

# **BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)**

Meeting on October 28, 2025, 6:00 PM

BAC Members Present: Connie Proctor, Chair

Juan Contreras Juarez, Vice Chair

Matt Weschler Andy Zou Tammy Brock

**BAC Members Absent:** 

John Pinnix Frank Devine

Lauren Patterson

Isaac Oyer

Nate Steinhauer

City Staff Present: Paola Bula Blanco, CDOT

Luke Lowry, CDOT

### Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

Connie Proctor called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

### Agenda Item #2 Introduction of Members and Guests

BAC Members, CDOT staff, and guests introduced themselves. Present from the public was Alex Wohlbruck, Ashley Morisette, Van Wilson, Thomas Haapapuro, Ron Spake and Bob Carter.

#### Agenda Item #3 Review of Previous Minutes

September meeting minutes will be reviewed for approval at the November BAC meeting.

### Agenda Item #4 Continued Discussion: BAC Priorities and Action Plan Going Forward

Connie and Juan shared reflections from their October 27 presentation to City Council, where they advocated for increased Bicycle Program funding and infrastructure to close network gaps.

#### Key takeaways and next steps:

- Juan highlighted lessons learned: showing up consistently, bringing visible support, and coordinating with group rides, bike buses, and youth groups to strengthen advocacy.
- Connie shared a speaking guide and proposed developing a follow-up guide for writing thank-you emails to Council after meetings. She and Juan will draft and present this to the BAC.
- Tammy suggested bringing a sign or map to Council meetings displaying the bicycle network and areas of disconnection. Juan noted the value of showing protected infrastructure gaps.
- Members agreed to revisit priorities after election results are known.

#### Additional discussion:

- Members discussed whether BAC could speak at City Council meetings in groups.
  Connie and Juan will confirm if this is possible.
- Matt shared a personal story related to roadway safety, leading to discussion about framing the BAC's next motion around maximizing the safety of people outside vehicles. The item was tabled for next meeting.

### Agenda Item #5 Bicycle Program Fall Outreach

Recap of recent engagement events attended:

- UNC Charlotte Transportation Fair
- Solid Waste Services & Sustainability Department's Fall Sustainability Fair
- Hidden Valley Fall Festival

Feedback collected focused on bicycle route signage, network connections, and general input.

#### Upcoming events:

- Oct. 31 Halloween Bike Light Giveaway (staffed by Dave and volunteers)
- Nov. 3 Additional Bike Light Giveaway (extra volunteers welcome)

- Nov. 16 World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims at Mint Museum Randolph (6–8:30 P.M.)
- December Vision Zero outreach around Older Driver Safety Week

### Agenda Item #6 Bike & Scooter Corrals

Luke Lowry, who oversees the Shared Mobility Program, provided an overview of the city's mobility parking corrals.

## Highlights:

- Purpose: reduce sidewalk clutter, improve parking consistency, enhance safety, and support multimodal use of public right-of-way.
- 35 corrals have been installed, with 13 more in final design and additional batches planned. CDOT has begun putting secure bicycle racks in corrals.
- Site selection is guided by usage heatmaps from operator data.
- The department hopes to standardize the program and explore additional funding beyond the Bicycle Program.

#### Discussion:

- Juan asked about tracking corral usage; Luke said data is being gathered from trip ends and device deployment.
- Tammy suggested locating corrals near transit stops; Luke noted right of way (ROW) challenges in Uptown but agreed it's a good future consideration.
- Matt asked about corrals on private property; Luke said all are currently in the public ROW but private partnerships may come later.
- Alex asked about placing corrals on light rail platforms; Luke said coordination with CATS would be required.
- Bob asked if former Citibike station data was used; Luke confirmed that data was referenced but not extensively used in determining the completed mobility parking corral locations.
- Van suggested providing hotel partners with corral maps to encourage micromobility use.
- Alex mentioned Lime scooters are restricted from Freedom Park; Luke will look into the history behind that policy.
- Tammy recommended exploring partnerships with nearby businesses for creative or branded barriers/vertical element solutions.
- Juan asked if businesses can request corrals at certain locations; Not at this time, however, Luke created a survey for the BAC to provide design feedback and propose locations for future mobility parking corrals. The link will be shared with BAC members following the meeting.

 Discussion also touched on coordination with the new Uptown Library for secure bike parking. Connie clarified the libraries fall under County management, and members of the public noted bike parking is required in development but should be made secure.

## **Proposed Changes:**

- The team is evaluating physical protection options for corrals after bollards were repeatedly hit. The BAC's suggestions included raised curbing, larger bollards, or moveable plastic/water-filled jersey barriers.
- Ashley emphasized stronger vehicle deterrents to protect personal bikes, suggesting products like Zicla Zippers.
- Thomas asked about coordination with the UDC; Luke said functional design has been the primary focus, but cross-department collaboration may increase in the future.

### Agenda Item #7 Additional Public Comment

Van shared an update that the Matheson and Clemson intersection buttons will be relocated out of the greenspace, and confirmed Matheson Ave will reduce to two lanes and that signals can detect single bicycles.

Bob raised concerns about throttle e-bikes dominating greenways. Juan noted the issue has not been formally discussed yet but could be a topic at future BAC meetings.

Ashley mentioned the need for stronger enforcement of vehicles parking in bike lanes. Matt suggested advocating for design solutions in problem areas, and Juan encouraged continued data submissions through the Bikeable app to support advocacy.

# Agenda Item #8 Confirm Next Meeting and Adjourn

Connie Proctor made motion adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Matt Weschler. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

The next BAC meeting is scheduled for November 25 2025, at 6 P.M. at CMGC, room 278.