# **Minutes: BASC Monthly Meeting – Monday, August 28th, 2023, 6:15 pm The Monkey’s Wrench/HUBS Coop**

**NOTE:**  All agendas and minutes are in the BASC Fileshare: [www.hsvbasc.com](http://www.hsvbasc.com/)

**Attendees**: Jacob Hell, Chad, Jamie (virtual), Jo Beth (virtual), Cathy (Huntsville New Liberal), Rob (Huntsville New Liberal), Dario, Michael Guy, Larry, Jennifer (virtual), Morgan, David (virtual), Anne Wynn (new)

**Meeting Time:** 6:15pm-7:30pm

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**Announcements:**

1. Review attendance and Vote to approve July meeting minutes: Approved
2. **Community Concerns (from the public):**
   1. SeeClickFix- closed or need escalation tickets?
      1. Dallas St. , Phase I and II, gravel clean would go to public works (more than a few weeks, clean)
   2. Other road concerns from other sources?
      1. Can we help with Deanna's question on Bike Commuters of Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/797068617155652/permalink/2213686555493844/>
         1. Good question because despite having bike routes this route would be difficult to navigate on a bike with children due to current road conditions. Good discussion. Deanna and Dario have tested a route. Jamie had suggestions and posted it on Facebook after the BASC meeting. See link.
   3. Community Events?
      1. Bikes and Brews: Sept. 8th, 6PM: <https://fb.me/e/1ra4WIs0s>
      2. Fleet Feet Fall Fitness Festival: Sept. 9th, 8AM (has a bike ride),: <https://fb.me/e/2XF3Mf1Rx>
      3. SCCC All-you- can eat century: Sept. 16th, 6:30AM: <https://sccc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=515233&module_id=561537>
         1. Expected to have 400-500 bike riders, HUBS will be there, can have more volunteers, let Jamie know:
      4. HUBS Coop maintenance: Sept. 22nd, 6PM: <https://fb.me/e/Vg8wjCpL>
      5. BASC monthly meeting (See BASC Facebook Events tab): Sept. 25th, 6:15PM: <https://fb.me/e/2RyOxnamj>
      6. Huntsville New Liberal Happy Hour: Sept 28th, 6PM-8PM at Mad Malts: <https://huntsvillenewliberals.com/event/huntsville-new-liberals-september-2023-happy-hour/>
      7. Tour de Ville 2023, Oct 7th: Who can rep. For the city? Maybe Sara from Alta would be interested. Alternatively, show the posters from the City.
      8. Tweed Ride 2023: Nov. 4th, 9AM-1:30PM. <https://fb.me/e/3KeowMg2w>

**Section I. City Reports:** Past updates in excel sheet “BASC Projects\_Actions Summary” in [**hsvbasc.com → Minutes and Documents**](https://www.hsvbasc.com/owncloud/index.php/s/N2f7bzZEYm9zPR1)

