

# **BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)**

Meeting on June 24, 2025, 6:00 PM

BAC Members Present: Frank Devine, Chair

Lauren Patterson Tammy Brock

Juan Contreras Juarez

Isaac Oyer Andy Zou Matt Weschler John Pinnix Nate Steinhauer

BAC Members Absent: Connie Proctor

City Staff Present: Paola Bula Blanco, CDOT

Dave Campbell, CDOT Charlie Jones, CDOT Julian Burton, CDOT

#### Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

Frank Devine called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M., seconded by Lauren Patterson.

## Agenda Item #2 Introduction of Members and Guests

BAC Members, CDOT staff, and guests introduced themselves. Also present from the public was Ashley Morisette, Van Wilson, and Steven D.

Steven D suggested creating an official drop-off lane by the convention center and will email Dave Campbell with additional suggestions for the new section of the cycletrack.

# Agenda Item #3 Review of Previous Minutes

The April 2025 meeting minutes will be reviewed and approved at the July meeting.

#### Agenda Item #4 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Frank Devine opened nominations for chair and vice chair of the BAC.

The BAC voted to elect Connie Proctor as BAC Chair and Juan Contreras Juarez as Vice Chair.

# Agenda Item #5 Bike Charlotte Recap

CDOT staff member, Paola Bula Blanco, shared a recap of the city's involvement and support of Bike Month.

City-supported programming for Bike Month included:

- 6 free bicycle education classes surveys showed a 100% positive experience for class attendees
- CMGC Bicycle Display included bicycles from 5 local shops. Bike shops shared that the display helped generate sales during Bike Month.
- Commuting by Bike Workshop for city staff well attended and in partnership with CATS. This year's workshop included more interactive activities. 100% positive feedback received.
- Bike Charlotte competitions in partnership with Weekly Rides, CDOT recognized the PBLS (personal bike lane sweeper) Monarch, Bike-Friendly Business, and Bike Champion winners at the Bike Charlotte Awards event.
- Shared other marketing highlights such as best performing social media posts, ads on transit, and a digital billboard promo.

#### Agenda Item #6 Vision Zero Update

Charlie Jones, CDOT Deputy Director, shared an overview of the Vision Zero Program and recent updates. Vision Zero's goal is to eliminate all serious injuries and fatalities on Charlotte streets by 2030.

- A \$20M bond was approved by the voters for the program. There are currently 50 active projects including pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHBs), streetlighting, and neighborhood traffic calming.
- A Vision Zero annual report (with fiscal year data) will be released soon.

- The original Vision Zero Action Plan was adopted in 2019 and integrated into the Strategic Mobility Plan (SMP). A new action plan update is targeted for 2026.
- An internal audit reviewed 73 action items: 43 are complete, 14 started, and the remaining items are ongoing.

Charlie shared updates following last year's internal audit recommendations for the Vision Zero Program:

- Designate a lead for tracking action plans completed, Charlie Jones will lead.
- Regularly assess the need to update the plan in progress, update is targeted for 2026.
  - Frank asked how the team will ensure that Vision Zero projects are prioritized. Charlie explained that regional and local teams will coordinate on project prioritization for safety.
  - o Tammy Brock raised concerns about red light enforcement. Charlie noted this is part of ongoing conversations within the Vision Zero Task Force.
- Monitor city fleet parking behavior in progress, department discussions will begin in August.
  - Ashley Morrisette asked if the city has a VMT (vehicle miles traveled) program, Charlie said no VMT for city vehicles currently.
- Develop ROW (right of way) training video training is complete for CDOT staff;
  goal is to have all city staff complete the training.
- Include long-term closures on the interactive Street Closure Map and provide detour signage mapping updates are nearly complete and additional resources are in development. This includes revising the WATCH handbook, which shares information on how to handle closures and detours for bicycle users.
  - Matt Weschler shared that NACTO's guide is a good resource for handling different closures.
- Improve crash data reporting with full geocoordinates in progress. CDOT is funding software improvements for CMPD crash data.
- Monitor enforcement performance this has been ongoing work that is now formally documented.
  - o Frank asked about parking enforcement, Charlie confirmed this is included.
- VZ Coordinator should routinely verify and report DMV-349 errors to CMPD this has been ongoing work that is now formally documented.
- Develop a public Vision Zero dashboard soft launch completed, the dashboard will be fully featured with the annual report's release.

## Other Vision Zero updates included:

- Outreach and engagement staff were re-assigned under the Strategic Mobility Division.
- The VZ Task Force was restructured, and Meg Fencil from Sustain Charlotte was appointed co-chair alongside Charlie.

• Increased internal collaboration, including involving the Urban Design Center more in pilot projects.

#### Agenda Item #7 Strategic Investment Areas (SIAs)

CDOT Section Manager, Julian Burton, provided background information and updates on the SIA work.

- SIAs were developed from the Comprehensive 2040 plan and the Strategic Mobility Plan, aiming for safer and more equitable mobility through a data-driven approach.
- 22 SIAs identified. Feedback on SIAs was collected during the Community Area Plans outreach. Comments collected during this process are under review.
- **SIA Pilot Program:** \$55M allocated to complete projects in the Far East Harrisburg and Arrowood SIAs by December 2026. The goal of the Pilot is to demonstrate faster, more efficient project delivery.
  - o Example: the Far East Harrisburg sidewalk gap was completed.
- Next steps include preparing for a possible scale-up with implementation teams.

# Agenda Item #8 Member Topics & Updates

No additional member topics or updates.

#### Agenda Item #9 Additional Public Comment

No additional public comment shared.

# Agenda Item #10 Confirm Next Meeting and Adjourn

Frank Devine made motion adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

The next BAC meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2025, at 6 P.M. at CMGC, room 278.