



Gresham Smith

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC) Meeting #4 Summary & Discussion Notes

DALLAS BIKE PLAN

Gresham Smith Project No. 45505.00

Meeting Date: October 18, 2022
Discussion: Draft Bicycle Network, Fall Public Engagement Strategies

MEETING SUMMARY:

1. **Opening:** Gresham Smith Planner, Amanda Sapala, opened the meeting with brief re-introductions and a summary of the BAC meeting schedule and purpose for the day's meeting.
2. **Bike Network Development:** Amanda Sapala outlined the methodology behind the proposed bicycle network. She pointed out the primary and secondary networks and explained the vision behind the draft network, including prioritizing low-stress systems, connections to popular destinations and opportunities for multimodal trips. She then outlined the four bicycle facility types present in the draft network (bike boulevards, visually separated, physically separated and trails) and explained the options available for each facility type. Amanda then pointed out local examples of each facility type.
3. **Draft Bicycle Network:** Alta Planner Erin David presented the proposed Dallas bicycle network and encouraged feedback from BAC members during the meeting, as well as over the coming weeks. Erin invited attendees to discuss and ask questions as needed while she went through the map. She shared the proposed network on an interactive map that allowed the group to zoom in on focus areas and show/hide layers as needed. The interactive web map will be shared with the public for comments and questions through the duration of the public engagement opportunities. Erin explained that sharrows are not the team's desired facility type but may be necessary in some locations due to physical constraints; suggestions for other solutions are welcomed. She mentioned that the proposed network also included proposals to remove sharrows in other places throughout the city in order to consolidate the network. Erin stated that the draft network proposes upgrading remaining routes to high-quality bicycle boulevards with traffic calming measures, improved intersections and wayfinding support to create one comprehensive route. She then explained the reasoning behind some of the proposed routes; typically, the team chose routes that crossed major roadways and already included traffic calming measures like speed tables and traffic signals to maximize the City's prior investments. Erin also emphasized the team's focus on existing facilities, level of comfort, length of existing trips, popular destinations, equity and public health outcomes when designing the draft network and showed specific examples of how these factors were taken into consideration in the proposed network.
4. **Fall Engagement Update:** Amanda Sapala provided a fall engagement update, which included dates and locations for the seven upcoming public meetings, as well as proofs of the social media ads for the meetings. She thanked attendees for sharing the ads and then gave an overview of how each meeting would go: a quick presentation, an interactive survey and then open discussion at each of the project stations. Amanda summarized each of the three stations (existing conditions and summer engagement, proposed network,

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ROW tradeoff games) and the materials present at each. The meeting ended with a call to action for BAC members to attend the public meetings.

5. **Network Map Discussion:** As Erin David presented the proposed bike network map, she encouraged participants to ask questions and make comments along the way. The following is a summary of the discussion.
 - a. Dallas doesn't have a high number of bike commuters or people who ride recreationally on the street; critical to focus on physically separated protected facilities first because the City already has visually separated facilities that aren't used. This will provide a training period for drivers to become used to the facilities and for cyclists to become more comfortable.
 - b. Do the street and cross streets help determine facility type?
 - c. Color differentiation is hard to see in PDF maps distributed to BAC members before meeting.
 - d. Will viewers be able to zoom in on the web map?
 - e. Will the interactive map be available to the public?
 - f. Does the team have insight into how the I-30 renovation is being done, and is that taken into consideration in the map?
 - g. Were current and proposed roadway projects taken into consideration?
 - h. Did the team coordinate with other entities that fund bike trails, such as Dallas County, or was it strictly the City of Dallas?
 - i. Is the cluster of existing trails near the airport for off-road cycling?
 - j. Will the UT trail, Running Creek trail or Five-Mile Creek trail be connected to the Trinity Forest trail? Or could any of them connect downtown to Trinity Groves or someplace else?
 - k. If one of our goals is to increase bicycle commuting, we need more infrastructure in the CBD and in the Uptown area; disappointed in the lack of routes in the proposed plan. Could we have bike infrastructure on Elm Street or Commerce Street?
 - l. Will bike infrastructure actually fit on Ross Avenue?
 - m. Bachman Lake trail needs to connect to the DART station, new regional skate park and aquatic center and the North Haven trail.
 - n. Looking forward to the web map at tomorrow's public meeting; will be easier for people to add comments.
 - o. North Dallas is a transit desert, so other options are needed; White Rock Creek trail at Spring Valley and Hillcrest to the area of Birchfield Park with a sidewalk to the Addison Trail up the Beltline to Null trail station would be a good option for the area. Possibly an opportunity on Hillcrest or Beltline. Multiple projects to increase housing density will take place near the Preston/Beltline intersection in the next 10 years; bike infrastructure will be important in the area.
 - p. Are there opportunities along the Red Line? There are options headed west but not east. Maybe some opportunities along the Blue Line? Maybe off-road trail connectivity.

