

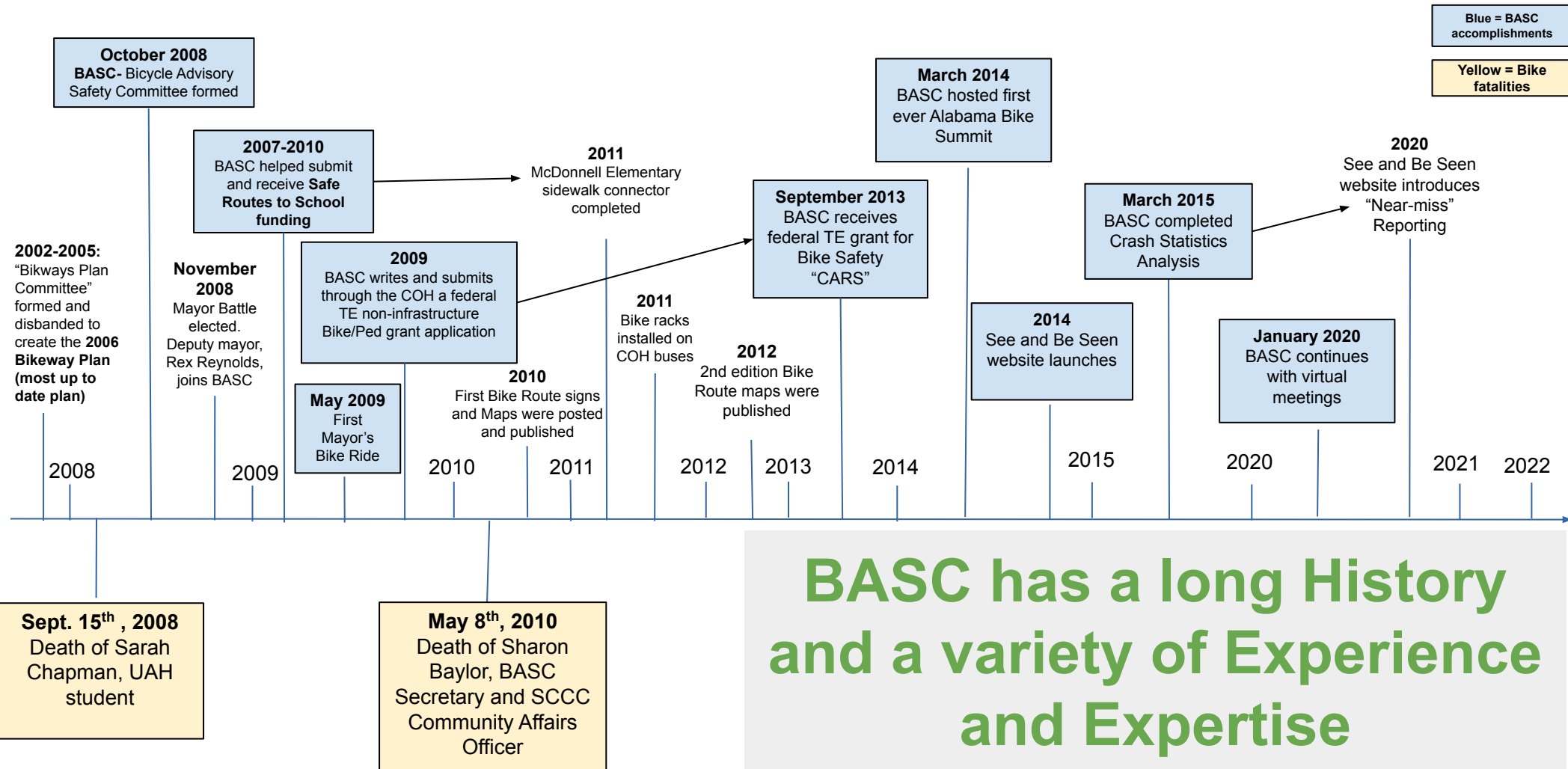
BASC Timeline

January BASC monthly meeting

January 23rd, 2023

By: Vivian Terry

Timeline



BASC accomplishments overview (2008-2014)

BASC Accomplishments: Nov 2008 to Nov 2014 (Hardcopy)

Bicycle Advisory & Safety Committee Overview – Nov 2008 to present (Nov 19, 2014)

The BASC is composed of half citizen cyclists and representatives of City of Huntsville (COH): Traffic Engineering, Huntsville Police Dept (HPD), City Council, Planning, and the Mayor's office. BASC meets 9 or 10 times per year.

