# **Minutes: BASC Monthly Meeting – Monday, July 29th, 2024, 5:30 pm The Monkey’s Wrench/HUBS Coop**

**NOTE:**  All agendas and minutes are in the BASC Fileshare: [www.hsvbasc.com](http://www.hsvbasc.com/)

**Attendees**: (virtual) Jennifer, James (in-person) Jo Beth, Jacob, Carson (new), Brian, Larry, Trae, Eric (new), Laura M.(new), Jamie

**Meeting Time:** 5:30pm-6:30pm

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**Announcements:**

1. Review attendance and Vote to approve May 2024 meeting minutes - Approve
2. **Community Concerns (from the public):**
   1. SeeClickFix- closed or need escalation tickets?
      1. Noted how this works.
   2. Community Events?
      1. Bikes and Brews- Friday August 2nd, 10th anniversary ride: <https://www.facebook.com/share/noj1EW7GdSLbfZDN/>
      2. HUBS Coop- Friday August 2nd <https://www.facebook.com/share/Uz5LQ87fGwRV8iAn/>

**Section I. City Reports:** Past updates in excel sheet “BASC Projects\_Actions Summary” in [**hsvbasc.com → Minutes and Documents**](https://www.hsvbasc.com/nextcloud/index.php/s/6tb5bpZqDd45snm?path=%2F)

1. **City Planning:**. James Moore/Jo Beth
   1. If James or Jo Beth, follow-up in an email.
   2. Presentation of “Bus Rapid Transport” (BRT) Program (April 2024 minutes)
   3. Any other bike/ped related concerns or needs from the city? More federal funding: Skybridge/Pinhook Creek Flood mitigation, for connected transportation/ BRT grant (start in Fall)- University
      1. MPO Bike Plan: End of September possibly, but publicly Aug. 30th.
      2. Would BASC be able to move August’s meeting location to the new City Hall? James would have to book conference room for BASC. Jacob will . Eric says if committee (John Hamilton and Dennis Madsen) agrees.
      3. Bicycle Parking curb cuts- Ben to hsvbasc google group discussion 7/8: Jo Beth’s comments
         1. I am sending this discussion to our MPO Bike Plan consultants and stakeholders, considering Madison County is involved in that effort as well.
         2. We are currently working out better bike & ped circulation and connectivity surrounding the Stella with our TE Dpt. (I do not have a timeline on this, however, but will ask and let you all know). (David) It is exactly the same as before. So if TE has any updates? Please let us know. 2 West, 1 East but that changed. Planning is planning to looking routes around the Stella and Nick and TE.
      4. SeeClickFix.com category and SeeandBeSeen.com “near-miss” form.
2. **City Traffic Engineering:** 
   1. Any other bike/ped related concerns or needs from the city?
      1. Truck parking in Spragins Bike Lane- Ben sent to hsvbasc google group 7/16: AZ Office Resource parked there.
         1. Public works is looking into. It’s going to be resurfaced and the barricade will be put back this week.
         2. Processing the bike count. TE has new data today. Working on getting greenway onto GIS, looking how other cities are doing, publishing a daily average possibly. Any BASC input on how to display data? Good to know if crossing the parkway counts Holmes and Clinton/ Crossing memorial parkway
            1. Is there a bicycle count available now? No, not on the GIS, there is data summary of 2003, a fall, and summer of 2024. Average daily total.
            2. Daily total ranges 10 - 110, which is such a large range.
            3. Vivian can make a email in the google group.
            4. Have we identified bike routes where it’s being counted? So for planning it would be good to know an increase in bike commuters and bike route/corridors. In general, we discussed what would be beneficial for Planning (James/Jo Beth) was discussed.

Would streetlight give us data of bike commuters. James Vandiver is testing that now. Verifying the creditability, is not good.

Cameras are just live feed according TE. There is not DVR data.

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1. **City Huntsville Police Department: Skip it** 
   1. Any traffic data to report this month?
   2. Update of officially reported or on Facebook bike/ped related incidents?
   3. Any other bike/ped related concerns or needs from the city?
      1. HPD bike/ped related police reports. Jacob followed up with Anthony of Pratt Ave. incident as described in May 2024 Minutes. No response.
      2. Maybe bike to school event last week of may

**Section II: Monthly Agenda Topics**

1. BASC becoming official City Committee- Q/A with Huntsville Legal dept.- Laura Morgan
   1. What is the motivation of becoming official?
   2. 2022, what was the concern. What would we have to do? Accountability of action items. Pro: s Cons: Concern of who can be a voting member of BASC. Didn’t want to get formal of minutes etc.
   3. What do want to do what we can’t?
   4. Requirements:
      1. Only 5 members. Members have to be appointed Mayor’s or City people. → Give up “Opens meeting” Act- advertise it advance. Can’t be deliberation.
      2. Bike ride: it has be publicly advertised, but we can’t deliberate.
   5. We want BASC to get notifications of bike plans, so can we write that be written in?
      1. City Council can’t
   6. Risk? Open Meeting Act (Sunshine act) would be tricky to follow this and BASC could be in violation. We could personal if we don’t follow. It’s difficult to follow. Accidental
   7. Notifications? Even as an official committee, BASC couldn’t be forced to notify.
      1. “Planning Services” which is group that need to be added Thomas and Shane. Add bylaws to reflect that.
   8. Funding? It’s up to the council. It could be up to
   9. Membership?
      1. Term limits and new election and need to be appointed by City Council
   10. Existing?
       1. City Council can’t get rid of us now because we aren’t official, but later, they can add us if the Mayor changes. City Council will make the appointment.
       2. We would be on their website
       3. We can pursue this later.
       4. Being recognized MPO Group bylaws, basically
2. MPO/Alta Bike Plan Public Session from July 24th- BASC questions/comments?
3. City Council’s Change of not recording public comments section. → The clarification is that they still do record but you have to ask for it.

**Section III: Action Item Review:** S[ee hsvbasc.com--> "BASC projects\_Actions Summary" Excel sheet)](https://www.hsvbasc.com/nextcloud/index.php/s/6tb5bpZqDd45snm?path=%2F)

Vivian did not complete March 2024 Actions to email the City about Pratt. → Ben spoke about this at City Council meeting July 11th/ no recording due to Huntsville recent change to not record Public comments. The clarification is that they still do record but you have to ask for it.