

**Houston Bike Plan  
Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) - Meeting # 5  
September 26, 2016, 11 am  
611 Walker, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Raia Conference Room**



**Attendees:**

*BAC Members:*

Patrick Walsh (COH – P&D)	Andrew Pompeii (H-GAC)
Ruben Pena (COH – HPD)	Jesse Thornsen (H-GAC)
Elysia Shanks (COH – Sustainability)	John Long (Bike Houston)
Carra Moroni (COH – HHD)	Mary Blitzer (Bike Houston)
Guilmate Pierre (COH – HHD)	Yuhayna McCoy (METRO)
Isabel Longoria (AARP)	David Kim (ULI)
Sue Page (Alief ISD)	Matt Starr (Neighborhood Centers)
Lisa Kasianowitz (Houston Parks Board)	Clark Martinson (Energy Corridor)
Steve Parker (Super Neighborhood Alliance)	

*City Council:*

Jessica Beemer (CM Martin)	Julia Retta (CM Robinson)
Julia Osseni-Seied (CM Davis)	Kiara Cyrus (CM Boykins)
Kalaya Miller (CM Davis)	Carla Hulsey (CM Knox)
Lisa Riley (CM Stardig)	Donald Perkins (CM Green)

*Planning and Development (P&D) Staff:*

Amar Mohite	Matthew Seubert
Kevin McNally	

*Consultant Team:*

Shaida Libhart (TEI)  
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**1) Welcome and Introductions**

Director Patrick Walsh (P&D) welcomed BAC participants and acknowledged Council Member staff in attendance. Director Walsh outlined the upcoming steps in the public review and adoption process for the Bike Plan, including proposed amendments to Chapter 33 of the Ordinance Code, as well as consideration of the Bike Plan itself by Planning Commission and City Council. Amar Mohite (P&D) emphasized that the Bike Plan will serve as a guide, but is not a regulatory document in the same way that the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP) is. Mr. Mohite emphasized that the Bike Plan recommends the creation of a Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and that the proposed amendments to Chapter 33 would authorize the Planning Commission to create such a committee. Mr.

Mohite asked current BAC members to consider if they would be interested in serving on such a successor to the BAC and if so to advise staff of their interest.

## **2) Presentation of Final Draft Bike Plan**

Matthew Seubert (P&D) gave a slideshow presentation of the final draft of the Bike Plan. Mr. Seubert summarized the extensive public engagement process that helped develop the initial draft of the Plan that was presented to the BAC at the January 29, 2016 meeting. He summarized the comments received during the public review period from February 19 through April 11, and the changes that were made to the initial draft as a result of public comment. These changes include about 60 changes to the Bike Plan map, an additional 133 miles of proposed bicycle facilities, and additional detail on bayou access and neighborhood bike planning.

## **3) Next Steps**

Mr. Mohite outlined the next steps in consideration of the Plan by Planning Commission and City Council, and how BAC members could show their support the Plan during the adoption process by completing letters of support and attending public hearings. Mr. Mohite explained next steps for implementation following adoption, including project development, funding, working with project partners and engaging with the community. He reiterated to BAC members that if they were interested in serving on a successor to the BAC following adoption of the Plan, to please notify staff of their interest.

## **4) Questions and Discussion**

Donald Perkins (CM Green's office) asked what the timeframe was for Council consideration of the Plan. Mr. Mohite explained that staff hoped to bring the proposed amendments to Chapter 33 to Council within a month or so and that consideration of the Plan would follow 4-6 weeks after that. Mr. Seubert said that he would notify the BAC via email of the next public hearing date once it had been confirmed. Yuhayna McCoy (METRO) suggested that in the interim prior to establishment of a successor to the BAC that current members could circulate information about projects and programs they are working on. Steve Parker (Super Neighborhood Alliance - SNA) asked how neighborhoods could submit requests to amend the Bike Plan map in the future. Mr. Mohite replied that this would likely be an item for the successor to the BAC to consider. Mary Blitzer (Bike Houston) asked how the public can comment on a bicycle implementation project. Mr. Mohite replied that comments to PWE or other implementing department are welcome and will be considered. Mr. Mohite explained that staff is considering modifications to the proposed amendments to Chapter 33. However, the Bike Plan is not a regulatory document like the MTFP.

\*Meeting adjourned 12:30\*

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Matthew Seubert*