A summary of actions taken by BASC:

Engineering

- Bike Routes – the 2006 Bike Routes were reviewed and revised by bike commuters.
- 2008-2009 Bike Route Map revision – the Bike Route Map was reviewed, improved, revised by a volunteer GIS professional; Bicyclists rode every inch. The COH printed 15,000 maps and they are being provided free to all bike shops and several other places, and are still available.
- Signage – over 1500 Bike Route signs were installed on the COH Bike Routes. "Share the Road" and "Bikes May Use Full Lane" signs have also been installed on Bike Routes and on other roads used by cyclists.
- Bike parking ordinance – The BASC reviewed and encouraged the City Council to pass the Bike Parking ordinance in 2010.
- Painted bike "sweet spots" on roads at stoplights The BASC has advised traffic engineering on placement of many bike "sweet spots". These are about 1' x 2' small white bikes, painted on the road to indicate where a bike must stop in the lane to trigger a traffic signal to change. There are over 300 traffic lights in Huntsville. The goal is for all of them to have sweet spots. The priority is to get those on bike routes done first.
- Traffic Engineering review and advising. Many road projects have been brought to BASC attention for review. Many new road projects will have Bike Lanes or other suitable accommodations in the design.



Bicycle Friendly America (BFA) Program

BFA is a National measuring stick of factors, developed by the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) that defines a BFCommunities, BFBusinesses, BFUniversities, and BFBStates. It employs the 5 E's: Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, & Evaluation to organize and comparatively measure the characteristics of cycling environment. Huntsville has applied twice since 2009 to be a BFC, both times receiving an honorable mention. Both times, LAB has provided detailed evaluations and recommendations. BASC has employed this feedback to organize activities, tasks, and capture evidence of progress. We can accomplish those recommendations as fast as we apply money and resources.

Public Awareness, Encouragement, and Education

- Published 2 editions of a HSV Bike Route map. Next edition will use symbology for road grade and traffic volume to help users select streets to use depending on skill or comfort in traffic and terrain.
- Safety City closed in 2010; no school age educational program has replaced it.
 - o BASC requested the equipment, bikes, helmets, and cones and it was saved and stored.
 - o The bikes and helmets have been used annually for several Bike Rodeos.
 - o Plans have been discussed for an elementary school program to teach bike safety be developed to utilized a traveling "Bike Rodeo & Skills" format.
- BASC has had information tables at community events, like the Botanical Gardens "Green-U", for several years.

- "See and Be Seen – Huntsville" Public Awareness Campaign
 - o BASC conceived and wrote a Transportation Enhancement (TE) non-infrastructure grant to ALDOT in 2009. Fed grants are usually 80-20; COH approved to spend 20%, or about \$40K.
 - o Grant was finally approved by ALDOT in 2012. Contractor chosen late 2012.
 - o Campaign ran from May 2013 to 2014.
 - o **See and Be Seen** Campaign Highlights:
 - Message:
 - For Motorists: "**See** Bicyclists and see them as traffic".
 - For Cyclists: "**Be Seen**, wear bright clothes and lights always"
 - Award winning website created: bikehuntsville.com
 - North Alabama Bike Summit, Feb 2014; 1st ever AL Bike Summit
 - Brochures, banners, posters produced for Cycling Safety and Safely Driving with cyclists.
 - Billboards and shuttle Bus wraps.
 - Video and PSAs produced for COH TV
- Mayor's Bike Ride
 - o BASC initiated, supported by the COH
 - o Held annually in May (once canceled by weather) for 6 years.



