# **BASC August Meeting – Monday, August 22, 2022, 5:30 pm STA**

# Attendees: Larry Mason, Jamie Miernik, Morgan Andriulli, Bruce Weddendorf,

Ben Payment, Dario Gonzalez, Austin Jackson. Vivian Nguyen & Danny Peters (virtual)

**NOTE:**  All minutes are in the dropbox: [www.hsvbasc.com](http://www.hsvbasc.com)

**June Minutes Reviewed:** Austin moves to accept the June minutes, 2nd Ben, Minutes accepted

**Actions Review:**

1. **Action continued: Dario, Anthony & Jamie will coordinate Crash Data report**: Dario is working on a draft report on crash data from 2015 to present. He reports that there is a new state policy that forbids us from getting details of bike crashes.   
   Dario will be working on the report on Mondays. Smart Growth America has a map of fatalities. How did they get the data? Dario will get with Vivian. Jamie will review the draft.
2. **Action (Cont) Jamie Miernik**: Sidewalks on either side of Oakwood east of the Parkway; Nicholas made request to Parking, John Autry and Transit – John Ashburn.  
   Jamie is working on a proposal to document the needed improvements to Oakwood Ave, possibly for a future DOT/MPO Active Transportation grant.

Jamie reports that some instigation impelled Frances Akridge to contact the owner of the Kildare mansion and his property on Oakwood that is currently fenced to the curb, forcing people to walk in Oakwood Ave on the north side of the street. Surprisingly, the man showed willingness to swap that ROW for some other piece of ROW near the Kildare house.  
**Action: Jamie** will follow up with the man and Frances.  
**Action Ben and Jamie:** to check if Bike Lanes will be part of the Oakwood Ave improvements east of Andrew Jackson.

1. **Action (Cont): James Moore** will update the SeeandBeSeen site:

James was absent.  
James was to make verbiage revision to the reporting site page to instruct reporters to provide a links to public sites, such as You-Tube or Mimeo where their video and photos can be viewed as part of their SeeandBeSeen report. COH may have to use a phone or private computer to view the video, but this circumvents the problem that COH perceives in loading video to their site. Then, every month, BASC can get a summary of all the reports.  
We should also use the SeeClickFix website for Bike related issues. You can upload photos, but not video there.  
Discussion: Morgan talked with Cycliq (Bike camera supplier) about the process, and they ID’ed a problem with the COH website; it only takes .com files.

**Action Morgan**: Morgan will ping James to complete the verbiage updates in the action above.

1. **Action: Larry, Jamie. Anthony, continued.**

Anthony didn’t call in.

Safe Routes to School (SR2S) ideas to be prepared for schools and principals. October is the month there are walk to school events. We need to put together info and a “Plan” for a fall event. The Nat’l SRTS Org has lots of material: <https://www.saferoutesinfo.org/> Must find a way to get it to all principals and see if some are interested. Get the material approved by the COH Superintendent or school board.  
Larry contacted “Rocket City Mom”, Stephanie Walker, to help get the word out. No answer.  
Anthony thinks Blossomwood would be a good place to do a SRTS program, in Sept or October.

Ben Payment forward School board contacts.

Vivian wants to make a video of the class.  
Discussion: Anthony really wants to do bike safety skills class at schools as the promotion for fall SRTS event.

1. **Action (Cont):** **Ben Payment** emailed this report: Ben spoke with Planning (Dennis Madsen) and Engineering (Shane Davis) and speaking for BASC, proposed **3 main areas of improvements** to the Huntsville Municipal Code regarding multimodal connectivity. 2 areas are addressed in the new Greenway Plan. Complete streets part is addressed in the comprehensive planning along “Holmes Corridor”… thru UAH and then on to Madison Pike to Madison Blvd.

Discussion: Ben attended a Stakeholder Meeting on Holmes Corridor. Grant still in process. Letter of support needed from BASC.

**Action:**  Vivian Jamie and Larry will provide template.

1. **Action: Larry Mason: (Cont)** Larry drafted a resolution which he sent out to BASC Dec 13, to take it to city council to make BASC an official COH committee. We discussed the mission of BASC to be expanded to include pedestrians and all active, non-vehicular transportation, so the official committee would be re-named appropriately.   
   Discussion: Maybe put a bike person on the Metropolitan Planning Org (MPO) Tech committee?   
   **Action:** Try to get Dario on the TCC   
   **ACTION**: **Jamie and Vivian** will communicate with Shontrill Lowe, COH staff member supporting the MPO CAC, to recommend better use of the CAC by involving them at earlier stages of design. May have to involve Curtis Vincent at ALDOT.
2. **ACTION**: **Larry** will provide a letter from BASC to recommend the COH join NACTO for a year to learn the benefits.

Clearly ask for a response.

1. **Action**: **Vivian** to support new project for a BASC committee: Develop a posted/signed bike network of “Way Finding” with digital QR codes to maps of usable Bike Routes. Use heat maps (STRAVA) and study/overlay Huntsville's GIS map.  
   Discussion: Vivian reported and showed some STRAVA heat maps overlaying COH GIS Bike Route maps. Noting that many Bike Routes were not used much by cyclists (running Strava). It wasn’t clear if the heavily used (STRAVA indicated) roads were Bike Routes or not. But, it was clear that heat map data could be used to inform Bike Route network design. Jamie mentioned that she had some STRAVA info about some other roads in Huntsville.

**8/16/22 Vivian has prepared** a presentation to better explain the concept to develop a Cycling Network to support this action (network of “Way Finding” with digital QR codes to maps of usable Bike Routes) **New Action for all of BASC:** BASC to review and answer the questions she has posed.Ask Frances to get us on city council agenda to present a summary.Arty Maps guy.

1. **ACTION: James Moore** will send out the list of TE grant candidates or link to how to view this.  
   Jamie will remind James of Action
2. **Action: Gordon** will look into a better/possible solution for safer conditions for Cyclists where the long-time bike route crosses Drake at Hastings.  
   Gordon did not attend, but a new TE rep has been assigned.  
   Jamie will send this action to our new TE person, Jennifer Colee.

**Reports:** None, as No COH attended

**Discussion** Why didn’t any COH folks attend?

Jamie will ask.

**Action Bruce**: will try to clean up the meeting links. There has been problems getting into the meeting at STA by video.  
**Action Ben:** Invite Jennifer Colee, clean up list serve list and invite someone else Vivian mentioned.

**Old Business:**

1. HUBS has Strava Metro access now. Vivian can see if it’s better than the heat map.
2. Jamie suggested using AL State Code from AlaBike to create a brochure for BASC. AlaBike wallet card attached.  
   Ben suggested an update update for e-bikes is needed.
3. Part of Bike Parking Code enforcement in Zoning to enforce Bike rack ordinance. Which should specify 2 point contact design, not the “wave” style.
4. Pedicabs for accessibility?

**Community Events:**

Singing River Meeting, Ben attended. John Kvatch is raising money. They will roll out signage soon

1st Fri each month, Bikes n Brews, butOct is first Sat.

Sept 17 SCCC AYCE

Sept 24 Methodist Church Rosie Ebie Bikes Coffee Brew and water

Oct 22 Snatch back your rights

Nov 6 Tour de Ville

**Community Groups: NA**

Adjourned: 6:35 pm

Next Meeting – 4th Monday, Sept 26, 2022, Straight to Ale (STA)