records Information System (CRIS) data. Data includes only TxDOT reportable crashes that occurred in the public right of way.
• Continue to support Vision Zero efforts to reduce the number of bicycle crashes region-wide

• Help local communities improve bicycle infrastructure through knowledge-sharing and inter-agency cooperation

• Increase the number of Bicycle Friendly Businesses in the Alamo Area

• Continue to provide input on local and regional plans, programs, and projects

• Enhance community awareness of and involvement in bicycle-related events and activities through information-sharing