Law Enforcement/Public Safety

- Police officer training was developed with assistance from BASC members. HPD trains all officers of the AL State Code pertaining to bicycling and how to correctly enforce traffic laws for cyclists and motorists.
- BASC HPD members conducts "Educational visits" to motorists at their homes, who have been identified by car tag # by cyclists for harassing them.
- BASC and HPD developed the 10 tips for motorists and 10 tips for cyclists. These are on the Bike Route maps, the web site, and soft copies are available for officers in their patrol cars to print and share with the public.
- "Educational stops" with cyclists: Riding against traffic, riding at night without lights:
 - o HPD has front and rear light sets to hand out to "dark" night cyclists thanks to the profit from the Bike Summit that enable the purchase of 100 light sets.
 - o HPD also hands out literature on safety tips to cyclists and motorists, again literature was created thanks to the See and Be Seen campaign.
 - o Education of HPD officers has stopped the past, occasional HPD harassment of cyclists to "ride on the sidewalk" because they are holding up traffic or it's not safe in the road.
- See and Be Seen website has info and links:
 - o To ask an HPD officer to receive a free helmet (Very bottom of page):
'<http://www.bikehuntsville.com/biking-101/traffic-skills>
 - o To make a report or request: '<http://www.bikehuntsville.com/bike-huntsville/make-a-report-of-request>
- BASC members have been working with HPD crash data to track and study bike-vehicular crashes in Huntsville.
 - o BASC reviews HPD recent bike-vehicle crashes, as well as compiling the past 10 years of crashes.
 - o Matches federal data categories; so comparisons can be made.
 - o This data can help to support and direct better cycling accommodations.

Planning – "The Big Picture"

- BASC members have evaluated and reviewed compliance with the bike parking ordinance.
- Future bike planning will be part of a COH comprehensive transportation and urban planning tool.

BASC has Hardcopies of these bike maps

From Jamie Miernik

Pre-BASC

2002-2005: Primary roles of the Bikeways Advisory Committee; this was not BASC

- pg 53 of **2006 MPO Bicycle Plan** list the following:
 - Assist in the development of the Bikeway Plan for approval by the Planning Commission
 - Participate in planning sessions in which proposed bikeway facilities are identified and reviewed, and citizens' ideas and concerns are incorporated into the development of the community bikeway plan
 - Serve as a liaison between the planning staff and the community to inform citizen of the progress of the bikeway plan and encourage the support of future bikeway projects.
 - Members representing the bicycle organizations, bicycle shops, and citizens at large; must be residents of the city of Huntsville.
 - <https://www.hsvbasc.com/owncloud/index.php/s/N2f7bzZEYm9zPR1>
- 2022 Hardcopy: 2005 Bikeway Plans includes May 9th, 2005 meeting and map

2008

2008: Sarah Chapman

- Sarah Chapman was killed by a distracted motorist in September, between the time of the run-off and general mayoral election of Tommy Battle's election.
 - Letters to the editor, Huntsville Times, Tuesday Oct. 27:
https://www.al.com/times-views/2009/10/letters_to_the_editor_huntsvil_17.html
 - Ghost bike location:
https://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/wm66E8_Sarah_Chapman_Huntsville_AL
 - Ghost bike forum about the ghost bike and has Huntsville times article description:
<http://bellovelo.blogspot.com/2008/09/ghost-bike-in-saturdays-hsv-times.html?m=0>
- Battle's pick for Deputy Mayor, Rex Reynolds, Public Safety Director
 - **Recommended the formation of the bicycle advisory committee.**

BASC is needed

2009

2009: First Mayor's Bike Ride in Huntsville

- BASC suggested, promoted, and held the event in May 2009
 - Video of the 3rd annual bike ride:
https://archive.org/details/jr_20110507_3rd_Annual_Mayors_Bike_Ride_Huntsville_Alabama_01
 - News Article of 13th annual Mayor's Bike ride
<https://www.waff.com/2022/05/02/13th-annual-mayors-bike-ride-set-saturday/>
 - Referenced to BASC in an article after the 13th annual Mayor's Bike:
https://hvilleblast.com/3-things-you-need-to-know-about-road-biking-in-huntsville/?fbclid=IwAR3xFo9pi_mY2-uywF_7PwKTQKO7azLHHzgvG3yuGbOJrujJdmVyd89mB2Aq
- Held almost every year except 1 due to weather (see backup slide)