- q. Bike facilities should exist on both Beacon and Graham.
- r. Important to emphasize that some areas in the proposed network may be completed sooner than others, but a comprehensive network is coming. Not a lot of people using facilities near Oak Cliff, probably because there's not much knowledge of where they go or what they connect to. Showing this as a full citywide plan will help people understand how to use the system going forward.
- s. Has the team looked at pavement markings and signage yet?
- t. Marsalis is a missed opportunity for traffic calming and better connection.
- u. How should we provide further input after looking at the web map more carefully? Comment on the map or email?
- v. Will the group meet again before the plan is finalized?

This represents our understanding of the items discussed at this meeting. If you have any questions or comments concerning any of the information contained herein, please contact me.

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DALLAS BICYCLE MASTER PLAN BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #4

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Meeting Time: 2:00 PM CST – 3:30 PM CST
Meeting Location: Virtual – Microsoft Teams (see email invite)
Project Manager: Jessica Scott, AICP, LCI – City of Dallas Department of Transportation
Meeting Facilitator: Amanda Sapala, AICP – Gresham Smith
Presentation By: Erin David, AICP – Alta

MEETING #4 AGENDA

1. Project Updates
2. Bicycle Facility Type Workshop (with Bike Network Framework Overview)
 - a. Bike Boulevards (emphasis of discussion)
 - b. Buffered Bike Lanes
 - c. Cycle Tracks
 - d. Shared Use Paths
 - e. Greenways/Trails
3. Fall Community Engagement Update

Dallas Bike Plan

Bicycle Advisory Committee

October 18, 2022



Purpose of Bicycle Advisory Committee

MEETING SCHEDULE

1. Objectives, Scope of Work, Project Schedule, and Public Engagement Plan (April 2022)
2. Review of Existing Conditions; Guiding principles/framework for developing the new bike network; Vision & Goals SWOT exercise. (May 2022)
3. Review Bike Network Development Framework. (September 2022)
- 4. Draft Bicycle Network** (October 2022)
5. Draft Plan Presentation(January/February 2023)



Bike Network Development

FRAMEWORK AND KEY CONSIDERATIONS



Bike Network Vision

- Low-stress system of on-street and off-street bikeways
 - Review/Revised Facility Types for Major Roadways
 - Utilize neighborhood roadways when possible
 - Bicycle Priority at Intersections
- Connect places people want to go
- Link multimodal trip opportunities

Primary Network: Limited system of direct, high-quality routes that connect major destinations and neighborhoods.

May include recommendations for protected facilities on major roads and for connections using the bike boulevard concept on the local street network or the greenways/trails network.

Secondary Network: Dense local street networks to support local access leveraging the “bike boulevard” concept; longer distance connections facilitated via trails or high comfort on-street facilities



Key Elements for Defining the Bike Network

1. Low Stress Routes

- FHWA Facility Selection Guidance to inform facility selection, especially along major (arterial and collector) roadways
- Utilize neighborhood routes when possible; major street connections should be able to support high comfort facilities
- Consider locations of existing traffic signals to inform routing and support for high comfort crossings

2. Connecting Areas of High Active Trip Potential

3. Direct Routes to support bike travel of all distances

4. Access to Destinations, including clusters of destinations and transit hubs

5. Connections to Trails, both existing and proposed

*Note: Revised approach will utilize 2011 Proposed Routes. This approach will review both corridor selection and facility type and propose updates (revise facility types, add new corridors, delete corridors)



Proposed Bicycle Facility Types

Bike Boulevards



Speed Management



Intersection Priority



Example

Visually Separated



Conventional Bike Lane



Conventional Bike Lane



Bishop Ave.

Visually Separated



Parking Side Buffer



Travel Side Buffer



N. Polk St.

Physically Separated



One Way, Raised Curb



Ft. Worth Ave.



Houston Ave.

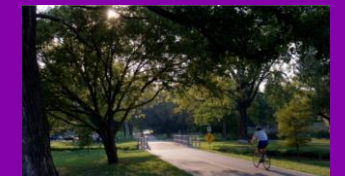
Trails



Katy Trail



Great Trinity Forest Trail



White Rock Lake Trail



Fall Engagement Update

UPCOMING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EVENTS



Come Join Us! And, Help Us Spread the Word!

