# **BASC June Meeting – Monday, June 27, 2022, 5:30 pm STA**

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

Vivian Nguyen, James Moore (Planning), Anthony Rosado (HPD), Jo Beth Gleason, Ben Payment,   
Kristina, Danny Peters

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

**May minutes reviewed: Approved with “You-tube” correction**

**Actions Review:**

1. **Action continued: Dario not present tonight. 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. Dario is working on the report.
2. **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 is working on a proposal to document the needed improvements to Oakwood Ave, possibly for a future DOT/MPO Active Transportation grant.
3. **Action (Cont): James Moore** will update the SeeandBeSeen site:

Discussion: James should make verbiage revision to the reporting site page to instruct reporters to provide a link to a public site, 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.

1. **Action: Larry, Jamie. Anthony, continued.** 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. Must get the material approved by the COH Superintendent or school board.  
   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.

Ben Payment to 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: on connectivity to business, neighborhoods, Holmes corridor Project

Jo Beth Gleason is here tonight to report progress on Holmes corridor Project

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**: **Jamie** Miernik and Dario Gonzalez (**Closed)** Jamie provided info to Dario to reach out to Erin. But, she is not interested in pressing charges herself, Erin was hit by the car and it took off. The cyclists ran it down to confront the driver. This was literally “Hit & Run”, although Erin wasn’t injured.
3. **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:** (cont.) **Austin and Ben** will follow up on racks in COH parking garages that were install incorrectly. Contact Richard Wilkenson.

**Closed, racks were moved.**

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

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)

**Discussion:**

1. **ACTION: James Moore** will send out the list of TE grant candidates or link to how to view this.
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.

**Reports**

**HPD** – Anthony working some close calls and a guy making threats against cyclists. The FBI has been involved. New computerized system is now in place at HPD. It’s a mess.

**Traffic Engineering** – James reported that Nick Nene responded to a request for flashing hawk light at Hastings and Drake. Several negative opinions were expressed in the TE response, as relayed by James.

**Gordon** will look into a better/possible solution for safer conditions for cyclists crossing Drake.

**Planning** – Jo Beth Gleason, Planning’s newest planner presented a progress report on the Holmes corridor improvements and the grant the COH is submitting for a 5-year improvement plan on “Holmes Corridor Complete Streets”

* 2.8 miles from Spraggins St to Sparkman.
* $14 million 80/20
* 90% construction drawings for Phase 1 are complete thanks to the work done a couple years ago with the Complete Streets grant.
* Phase 1 is Spraggins to Triana, Phase 2 is to UAH.
* Vision Zero in included. Funding for planning and construction.
* Will send out the criteria in the checklist for Vision Zero, so Huntsville is “eligible” based on mentions in documents.
* “Parallel” suggestion by Bruce: proposes an alternate route west from Triana to UAH, along the rail corridor to avoid the hill, because most people would find the westbound hill on Holmes too hard to ride regularly.
* Letter of support requested from BASC for the project
* Citizen input is needed
* Jo Beth will send out a digital plan of the project; hardcopies were received at the meeting.

**Old Business: NA**

**New 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. Transit Week info: James will send out dates in July. They request BASC presence.
4. Vivian will send Jo Beth and James video of her riding on the Holmes corridor. Vivian’s You-tube channel “Bike perspective Huntsville” has lots of bike video.

**Community Groups: NA**

Adjourned: 7:07 pm

Next Meeting – Monday, Aug 22, 2022, Straight to Ale (STA)