2010

2010: Sharon Bayler

- Sharon Bayler was the first BASC Secretary. She represented the Spring City Cycling Club (SCCC) on BASC. She was killed on a SCCC group ride in 2010 by a TN driver.
- Sharon's Obituary: <https://obits.al.com/us/obituaries/huntsville/name/sharon-bayler-obituary?id=12220062>
 - Remembering Sharon Bayler:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQR9Jn67sUI&ab_channel=LeMans
 - American Cyclists article, remembering Mike and Sharon Bayler:
https://www.bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/american_bicyclist_may_jun_10.pdf
- Cyclist's Death Spurs Push for Alabama Road Safety:
<https://www.claimsjournal.com/news/southeast/2010/06/25/111073.htm>

BASC is needed

2011

2006-2011: Applied for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Funding

- 2007: Chapman Elementary/Middle school access improvements (Hardcopies Jamie 2022)
 - September 24- “Chapman community Safe Routes to School Awareness” Meeting (Hardcopies Jamie 2022)
 - Included “Neighborhood SRTS Assessment Form” (Hardcopies Jamie 2022)
 - Canvassing results
 - Prioritizing issues
 - Corrective Actions
 - Projected outcomes
 - Included other hardcopy resources (Hardcopies Jamie 2022)
 - September 2007- Alabama Safe Routes to School Program Summary and Guidelines for Application
 - November 30, 2007- Safe Routes to School: Student Arrival and Departure Tally Sheet
 - November 30, 2007- Survey about Walking and Biking to School- For Parents
- 2011: McDonnell Elementary sidewalk connector (Hardcopies Jamie 2022)

2012

2013

2013: BASC receives federal TE grant for Bike Safety “CARS”

- **April 2009:** BASC writes and submits through the COH a federal TE non-infrastructure Bike/Ped grant to ALDOT.
 - BASC formulated the elements of the non-infrastructure TE project called **Citizens Advocate for Rider Safety (CARS):** Education and Media Campaign to Improve Road safety for cyclists
 - A year-long campaign to increase public awareness, acceptance, and improve motorists behavior towards cycling as a mode of transportation with the goal of enhanced safety for all road users
 - **Hardcopies (Jamie 2022) include:**
 - **Project number STM TE-TE09 (ID S178)-** describes what BASC has done, Statement of Work (SOW), and cost
 - **A Square Peg (Educational Grant) in a round (DOT hole):** Success strategy for Non-infrastructure TE Grant
- **November 29th, 2010:** Request for Proposal (RFP) from the city to implement the grant
- **Summary in Timeline (Nov 2008-Nov 2014 BASC accomplishments slides):**
 - 2009: BASC wrote TE grant to ALDOT
 - 2012: Grant Approved by ALDOT and contractor chose late 2012
 - 2013-2014: Campaign ran from May 2013- 2014

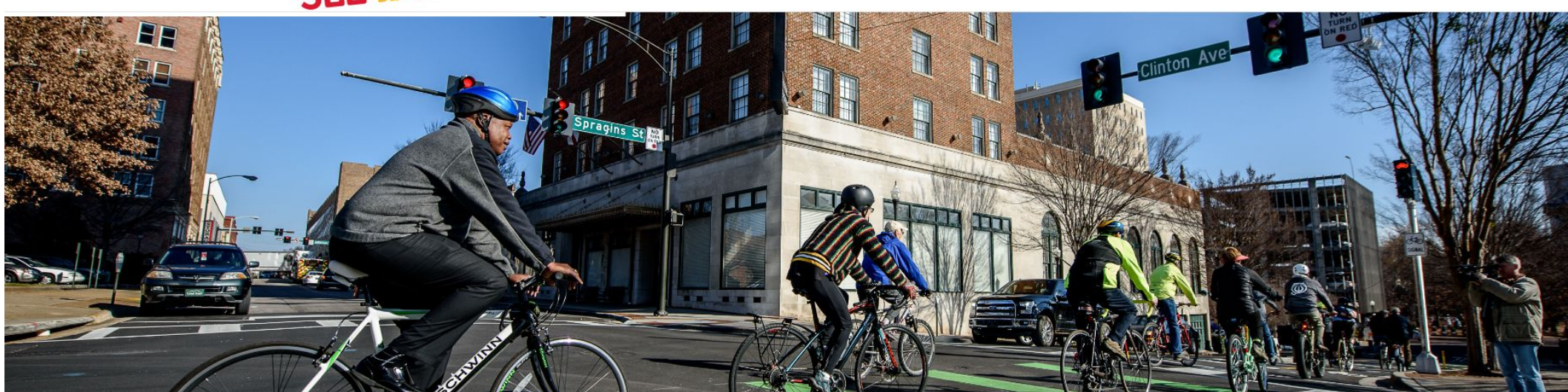
2014

2014: Introduction of See and Be Seen website

- See and Be Seen website was introduced: <https://www.bikehuntsville.com/>
 - Find out more about biking in Huntsville, Alabama



