# **Logo, company name Description automatically generatedBASC March Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 15th, 2022, 5:30 pm STA**

Attendees: Larry Mason, Jamie Miernik, Morgan Andriulli, Bruce Weddendorf, Vivian Nguye,   
Dario Gonzalez  
Virtually: Nicholas Nene, Ben Payment

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

**February minutes reviewed: Approved**

**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.  
   Vivian added she found some data by Facebook on crash data, but only found vehicular data.

<https://www.caps.ua.edu/outreach/reports/crash-facts-book/>  
Morgan provided links to insurance data for crashes: IIHS Insurance Institute for Hiway Safety summary review of data NATHA and NHTSA: <https://www.iihs.org/topics/fatality-statistics/detail/bicyclists>  
<https://www-fars.nhtsa.dot.gov/Main/index.aspx>

1. **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 brief proposal to document the needed improvements to Oakwood Ave, possibly as a DOT/MPO Active Transportation grant.
2. **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.
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.

Ben asked to keep this action open: 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.

1. **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 proposed: “The BASC reimagine its format as an alternative transportation mode organization and become an official COH or MPO committee. The current BASC commits to aggressive effort in 2022 to make this happen. Jamie seconds the motion. All voted in favor, including all three COH dept BASC reps.

**Split action:** Follow the path to become an MPO path first, then with COH before the friendly city council members leave. Dale Strong will be contacted by Anthony.

**Larry is moving forward thru the CAC to present the addition of a Bike/Ped 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.

**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. D**ario suggested** we write letters to the judge. We must find out who is the judge from Jeff Jeffries.

**Anthony** will look into this case.

1. **Action: Ben Payment**: (Cont.) Reply to Chris McNeese, who responded about prioritization in repaving bike routes, but they are also truck routes.   
   **Frances wanted the Bike Routes to be prioritized for repaving, like they do for truck routes**. John Hamilton said to stop looking into it.   
   Discussion: Ben will send out to BASC what he received from Mr. McNeese as protecol for repaving roads.  
   Here Mr. MacNeese response:

“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. **New Action**: **Nicholas Nene** will speak with Kathy to see what the possibility of the COH joining NACTO.
2. **New Action**: **Jamie Miernik** will write a letter of support from BASC to form a Sustainability Advisory Commission. Please read it and decide if BASC can support. (sent out March 21; updated a bit and attached)

**Reports**

**HPD** – Anthony will look into the case in AI#9, but he’s not at the meeting

**Traffic Engineering** – No more other than the discussion about not being able to obtain crash reports

**Planning** – James not here.

Looking for new projects for federal dollars for bike/ped projects.

**Old Business:**

1. Write a project on Oakwood bike/Ped corridor improvement between the Parkway and 565. Cc Francis and Devin. Part of Action #2

2. Larry brought the discussion from last month about the possibility to join NACTO. He wrote a letter to Kathy Martin to Join NACTO; it would help implement Complete Streets. Nick will speak with Kathy to see what the possibility.

3. Racks in COH parking garages… some were installed… incorrectly. Wave racks are crappy. Richard Wilkenson said he would take care of installing them correctly. Who was tracking this?

4. Jamie brought up a Sustainability “ordinance” would benefit by supporting NACTO membership. Land Trust is the main org pushing for this. Jamie will draft a letter supporting.

5. Dario asked about the results of the MemPkwy intersections. Nick said to contact Jack Kimbro.

**New Business:**

1. Bankhead development, zoning change meeting March 22.

**Community Groups:** HUBs is working on expanding the project to Research Park

Adjourned: 6:40

Next Meeting – Tues, April 12, 2022