1. **City Planning:** Jo beth (updates)
   1. BASfaC Letter of Support for Miller Branch Greenway Phase 1 with TAP funding: Approved and sent by Vivian. <http://www.huntsvillempo.org/tap/> .
   2. General Discussion for the Miller Branch Greenway Phase 1:
      1. Where is this Miller Branch Greenway? Search for “Miller Branch Greenway” on this pdf MPO website. Explains briefly that it is a standard greenway design, 12ft asphalt. <http://www.huntsvillempo.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/bikeped-2.pdf>
      2. Where does it connect? Singing River Trail, Triana, Madison, Huntsville, Williams Middle school, eventually Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge and Tennessee River.
      3. How was this greenway prioritized? A variety of factors. Using the public input responses from the Greenway input sessions from November 2022. It was voted up. Project Readiness such as # of the right of way of property owners and land acquisition required for TAP funding. No ridership data was considered and we currently do not have user data.
      4. General Questions to follow-up on:
         1. What are the metrics for success for the Miller Greenway?
         2. How much does it cost to make a road versus a greenway? Does it decrease car traffic? The TAP does have this language. Traffic Volume is or can be added.
         3. In general, prioritization should consider bicycle user because if there are areas where there are more bicycle riders maybe we should prioritize the safe bike infrastructure in those areas with funding.
         4. What much does the City spend on bike infrastructure? Where can the public find that data? The only other place Vivian knows of is in the TIP where there is a metric of how many bike lanes were built.
   3. Any other bike/ped related concerns or needs from the city? Next month’s BASC meeting there will be many more planning updates to discuss.
      1. SeeClickFix.com category and SeeandBeSeen.com near miss form.
2. **City Traffic Engineering:** Jennifer (updates)
   1. Any other bike/ped related concerns or needs from the city?
      1. Follow-up of how David Nuttall’s Bike Route presentation is being considered. Has been shared with TE group, no feedback yet. Below summarizes updates for next month.
      2. Oakwood road traffic data: after study was done and can share at BASC after their review. There was 72 hours of data between Adnrew Jackson and Maysville Road..
         1. Does that include bicycle? Assumed that it was just vehicle data, but tubes crossed the bike lane. Consider that in the beginning of the road project data collection (before road configuration change?) that bike count might not have been considered. TE will follow-up.
      3. Directional bike count on the greenways and is being processed also bike lanes on Clinton and Spragins corridor.
      4. Vehicle vs cyclists and vehicle vs. pedestrian data (Tom Cisco)- How does he decide where data is collected? Certain schedules were done. Dario recommends to collect near bridges and underpasses, to specifically know where peds/bikes use.
         1. When will it be shared with Long/Range Planning? Reach out to Tom with specific data request.
      5. Oakwood (East to West) from Andrew Jackson through Jordan Lane collection: all the way on Jordan (east to west connection). How to get the roads fixed on Oakwood? Jennifer doesn’t know.
         1. Planning talked to Alta in the bike plan.
         2. From the MPO meeting it has been considered to purchase streetlight data (which might be accessible data to all). James Vandiver would have to look at the cost. Only looking at vehicular now, but need pedestrian.
         3. Planning concerns about accuracy on ped/bike data from any place; however Larry’s comment is that it has more data than anyone else.
3. **City Huntsville Police Department: (no updates)**
   1. Update of officially reported or on Facebook bike/ped related incidents?
   2. Any other bike/ped related concerns or needs from the city?

**Section II: Monthly Agenda Topics**

1. Vote in Jacob as BASC co-chair: Voted Approved.
2. Rollout of updated BASC website: [www.hsvbasc.com.](http://www.hsvbasc.com.) Walked through each section of the website. Intention is to refer to these resources for new people to Huntsville as it cross-references other bike organizations throughout Huntsville and can be updated by BASC.
3. Bike Route Discussion: (Chad and David): Presented 3 maps of the bike routes. 1) End points 2) Difficulty of bike route roads 3) Close of up of map #2.
   1. Alta may ask exactly this information from BASC. David would like to see the difficulty of doing this exercise for all roads of Huntsville.
   2. Can a case be made that certain bike routes should be prioritized due to ridership? This map considers the skill level and confidence of bike riders. The map shows that most Huntsville bike routes would not be accessible to most people’s skill level. From Planning it’s possible to overlay bike counts in order to support the claim that certain bike routes should be prioritized.
   3. Long-term BASC goal is to print this bike route map to Huntsville, hotels, etc. This would require money and the question is then what grant opportunities for this.
   4. Can send out to BASC and BASC Facebook, which will request for other input on this presentation.

**Section III: Action Item Review:** S[ee hsvbasc.com--> "BASC projects\_Actions Summary" Excel sheet)](https://www.hsvbasc.com/nextcloud/index.php/s/6tb5bpZqDd45snm?path=%2F) → Updated with August meeting minutes