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2014: North Alabama Bike Summit

- **November 7th, 2013:** North AL Bike Summit **Planning** Presentation
 - Huntsville Bike Summit
 - Original scope of non-infrastructure TE project
 - Purpose of Summit
 - Theme, Title, Format
 - Venue, Agenda, Activities
- See and Be Seen website reference:
<https://www.bikehuntsville.com/share-adventures/north-alabama-bike-summit/>
<https://www.waff.com/story/24851748/huntsville-works-toward-bicycle-friendly-status/>
- VBC's annual report 2013-1014 shows the bike summit was held there:
https://assets.simpleviewinc.com/simpleview/image/upload/v1/clients/vonbrauncenter/VBC_AR13_14_ffb5be9e-e67f-4fd7-beae-81411d10bdbf.pdf

2014 Flyer for North Alabama Bike Summit in Huntsville:

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/north-alabama-bike-summit-february-27march-1-2014-seeandbeseenhsv--4503668352183116/>



PRESENTED BY
The City of Huntsville & the Alabama Bicycle Coalition (AlaBike)

Together we can create bicycle friendly communities.
Join us for the first North Alabama Bike Summit and
help build momentum for bicycle awareness, education,
access and safety for cyclists and motorists alike.

For the latest updates, please visit

[f/SeeAndBeSeenHuntsville](#) and [t/SeeandBeSeenHSV](#)

www.2014northalabamabikesummit.eventbrite.com

To become a sponsor, contact Erin@bikehuntsville.com



2014: Bicycle Parking in Huntsville, what's working, what's not?

- **September 18th, 2014:** Marjorie Holderer presented “Bicycle Parking in Huntsville, what's working, what's not?” at a BASC meeting
 - Added to hsvbasc.com:
<https://www.hsvbasc.com/owncloud/index.php/s/N2f7bzZEYm9zPR1?path=%2FBASC%20Projects%2FBike%20Parking>
 - Bike Parking City Policy Article 22, Section 22.3:
https://library.municode.com/AL/huntsville/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_APXAZOOR_ART22NEBUDIRE_22.4OREPAVEUSARPVLALI
- **2010 and 2014: Marjorie Holderer articles**
 - https://www.al.com/breaking/2014/02/huntsville_becoming_friendlier.html
 - https://www.al.com/breaking/2010/06/huntsville_bicycle_parking_law.html
- **2022: Ben Payment's Bike Rack Resources**
 - <https://blog.madrax.com/blog/bike-parking-space-dimensions>
 - https://charlottenc.gov/civicinnovation/Placemaking_Program/placemaking/Documents/Bicycle%20Parking_with%20Attachments.pdf

2015

2015: Crash report

- March 15, 2015: Huntsville BASC Research Project presentation:
 - <https://www.hsvbasc.com/owncloud/index.php/s/N2f7bzZEYm9zPR1?path=%2FBASC%20Projects%2FCrash%20data>
- July 18, 2019: Article Dave Stone shares cycling safety tips
 - <https://www.rocketcitynow.com/article/news/cyclist-instructor-shares-cycling-safety-tips/525-9f5b054f-55a4-441c-b644-0312c80e7b5b>
- May 8th 2021 with safety video: Dave Stone shares cycling safety tips
 - <https://www.rocketcitynow.com/article/news/local/safety-tips-for-cyclists-during-national-bike-month-bicyclists/525-0d2c6ed7-2bb1-4148-b90f-7803ff19f019>

2020-2021

2020: See and Be Seen website

- 2020: See and Be Seen website introduced “near-miss” reporting tool
<https://www.bikehuntsville.com/bike-huntsville/make-a-report-or-request/>
 - A near miss incident may be defined as a non-injury event involving motor vehicles, cyclists or pedestrians.
 - This form is not to be used to report criminal offenses. Data collected from this form will be used for informational and policy planning purposes, allowing the City to identify patterns and solutions to improve Huntsville roadways, allocate traffic resources and encourage safe driving behavior.
 - If you submit the See and Be Seen form, City of Huntsville Planning Department representatives or the Huntsville Police Department may contact you for further information.

