Bicycle Advisory Committee

BAC Mission
To advise and make recommendations to the commission and the director on issues related to bicycling in the city including, but not limited to, amendments to the Bike Plan, bicycle safety and education, implementation of the Bike Plan, development of strategies for funding projects related to bicycling, and promoting public participation in bicycling.

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

January 16, 2019 2:30-4:30pm
City Hall Annex Council Chamber
Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Director’s Report
- Chair’s Report
- Approval of October Minutes
- Build 50 Challenge Update
- Safer Streets Initiative Update
- Vision Zero Discussion and Possible Action
- Bike Month (including Bike to Work and School Days) Discussion and Possible Action
- Staff and Committee Member Announcements
- Public Comment
Build 50 Challenge Update

Peter Eccles
Planning & Development
Build 50 Challenge Update

• In April 2018, Commissioner Rodney Ellis of Harris County Precinct 1 pledged $10 million to expand Houston’s “high-comfort” bikeway network

• City leads planning, public engagement; provides additional funding
Regional Spines

• Using bayou trails as anchors, connects many underserved communities with the region’s jobs, parks, and other major destinations

• Rapid implementation

• Will expand Houston’s “high-comfort” bikeway network from ~8 to nearly 30 miles
### Implementation Status – Precinct 1

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Lessons Learned

• Coordination with other City Departments: Solid Waste, ARA, etc.
• Coordination with outside agencies: MDs, TIRZs, etc.
• Planning staff now attend 50%, 90% Design Review Meetings
Moving Forward

• Pre-construction Engagement
• No Parking in the Bike Lane ordinance
• Additional Corridors:
  – Gulfton
  – Second Ward
  – Clear Lake
Safer Streets Initiative Update

Ian Hlavacek, P.E.
Houston Public Works
Vision Zero Briefing

Lauren Grove
Planning & Development Department

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkcAZQOzJV0
Vision Zero

Strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries within a decade

- Safe Roadways and Safe Speeds
- Leadership and Commitment
- Data-driven, Transparency, and Accountability
- Equity and Engagement
What is the problem?

Out of Control
Houston’s roads, drivers are country’s most deadly

By Dag Begley and St. John Barned-Smith
Multimedia by Godefredo Vasquez
What is the problem?

High Injury Network

How Can We Achieve Vision Zero?

Over 65% of all severe and fatal traffic collisions involving people walking occur on just 6% of our City streets.

By focusing resources on these streets, we can get closer to our Vision Zero goal.

Community Health and Equity Index

Nearly half of the High Injury Network streets are in communities burdened by disease and systemic racism.

What do you think?
## Developing a Process

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<th>City of Houston leads the effort to adopt Vision Zero.</th>
<th>City of Houston creates a Vision Zero Task Force.</th>
<th>Vision Zero Task Force produces Vision Zero Action Plan.</th>
<th>Mayor and City Council pursues ordinance changes and funding.</th>
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<td><strong>To do</strong>:</td>
<td>Executive Order</td>
<td>Designate departments, organizations, districts; determine meeting frequency</td>
<td>address equity, establish progress reporting mechanism, data collection methods</td>
<td>determine funding for staff support of Vision Zero, determine priority ordinance changes</td>
<td>internal engagement to brainstorm how departments can participate</td>
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To get to Executive Order...

• Data
  – Crashes, fatalities, and the demographic makeup and causes of those

• Existing Programs
  – Complete Streets, Master Plans, Mobility Plans, Regional Plans, etc.

• Vision Zero Steering Committee and Vision Zero Task Force
  – Committee
    • To ensure that City agencies are accountable and take the actions needed to reach the Vision Zero goals; to coordinate, implement, and evaluate near-term and longer-term actions
  – Task Force
    • Comprised of Steering Committee plus members from other Departments and Bureaus
What we’ve done so far...

November 7, 2018
Senior-level meet w/ Planning and Development, Houston Public Works (HPW), and Houston Police Department (HPD)

December 7, 2018
Senior-level meet w/ Planning and Development, HPW, HPD, Houston Fire Department (HFD), and Houston Health Department (HHD)

December 17, 2018
Planning and Development meet w/ HPD to discuss data collection and crash reports

December 20, 2018
Planning and Development meet w/ HFD to discuss data collection and crash reports

January 10, 2019
Planning and Development meet w/ HHD to discuss data collection and management
Moving Forward

• Data collection and analysis
  – Significant progress toward High Injury Network (detailed crash profiles w/ countermeasures) prior to estimated May 2019 formal adoption
    • Formation of Data Task Force?

• Message and directives in the interim, prior to Executive Order
  – How can we start to obtain community feedback?
  – What needs to change at your own agency to make Vision Zero successful?
  – How do we start to engage other agencies?
Bike Month

• Key Dates
  – Bike to School Day – May 8
  – Bike to Work Day – May 17
Important Dates

• METRONext public meetings
  – Jan. 26 to Feb. 13

• H-GAC TIP Call for Projects public meetings
  – Feb. 5 (west side) and Feb. 12 (H-GAC)
  – Public comment period Jan 16 to Feb 28

• TxDOT Safe Routes to Schools/Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects
Bike Houston Important Dates

• BikeHouston People for Bikes Draft - Feb. 12
• Texas Bike Summit – Feb. 23-24
• Texas Cyclists in Suits – Feb. 25
• LAB Bike Summit – March 8-12
• Tour de Houston - March 17
• Mid Main Bike Month Party - May 2
• Walk & Bike to School Day - May 8

• Cyclo Femme - May 12
• Ride of Silence - May 15
• Bike to Work Day - May 17
• BikeHouston Bike Summit - May 17
• BikeHouston Street Fest - May 18
• Moonlight Bicycle Ramble - Oct 19
Next Meetings

Infrastructure Subcommittee
February 28, 2:30-4:30pm, 611 Walker, 6th Floor

Education Subcommittee
March 14, 2:30-4:30pm, 611 Walker, 6th Floor

Bicycle Advisory Committee
April 24, 2:30-4:30pm, City Hall Annex Council Chambers