October 19, 2022, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Bachman Recreation Center

October 22, 2022, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Pleasant Grove Library

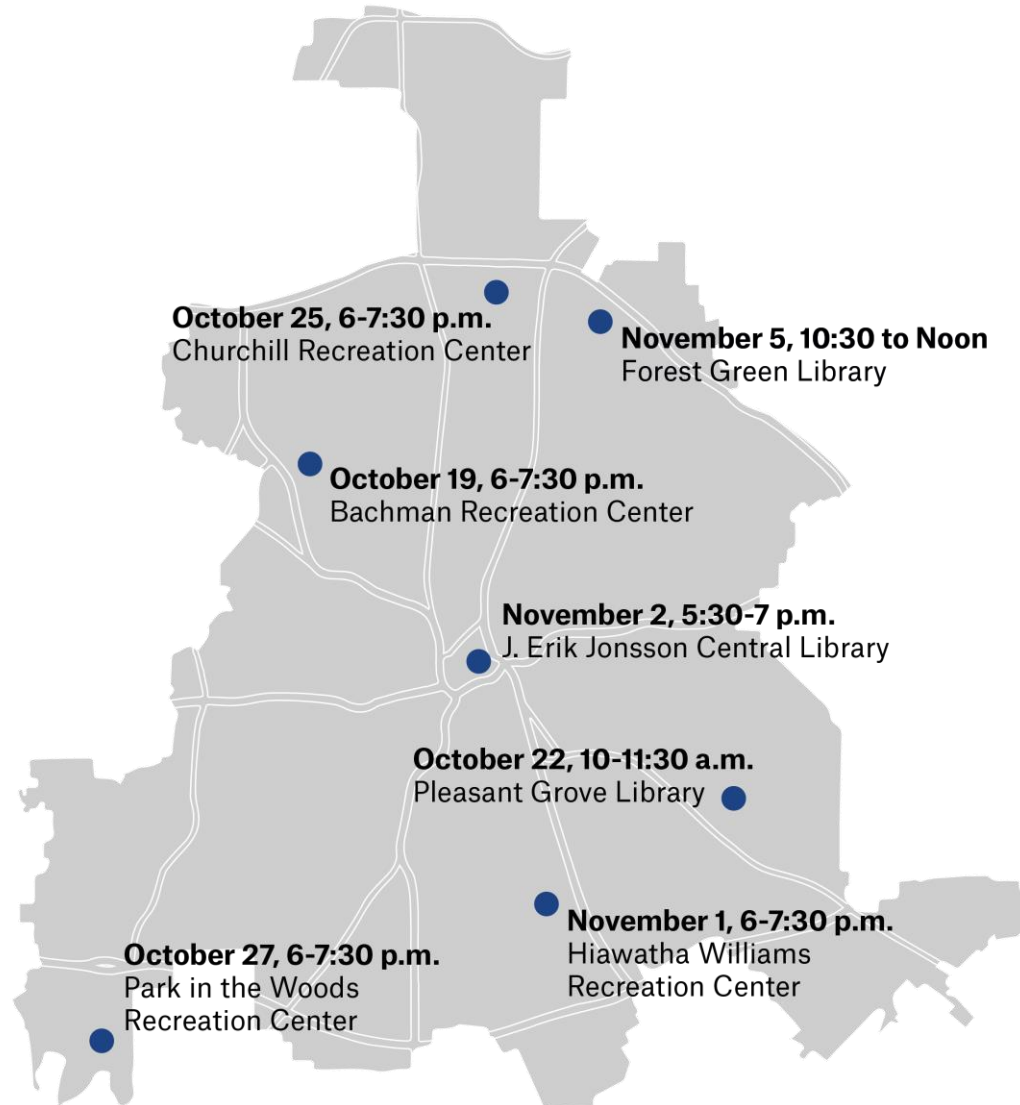
October 25, 2022, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Churchill Recreation Center

October 27, 2022, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Park in the Woods Recreation Center

November 1, 2022, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Hiawatha Williams Recreation Center

November 2, 2022, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
J. Erik Jonsson Central Library

November 5, 2022, 10:30 to Noon
Forest Green Library



GET EXCITED!
It's almost time!
Check out the new proposed bike network at an interactive event for the Dallas Bike Plan Update coming to a headset near you!
Join us to help shape the future of transportation in Dallas.

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Want to leave your comments virtually? Visit: dcp.dallas.gov/bikeplan2022

ONE. MORE. WEEK.
This isn't your average public meeting.
Be the first to see the future of biking in Dallas when an interactive Dallas Bike Plan event comes to your neighborhood.
Learn about our process, explore the proposed bike network and give feedback at a fun, hands-on experience near you.
We can't wait to see you there!

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IT'S FINALLY HERE!
A Dallas Bike Plan Update event is coming to your neighborhood!
Experience a hands-on approach to bike planning as you get involved in the process.
Be a part of this exciting experience; you won't want to miss this!

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