2023: Currently not working <https://maps.huntsvilleal.gov/SeeAndBeSeen/>

2020-2021

- BASC continues during COVID Virtual meetings for BASC
- Mayor's Bike Ride held in May both years
- See below for virtual meeting link at <https://hsvbasc.com/>
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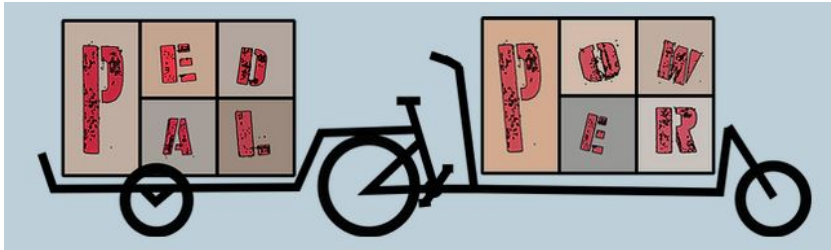
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[BASC Monthly Meeting Google Meet Link, 4th Monday of the Month at 5:30 PM](#)

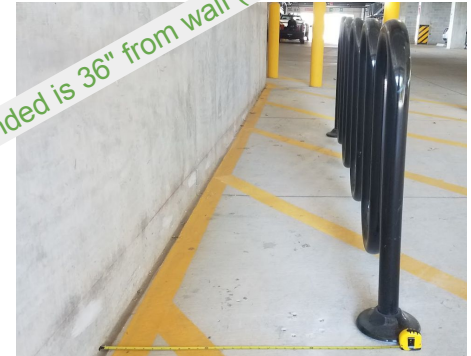
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- BASC participated in Greenway Master Plan Public Input (November)
 - COH Planning event and with input from several people from the community: https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/huntsville-residents-push-for-more-connectivity-among-greenways/ar-AA14YFI?fbclid=IwAR0JzdiJ-Kfm6JjJRfHiMQnVWnV1su8NaZ0te2dtDShQVLMH_7SSk9PL3Q
- BASC (TE) added “Yield on green signs” (November)
- BASC and City Planning were at the 2022 HUBS Coop Pedal Power Exhibition (November)
 - <https://www.huntsvilleurbanbikeshare.com/events>
- BASC advised on adding bike lane layer to Huntsville GIS map (October)
- BASC supported Bike racks on Greene Street Parking Garage (August)
- BASC wrote letter to support SS4A grant for Holmes Ave. (July)
- BASC supported TryTransit (July)
- BASC supported the Mayor’s 13th Annual Ride (May) and referenced in Huntsville Blast article
 - <https://hvilleblast.com/3-things-you-need-to-know-about-road-biking-in-huntsville/>
- BASC wrote letter to support Sustainability Ordinance (March)
- BASC presented VisionZero to city council meeting (February)



BASC recommended is 36" from wall (minimum is 24")- Checked Yes!



Is there more to add for 2022?

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2023....

the possibilities....

to be used for future projects.....

need more pictures.....

**If there's any question or ideas,
please let me (Vivian) know.**

BACK-UP

2012: Morgan's OpEd

- Bicycle Law: OP-ED ON BIKE SAFETY: BY MORGAN ANDRIULLI:
<https://www.bicyclelaw.com/op-ed-on-bike-safety-by-morgan-andriulli/>
 - Includes other Alabama bike fatalities

2010: “Bicycles Mean Business Letter” from the Mayor (hardcopy)

- Includes a letter showing how the Mayor and BASC supports the COH Article 76 Bicycle Parking Requirements Zoning Ordinance (2010)
- Describes the bike parking ordinance and BASC should be able to advise:
 - “The ordinance defines the minimum number (1 per 20 auto spaces), location (as near or nearer than a handicap space), rack functional design and amount of room for access...we can help you decide what to select, how many to install, and where to install them...”