# **BASC May Meeting – Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022, 5:30 pm STA**

Attendees: Larry Mason, Jamie Miernik, Morgan Andriulli, Bruce Weddendorf, Gordon Lacroix (TE)

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Description automatically generated**Virtually: Vivian Nguyen, Nicholas Nene (TE), James Moore (Planning), Anthony Rosado (HPD)

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

**April minutes reviewed: Approved**

**Actions Review:**

1. **Action (CLOSED)**: **Jamie Miernik** Wrote a letter of support from BASC to form a Sustainability Advisory Commission. Letter sent out March 21; attached. Vote Passed to send out with Larry’s comments by the end of the week.
2. **Action continued: Dario, Anthony & Jamie will coordinate Crash Data report**: Dario is working on a draft report on crash data since 2015. He reports that there is a new state policy that forbids us from getting details of bike crashes. Nick confirmed this was true. Some level of info can be obtained. Jamie expressed her dismay at this new policy.  
   Dario is working on the report; 30 more days.
3. **Action (Cont). 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 took a bunch of photos along Oakwood and is working on a proposal to document the needed improvements to Oakwood Ave, possibly for a future DOT/MPO Active Transportation grant.
4. **Action (Cont): James Moore** will investigate why it is difficult to upload video to the See and be Seen site. James explained that COH IT is not really responding.

Discussion: There may be security issues involved…Larry spoke to Bill Steiner and asked, was it COH IT policy to prevent upload of video? Kelley Schrimsher, COH Dir. of Communication, would decide. The issue may be the uploading and/or storage of videos from the public that may carry malicious code or take up too much data space. Recommend to revise the SeeandBeSeen video upload procedure to provide a link to the video residing elsewhere. Most U-tube is blocked on COH devices, except for specific allowed training videos, but people can use their own phones to find those. Suggest asking Cycliq, the company that makes most of the bike cameras, to be a repository for videos (they have a giant inventory of videos). Then, a link to that site, or U-Tube, could be provided in the SeeandBeSeen report.

**NEW ACTION**: Morgan to contact Cycliq. Jamie and Vivian to put together s presentation for Kelley Schrimsher to provide recommendations to solve the problem of viewing videos of bad behavior in traffic.

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.

**NEW ACTION:** Larry will contact “Rocket City Mom”, Stephanie Walker, to help get the word out.   
Anthony thinks Blossomwood would be a good place to do a SRTS program, in Sept or October. 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. Must get the material approved by the COH Superintendent or school board.  
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”… Not on Bradford, but thru UAH and then on to Madison Pike to Madison Blvd.
2. **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? The problem is that the CAC (MPO Citizen’s Advisory Committee), (on which Larry sits and Jamie used to be a member of) only gets presentations on design projects ready to be approved for funding; i.e., when the design work is done and costs are calculated. This is too late to impact design. So, the CAC becomes a “rubber stamp” committee. The CAC needs to be able to get presentations of projects early in Pre-design for input about people-centric transportation issues or ideas.  
   **NEW 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.
3. **Action**: **Jamie** Miernik and Dario Gonzalez (**Cont)** to contact Erin about taking the step to have the driver contacted/prosecuted by HPD about the cycling incident.   
   The case was re-opened by Jeff Jefferies and the offense was changed; the driver was charged with reckless driving, not reckless endangerment. Yet, Erin was hit by the car and it took off. The cyclists ran it down to confront the driver. This was literally “Hit & Run”.  
   Let’s learn the court date and show up.
4. **Action**: **Nicholas Nene (cont.)** will speak with Kathy to see what the possibility of the COH joining NACTO.

**NEW ACTION**: Larry and Jamie will provide “words” and convincing reasons to help Nick Nene be successful in this action.

1. **Action:** (cont.) **Austin and Ben** will follow up on racks in COH parking garages that were install incorrectly. Contact Richard Wilkenson. **Dario** will take some photos**. James** will also ask about it with COH.

**NEW ACTION**: Vivian will take more photos of racks at the Mayor’s Bike Ride, Saturday.

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.

**NEW ACTION:** **Vivian and Jamie** will prepare 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)

**Reports**

**HPD** – Anthony really wants HPD to do bike safety/skills class at schools as the promotion for fall SRTS event.

**Traffic Engineering** – New TE BASC member introduced: Gordon Lacroix, who attended his first BASC tonight.

**Planning** – Jamie asked James about “TE” or other DOT grant applications in work. The “Skybridge” and associated bike/ped improvements were discussed briefly and   
**NEW ACTION: James Moore** will send out the list of grant candidates or link to how to view this.

**Old Business:**

1. Mayor’s Bike Ride is May 7th. Event begins at 10:30 am. There has been little advertising of this event this year!  
   Please make plans to attend and advertise any way you can. Here is the event link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/531418518336952/>

**New Business: NA**

**Community Groups:**

Larry Mason and HUBS Coop is Hosting with SCCC “Cycle Meet-up and Swap Fest”, Sunday May 22, 4-8 pm at Salty Nut Brewery, also a fund-raiser for HUBS Coop; they have some bikes to sell.

Adjourned: 6:43

Next Meeting – Tues, June 14, 2022 STA