



BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

Meeting on September 23, 2025, 6:00 PM

BAC Members Present: Connie Proctor, Chair
Juan Contreras Juarez, Vice Chair
Frank Devine
Lauren Patterson
Matt Weschler
Andy Zou
Isaac Oyer
Tammy Brock
Nate Steinhauer

BAC Members Absent:
John Pinnix

City Staff Present: Paola Bula Blanco, CDOT
Dave Campbell, CDOT

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

Connie Proctor called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, and Ed.

Agenda Item #3 Review of Previous Minutes

Frank Devine made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes, seconded by Lauren Patterson. The August meeting minutes are approved.

Agenda Item #4 BAC Priorities and Actions

Connie shared an outline for engaging City Council (how to sign up, prepare remarks, etc.) and proposed a starting ask: request that Council direct staff to create a timeline for the Bicycle Priority Network and provide regular progress reports.

Group discussion:

- Matt Weschler supported the general ask and suggested tying it to concrete measures, such as annual funding levels or mileage targets. He also raised the question of current funding levels across CIP, SIA, and other programs.
- Dave Campbell clarified that he doesn't track those specific dollars and noted that the Bike Priority Network reflects citywide goals, not just the Bike Program.
- Frank recommended being specific with short-term, tangible asks and learning from successful council asks. He also noted staffing and implementation challenges, pointing to issues like inaccessible pedestrian buttons.
- Connie introduced the group to the 'Bikeable' app, used abroad for crowdsourced reporting blocked lanes, gaps, etc.
 - Lauren Patterson highlighted the app's user-friendly interface and usefulness for categorizing concerns.
 - Dave compared the app to 'Pointz,' a navigation-oriented app with some similar features.
 - Alex mentioned his work on developing an app and saw potential integration opportunities.
- Juan Contreras Juarez emphasized framing asks with family and child safety in mind. Ed offered to provide commuting photos for support, and Lauren noted including seniors, too.
- The BAC discussed best timing for public comment, noting zoning meetings may not be ideal.
- Matt asked about the city's capacity to deliver. Frank stressed the need for interim goals and improved enforcement, and Lauren suggested using data from the Bikeable app to track monthly concerns and report them to Council.

- Ashley Morrisette called for completing the Uptown CycleLink to ensure safe alternatives especially when greenways flood. Lauren added the importance of extending the Rail Trail south.
- Matt noted that if the sales tax passes, 2026 will be a key budget year with unprogrammed revenue, providing a unique chance to secure bike funding before competition increases.
- Frank suggested members begin signing up for Council meetings. He confirmed the 4th Monday is open forum and identified Oct. 27 and Nov. 24 as opportunities. Lauren and Frank volunteered for Nov. 24. Juan and Nate may cover Oct. 27.
- Frank also raised questions about the city's rapid response pilot and enforcement processes. Dave said BAC could invite staff for updates.
- Members also discussed highlighting economic benefits of bike infrastructure and ensuring alignment with other advocacy groups.

Determined Main Ask:

- Increase Bike Program funding for bicycle infrastructure (noting prior \$20M requests unmet).
- Establish a reporting and accountability framework for the Bicycle Priority Network.

Additional Discussion:

- Tammy Brock raised concern about a new hospital driving parking demand. Frank recommended connecting with Atrium's sustainability office and noted advocacy for the CycleLink could help provide alternatives for hospital staff.

Agenda Item #5 Member Topics & Updates

CDOT staff shared upcoming engagement events for the Bicycle Program:

- UNC Charlotte Transportation Fair: October 1 from 10 AM – 2 PM
- Fall Sustainability Fair: October 4 from 10 AM – 2 PM (at Solid Waste Services 1105 Otts St)
- CDOT Bike light giveaway: October 31 at First Ward Park 5 – 7 PM and November 3 in NODA

If anyone is interested in volunteering or stopping to support any of these events, reach out to Paola for more information (paola.bulablanco@charlottenc.gov).

Agenda Item #6 Additional Public Comment

No additional public comment.

Agenda Item #7 Confirm Next Meeting and Adjourn

Lauren Patterson 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 October 28, 2025, at 6 P.M. at CMGC, room 278.

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