# **Logo, company name Description automatically generatedBASC April Minutes – Tuesday, April 19th, 2022, 5:30 pm STA**

Attendees: Larry Mason, James Moore (Planning), Jamie Miernik, Morgan Andriulli, Ben Payment,  
Kristina Keogh, Bruce Weddendorf, Dario Gonzalez, Vivian Nguyen,   
Peter Schmidt from Barge Design Solutions

Virtually: Anthony Rosado (HPD), Austin Jackson

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

**March minutes reviewed: Approved.**

**Special Guest:** Prior to the Action item Review, we had a short presentation and questions answered by Peter Schmidt of Barge Design Solutions. Dario had prepared questions:

1. What were the Assessment methods for examining 14 Memorial Pkwy intersections for cycling and pedestrian improvements? Assessment was done with modeling parameters, no measurements or counting.
   1. Cycling or walking “generators” within ½ mile of the intersection were evaluated.
   2. low income neighborhoods that were more likely to walk than drive
   3. Urban density was factored
   4. Crash data on pedestrian and cycling crashes at or near these intersections
      1. Used university of Alabama Crash data? It was difficult for him to obtain (took months)
      2. How many deaths are there?
      3. Time of day, after dark/pm rush hour were most of them
         1. 5 peds per year
         2. 3 bicycle total in 5 years
   5. Bus stops
   6. Bike facilities: Bike lanes, not Huntsville’s Bike Routes
   7. Safe pedestrian crossings and medians
   8. Lighting and visibility
   9. Drainage
   10. Truck routes
2. What was the purpose/scope of the Assessment? Looking for cycling and walking safety issues at intersections
3. What is the Deliverable? Short, medium and Long term facility recommendations
   1. A “Two-Phase Ped crossing was mentioned at Weatherly, where some student cross the Pkwy.
   2. There is a two-phase cycling signal on Spraggins downtown, too
4. When is the Assessment report due? By this summer.
5. BASC Recommendations:
   1. Recommend Huntsville join NACTO for standards to follow for infrastructure
   2. Use Huntsville Bike Routes to help know where bikes cross the Pkwy
   3. Can the crash data they obtained for the assessment be delivered, too, so BASC could see it
   4. Use “Streetlight Data” for pedestrian counts (but its very expensive, Dario added)

**Actions Review:**

1. **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.
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 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.
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.   
   Discussion: Anthony thinks Blossomwood would be a good place to do a SRTS program. Too late for May, maybe in October? Stephanie Walker was mentioned; is she at Blossomwood? 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.
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. 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.
3. **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 doesn’t think the current BASC members have enough time or energy to take on “official” duties. There wasn’t much push back. Someone offered that COH official boards may get some COH administrative help.

Larry Mason had researched the MPOs of AL and there are several that have Bike/Ped committees. Jamie asked why the BASC couldn’t be re-aligned to serve the MPO as an Active Transportation committee. Probably would get some more members, appointed by council districts or “cities” in the MPO? Vivian brought up that BASC originally had some ByLaws, so was more official in the past; we don’t really follow them now.

Larry is moving forward to present a resolution for an Active Transportation committee to the MPO.

1. **Action**: **Jamie Miernik** **Cont.** 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.

Discussion:Bruce added: The police don’t like to people to know that anyone can swear a warrant out against dangerous people. He was curious if Jeff Jefferies realized this. The way the incident happened, it was actually hit and run. Dario asked Jamie to put him in touch with Erin McMahon, who was hit by the car mirror, but not injured.

1. **Action: Ben Payment**: **CLOSED.** Frances wanted the Bike Routes to be prioritized for repaving, like they do for truck routes. John Hamilton said to stop looking into it.   
   Ben sent out to BASC Mr. MacNeese response, his protocol for repaving roads:

“Mr Payment

The City of Huntsville Public Works Department has four inspectors that evaluate (rate) every road in Huntsville every two years. As they evaluate the roadways, they look for a number of deficiencies: potholes, alligator cracks, patch’s, corrugations, depressions, longitudinal cracks, etc. and the percentage of coverage of each deficiency over the given section of roadway being evaluated. Ultimately, deriving a rating for each street. The scale is from 0-60, with zero being a new street and 60 being the worse.

As the streets age and ratings increases, once they reach 40, we usually add them to a master list of streets that we send to Huntsville Utilities Gas, Water and Elec, as well as Water Pollution Control. This will start the “vetting” process. Once we get the green light from all utilities. We then pull the “cleared” streets to a bidding list. Which is our standard phase bid. Our resurfacing budget dictates how many phases we bid each year.”

1. **Action**: **Nicholas Nene (cont.)** will speak with Kathy to see what the possibility of the COH joining NACTO.
2. **Action**: **Jamie Miernik** Wrote a letter of support from BASC to form a Sustainability Advisory Commission. Letter sent out March 21; attached.   
   **\*\*ACTION to all**: Please read the Support letter and decide if BASC can support, by next meeting

**Reports**

**HPD** – No report

**Traffic Engineering** – No Rep

**Planning** – Brought Peter Schmidt from Barge.

**Old Business:**

1. Racks in COH parking garages… some were installed… incorrectly. Wave racks are crappy. Richard Wilkenson said he would take care of installing them correctly.   
**#11 - New Action:** Austin and Ben will follow up. Dario will take some photos. James will also ask about it with COH.

**New Business:**

* + - 1. Larry Mason proposes a 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.  
         **#12 New Action**: Vivian to accomplish the following: Use heat maps and study/overlay Huntsville's GIS map.  
         Probably will need to reach out the Bike groups (Facebook) to understand where people want to ride? What routes they take? Resources discussed:

Strava

Ride with GPS

GIS HOS: <https://maps.huntsvilleal.gov/public/>

**Community Groups:**

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/>



1. Larry Mason proposes Bike Month “Swap Meet”. A Sunday in May at Salty Nut, also a fund-raiser for HUBS Coop; they have some bikes to sell.

Adjourned: 6:49 PM

Next Meeting – Tues, May 3, 2022 STA