

Hidalgo County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting Minutes  
July 6, 2015

**I. Roll Call**

The Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting was held at the HCMPO conference room located in Weslaco, Texas and called to order by Michael McNew, Vice Chairman, at 1:41 PM.

Roll Call was not conducted, due to not having a quorum, but the following HCMPO Staff were present, and Mr. McNew noted that the following items would be discussed.

**HCMPO Staff**

Andrew Canon, MPO Director  
Maria Champine, Assistant Director  
Linda De La Fuente, Assistant Director  
Gloria Banda-Gonzales, AA  
Luis Diaz, Transportation Planner/GIS Specialist  
Lillian Champion, Transportation Planner I

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- **May 11, 2015**
- **June 1, 2015**

Michael McNew, Vice Chairman, noted that due to not having a quorum, the minutes of May 11, 2015 and June 1, 2015 will not be voted on, and moved on to the next item on the agenda. The items on the agenda were discussed out of sequence as follows:

**III. Bike Friendly Business Program**

➤ **Map Printing Quantity Decision - Update**

Andrew Canon discussed options regarding the Bike Friendly Business Maps and provided a handout to members present with a quote from The Whitley Group for the bicycle maps. Staff noted that they made contacted with the Weslaco Chamber of Commerce and they are willing to financially assist with the maps. Staff will be meeting with Weslaco Chamber of Commerce to further discuss how they can help with this project. Staff recommended again, that before making a decision to move forward on how many maps are needed: 1) Outreach should be done County wide, by going to stores on a one to one by staff; 2) Lining up potential stores that would be interested on being listed on the Bike Friendly Business Program and getting funding support; 3) BPAC Involvement and commitment; and 4) Webinar was held regarding Strava Software that was introduced by Michael McNew at one of the BPAC meeting, this software is a tool to pin point cyclists locations of stops, speeds and routes and is this software data that is changing the way cyclist ride; and 4) Once that is determine, staff can look into the amount of maps that will be needed and bring forth to the BPAC Members for consideration and approval.

**IV. Letters to Both DPS/Elementary Schools Re: Bicyclist Safety and Howe to Ride Your Bike – Update**

Andrew Canon noted that letters were sent out to both DPS and Elementary Schools in the surrounding area, inviting them to participate in an upcoming event on "How To Ride Your Bike To School". This event is in coordination with HCMPO, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Bike Texas Organization, these organizations will be working together to teach local children about Bicycle safety. In the letter it talks about the "Bike Rodeo", which is a safety clinic featuring bike safety inspection, a ride on a miniature course where cyclist are shown where and how to apply the rules and helmet fitting guidelines. Staff noted that plenty of helmets are still available for this project. (Letters on File with Packet)

**V. Staff Update**

None

**VI. Old Business**

None

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM.