Draft Minutes of the Bicycle Advisory Committee Infrastructure Subcommittee

Thursday, August 22, 2019

Meeting held in

John B Raia Conference Room

2:30 pm

Call to Order

Vice Chair Clark Martinson called the meeting to order at 2:38pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Clark Martinson, Vice Chair Amar Mohite Beth Martin Mike VanDusen Oni Blair Robin Holzer

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jennifer Ostlind, Planning & Development

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Kristen Gonzales Spring Branch MD
Buddy Tautenhahn Spring Branch MD
Louis Jullien Westchase District
Jerma H. Sanchez Westchase District

Gerald P. Wilson OST/Almeda Redevelopment Authority

Sherry Weesner Memorial Heights TIRZ
Nikki Knight Greater Southeast MD
Jorge Bustamante Greater Northside MD
Rebecca Revna Greater Northside MD

1. Chair's Report

Vice Chair Martinson is working with the Memorial Park Conservancy to improve bike connections to Memorial Park. The Conservancy is funding connections that were not funded in H-GAC's last Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) call for projects. Love to Ride Challenge will be taking place in September. Vision Zero community outreach and stakeholder meeting will be coming up soon. No Parking in the Bike Lane Ordinance and bikeway implementation towards the Build 50 Challenge is still underway. Vice Chair Martinson stated the purpose of this meeting is to learn about projects that might not have already been included in the Build 50 Challenge and learn how the BAC can assist management districts and TIRZs in building more bike facilities.

2. Management District and TIRZ Bikeway Project Updates: Challenges and Opportunities for Bikeway Implementation

Representatives from several management districts and tax increment reinvestment zones (TIRZs) were invited to attend the meeting and provide an update of bikeway projects they are implementing in their districts.

Representatives briefed the Committee for about five minutes each. Projects by the following management districts and TIRZs participated or were discussed: Spring Branch Management District, Westchase Management District, Greater Northside Management District, TIRZ 5, TIRZ 13, Montrose TIRZ, Greater Southeast Management District, and TIRZ 7.

Committee members and representatives then discussed improvements that could be made to accelerate the rate of bikeway projects being implemented by management districts and TIRZs. Some ideas discussed included better coordination, attendance at BAC meetings, and improving H-GAC's TIP call for projects scoring process. A half-day workshop was proposed to share best practices and lessons learned in implementing bikeway and pedestrian infrastructure projects with all management districts and TIRZs.

3. Presentation by BikeHouston: Bicycle & Pedestrian Infrastructure Funding by City Council District

Vice Chair Martinson presented on major findings of BikeHouston's research on council member and city funding towards bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

4. Biennial Report Data Analysis

Item was skipped per staff's request.

5. Announcements

Robin Holzer announced National Walk and Bike to School Day taking place October 2.

Beth Martin announced Houston Bike Share has four new stations at University of Houston-Downtown. Ribbon cutting will take place September 3. Bike Share's GO Pass Launch Party is taking place August 24.

6. Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Martinson adjourned the meeting at 3:51pm.