# **Logo, company name Description automatically generatedBASC February Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, Feb 8th, 2022, 5:30 pm STA**

Attendees: Larry Mason, Jamie Miernik, Morgan Andriulli, Bruce Weddendorf, Terry Price,  
Luana Broshears (TE),   
Virtually: Ben Payment, James Moore (Planning), Dario, Anthony Rosada (HPD), Dario Gonzalez

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**January minutes reviewed: Approved**

**Actions Review:**

1. **Action continued: Dario, Anthony & Jamie will coordinate Crash Data report**: Dario has created a draft report on crash data since 2015. He reports that deaths and injuries are much lower in the period of 2015 thru 2020, versus a previous period that was compiled. Jamie commented that the dataset Dario looked at is likely not the same as the previous period because of the change in how data was collected/recorded by the police.   
   Jamie provided Dario with the link/source of Statewide data to compare: <https://www.caps.ua.edu/outreach/reports/crash-facts-book/>  
   Morgan provided links to insurance data for crashes: IIHS Insurance Institute for Hiway Safety summary review of data NATHA and NHTSA: <https://www.iihs.org/topics/fatality-statistics/detail/bicyclists>  
   <https://www-fars.nhtsa.dot.gov/Main/index.aspx>
2. **Action Continued. Nic Nene, Jamie Miernik**: Nick talked with COH on sidewalks on either side of Oakwood just east of the Parkway; Nicholas made request to Parking, John Autry. And Transit – John Ashburn.  
   Jamie will follow up.
3. **Action Continued: James Moore** will investigate why it is difficult to upload video to the See and be Seen site. James explained that the COH is skeptical about uploading video.

Discussion: There may be security issues involved…

1. **Action: Larry, Jamie. Anthony, continued.** Safe Routes to School (SR2S) ideas to be prepared for schools and principals. May is Nat’l Bike month, May 16-22 is Bike to work week, May 22 is Bike to work day. October is the month there are walk to school events. Would like COH to adopt a SR2S initiative. Larry has looked up SRTS info and HUBS wants to help with the planning and execution of some safety skills classes for kids with HPD. Involve “Rocket City Mom” to help get the word out.
2. **Action Continued:** **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.

Ben asked to keep this action open: 2 areas are addressed in the new Greenway Plan. Complete streets part is addressed in the comprehensive planning along “Holmes Corridor”… Not on Bradford, but thru UAH and then on to Madison Pike to Madison Blvd.

Luana said TE is getting better to specify NACTO with contractors, but that doesn’t always work.

1. **ACTION: Larry: Closed.** Larry wrote and sent letter recommending TE standards, that are being updated this year. A list of standards was included NACTO.   
   Discussion: Jamie: BASC has seen recurring instances where bicycles and pedestrians seem to be afterthoughts if at all rather than part of an original design consideration.  He suggested a little research on how these issues might best be addressed in the municipal code and strategize the best approach to getting them implemented.

New infrastructure bill has changed how implementation of local policy. NACTO membership is $25K/yr and there are benefits. Let the Sustainability folks know how beneficial NACTO membership would be.

1. **Action: Larry Mason: Continued/on Hold.** 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: Should BASC go official?   
   Ben proposed: “The BASC reimagine its format as an alternative transportation mode organization and become an official COH or MPO committee. The current BASC commits to aggressive effort in 2022 to make this happen. Jamie seconds the motion. All voted in favor, including all three COH dept BASC reps.

**Split action:** Follow the path to become an MPO path first, then with COH before the friendly city council members leave. Dale Strong will be contacted by Anthony.

**Larry is moving forward thru the CAC to present the addition of a Bike/Ped committee to the MPO**

1. **Action: James Moore** will provide the contact info from Girls Inc who was interestedin biking safety training…
2. **Action**: **Jamie Miernik** **Closed.** to contact Erin about taking the step to have the driver contacted/prosecuted by HPD about the cycling incident.   
   Jamie did contact Erin. The case was re-opened by Jeff Jefferies and the offense was changed; the driver was charged with reckless driving, not reckless endangerment, as was hoped. No court date set, yet.  
   :\Lets learn the court date and show up.

**Anthony** will look into this case.

1. **Action: Ben Payment**: Reply to Chris McNeese, who responded about prioritization in repaving bike routes, but they are also truck routes.

**Frances wanted the Bike Routes to be prioritized for repaving, like they do for truck routes**. John Hamilton said to stop looking into it.   
Discussion: Dario suggested to have Chris McNeese Present the criteria for repaving.

**Reports**

**HPD** – Anthony will look into the case in AI#9

**Traffic Engineering** – Discussion on removal of Share the Road sign(s) on Zeirdt Rd and the uniqueness of AL “sidepath law”.

Luana is leaving COH in 2 weeks. Will stay involved with ITE (institute Traffic Engineers}

**Planning** –

Looking for new plans for federal dollars for bike/ped projects.   
Planning position is hoping to address Bike/Ped issues

**New Business:**

1. Write a project on Oakwood bike/Ped corridor improvement between the Parkway and 565. Cc Francis and Devin.

2. Racks in COH parking garages… some were installed… incorrectly. Wave racks are crappy. Richard Wilkenson said he would take care of installing them correctly.

3. Jamie brought up a Sustainability “ordinance” would benefit by supporting NACTO membership. Land Trust is the main org pushing for this.

4. Jamie brought up Nat’l Bike Summit coming up soon, March 27-30.

**Community Groups:**

RCCBs has scheduled several bike maintenance clinics; first one is tonight.

Adjourned: 6:55

Next Meeting – Tues, March 8, 2022