A transformative opportunity
Our Partners

Council Member David Robinson
Schedule

1. **Project Kickoff**
   - May 2015

2. **Public Engagement: Vision, Goals**
   - July 2015

3. **Bicycle Toolbox, Develop Draft Plan**
   - Dec 2015

4. **Brief Commission, Draft Released**
   - Feb 2016

5. **Public Comment on Draft Plan**
   - Apr 2016

6. **Finalize Plan**
   - June 2016

7. **Planning Commission**
   - Jan/Feb 2017

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Major Public Engagement Periods

- **April 2016 - December 2016**

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Additional stakeholder engagement:
- Super Neighborhood Alliance,
- Bike Houston,
- Coalition for Complete Streets, and
- other stakeholders
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Engaging the community

- 100+ meetings and events in all Council Districts (including 12 CIP presentations in 2016)
- 75,000+ informational postcards, brochures distributed (bilingual)
- BikeHouston supplemental outreach to 1800+ people at 30 locations (transit centers, schools)
- 5,000+ people signed up for email updates
- Citizen’s Net Eblasts
- Online Webinar
Community Feedback

- 1000+ written comments received (maps, email, letters)
- 4,000+ online survey responses
- 632 comments received on interactive online maps
- 300+ comment cards received at events & meetings
- 600+ letters of support
Vision & Goals

By 2027, the City of Houston will be a Safer, More Accessible, Gold Level Bike-Friendly City

- Improve Safety
- Increase Ridership
- Increase Access
- Develop & Maintain Facilities
Building the Network
All Existing Facilities

LEGEND
- High Comfort Shared-Use Paths
- Shared-Use Paths
- Separated Bike Lane
- Bike Lanes
- Low Comfort Bike Lanes
- Neighborhood Bikeways
- Shared Lanes/Signed Bike Routes
- Shared Sidewalks
- Outside COH
- City of Houston
Starting Point
Existing High Comfort Bike Network

Off-Street: 232 miles
Dedicated On-Street: 8 miles
Shared On-Street: 30 miles
Total: 270 miles

1/2 Mile Access

Population 2010 Census Total for City: 2,062,000
- 38%

Jobs 2010 LEHD Total for City: 1,465,000
- 46%
Continued progress
Programmed Projects

134 Bikeway Miles
Currently Programmed

LEGEND
- Off-Street
- Dedicated On-Street
- Shared On-Street
- Outside COH
- City of Houston

1/2 Mile Access

Population
2010 Census
Total for City:
2,062,000
52%

Jobs
2010 LEHD
Total for City:
1,465,000
65%
Target expansion
Potential Short Term Opportunities

381 Additional Miles
Est. $27-51 Million (unfunded)
Connect the City
Add Key Connections

87 Additional Miles
Est. $73-119 Million (unfunded)
Long Term Vision

872 Additional Miles
Est. $235-382 Million (unfunded)
Changes to Draft Plan: Mid 2016

Public comment period Feb. 19 through April 11, 2016

133 miles of proposed facilities added

≈ 60 changes made to map

Increased ½ mile network access to 87,000 people

Greater detail on Bayou Access & Neighborhood Planning
Changes to Final Draft: Feb. 2017

- Dialogue with BAC members:
  - Super Neighborhood Alliance
  - Bike Houston
  - Houston Coalition for Complete Streets
Changes to Final Draft: Feb. 2017

- **Clarify that Bike Plan is not regulatory**
  - The Plan is a master plan and makes recommendations

- **Add map notation**
  - Additional analysis and public engagement needed for project design
  - Map notation included on large format maps and in text

- **Emphasize preference for high-comfort bikeways**
  - High bikeways preferred, low LOC discouraged

- **Role of Bicycle Advisory Committee**
  - Develop recommendations for bikeway maintenance
  - Annual Report
  - Achieving 10 year vision and interim targets

- **Strengthened public engagement process**
  - Public engagement process included as Key Recommendation 9.1
  - Public engagement begins no later than preliminary engineering
Identified Thoroughfare/Collector Reconstruction – CIP Projects

**Community Engagement Process**

1. **CIP Townhall Meetings**
   - Public opportunity to provide input on projects during annual CIP town hall meeting.

2. **CIP Approved**
   - Public input solicited on the conceptual design before the project moves into final design and engineering.
   - Public meeting format allows input via online public comments and the design is updated and released to the public.

3. **Pre-Design Community Meeting**
   - Stakeholder/community meeting(s)
   - District Council Member(s) coordination

4. **Project Design**
   - Develop design alternatives
   - Stakeholder/community meeting(s)
   - Stakeholder/agency coordination
   - Initial community engagement

5. **Pre-Construction Community Meeting**
   - District Council Member(s) coordination
   - Stakeholder & community notification/meeting

6. **Project Construction**
   - Final public meeting held prior to project construction.

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Identified Short Term Opportunities – Bike Plan Projects

**Community Engagement Process (Proposed)**

1. **Project Feasibility**
   - District Council Member(s) coordination

2. **Project Design**
   - Stakeholder/agency coordination
   - Initial community engagement

3. **Project Construction**
   - Stakeholder & community notification/meeting
Community Engagement

- Incorporate in PWE Manuals
  - Planning & Design of Mobility Projects to Incorporate Complete Streets Policies (already incorporated)
  - Capital Improvement Plan Process Manual for Infrastructure Program

- Initiated conversations with PWE to investigate codification of community engagement for ReBuild Houston / major capital projects
Chapter 33 Amendments

- Keep Bike Plan up to date

- Clarify roles of:
  - Planning Director
  - City Departments
  - Planning Commission
  - City Council
  - Community
What do Ch. 33 amendments do?

- Require that City adopt a Bike Plan
- Require biennial review of Bike Plan
- Establish process to amend Bike Plan
- Establish process for public comment
- City Council has authority to adopt & amend
Ch. 33 Amendments Timeline

1. Planning Commission Public Hearing
   - Aug. 18, 2016

2. Planning Commission Consideration/Action
   - Sept. 1, 2016

3. Additional stakeholder engagement
   - Sept. 2016 - Feb. 2017

4. TTI Committee
   - Feb. 13, 2017

5. City Council
QUESTIONS

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