Call to Order
Chair Maya Ford called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. with a quorum present.

Maya Ford, Chair
Clark Martinson, Vice Chair
Toloria Allen
Kristine Anthony
Katrina Bayer
Oni Blair
Neil Bremner
Robin Holzer
Beth Martin
Yuhayna Mahmud
Clint McManus
Veon McReynolds
Amar Mohite
Dian Nostikasari
Doug Overman
Alejandro Perez
Ana Ramirez Huerta
Sandra Rodriguez
Mike VanDusen
Adam Williams

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS

Parks & Recreation (Vacancy) Absent
Ian Hlavacek
Jennifer Ostlind

1. Welcome and Introductions
Chair Maya Ford welcomed new and returning members to the first Committee meeting of the year. Planning & Development Interim Director Margaret Wallace Brown shared with the Committee that Pat Walsh had passed away last November. She stated the whole department is here to support the Committee and Jennifer will now be the Planning and Development ex-officio member of the Committee.

2. DIRECTOR’S REPORT
The Director’s Report was given by Assistant Director Jennifer Ostlind. Planning staff and partners are in the later stages of the Build 50 Challenge to spend over $11 million towards the construction of
a high-comfort bikeway network. We are continuing to engage communities around the bikeways that make up a regional “spine”, keeping them abreast of any design or construction updates. The next stage will be educating new riders and motorists on how to use the new bikeways effectively. Planning staff are working with ARA on draft ordinance language for dockless shared vehicles, such as scooters and e-bikes. Staff are also finalizing the Bike Friendly Communities application renewal to maintain or improve our status as a bronze-level bike-friendly city. The application will be sent February 5, 2019. Planning is also in the beginning stages of initiating Vision Zero.

3. CHAIR’S REPORT
Chair Maya Ford led the Committee in introductions. The Chair, Maya Ford, created a Year in Review handout for the Committee to highlight accomplishments during 2018. Chair Ford emphasized communication being key to success in 2019. Chair Ford also shared images of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in Spain and Italy as part of her holiday trips and how it compares to Houston bike infrastructure.

4. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES
Committee action: Approve the October 10, 2018 Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting minutes.
   Motion: Holzer  Second: Bayer  Vote: Unanimous  Abstaining: None

5. BUILD 50 CHALLENGE UPDATE
Staff member Pete Eccles presented on an overview of the Build 50 Challenge, the regional spine network plan, and the status of bikeway implementation. Near Northside package of projects are farthest along, with all designed and Lyons nearly complete with construction. Hardy and Elysian will be next to be constructed. Engagement is more iterative and complex than shown in the handout. Eccles also highlighted some lessons learned through the rapid bikeway implementation, such as coordination with other City departments and outside agencies. Also, Planning now regularly attends design review meetings during the design process in order to better understand the design tradeoffs and better communicate these to the public and other agencies. Moving forward, Planning is working on pre-construction engagement for projects phasing into construction, considering a No Parking in the Bike Lane Ordinance and begin engaging the public for additional corridors, including Gulfton, Second Ward and Clear Lake. Staff expects BAC subcommittees to assist with all these activities. Questions were taken.

6. SAFER STREETS INITIATIVE UPDATE
Houston Public Works ex-officio member Ian Hlavacek provided an update on the Safer Streets Initiative, including an overview of the history of the program, intersections studied under the Road Safety Audit (RSA), and status of the RSAs. RSA Round 2 will kick off on January 28 to study the next six intersections. Discussion ensued.

7. VISION ZERO DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
Staff member Lauren Grove presented an overview of Vision Zero, including what it is, how to identify the problem, and core steps to developing a Vision Zero process. A key next step is to create a data team with staff from multiple departments to collect data. Formal adoption by the Mayor is anticipated in mid-May. Committee members could consider what their agencies or communities are doing to advance the goal of eliminating roadway fatalities. Discussion ensued.
Committee action: Request staff to prepare a resolution with history of Vision Zero, definitions, what we have accomplished, the need, and that the city should adopt a holistic approach to adopt Vision Zero.

Motion: Holzer  Second: Martinson  Vote: Unanimous  Abstaining: None

8. BIKE MONTH (INCLUDING BIKE TO WORK AND SCHOOL DAYS) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
Staff member Melissa Beeler stated Bike to Work Day is scheduled for May 17th this year.

Robin Holzer reminded the Committee of their work for Walk and Bike to School Day in October 2018 and announced that the next opportunity to work with school for Walk and Bike to School Day is May 8, 2019. She put out a call for partnerships with schools that are already participating in these events so that Committee members and their agencies can help make walking and biking more visible. Chair Ford offered January 31st to provide school names to staff. Committee members will start a working group to determine school partnerships and what resources they can provide schools for the event. Clint McManus requests the Committee to consider in future years to have Bike Month in April. Discussion ensued.

Ana Ramirez Huerta provided an update of Safe Routes to Schools funding and application process coming up. $8.7 million is available for urban areas across Texas. The call will open in mid-February with preliminary applications due in April and full applications due in August 2019. Webex presentations about the application process will be on February 19 and March 7. There will be a Houston District workshop February 14.

9. STAFF AND COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS
Oath of office form must be signed by new members. Returning members must also provide an oath of office form as well. TPIA training is required for all committee members

Next Committee Meetings:
- Infrastructure Subcommittee: February 28 at 2:30pm, 611 Walker, 6th floor
- Education Subcommittee: March 14 at 2:30 at 611 Walker, 6th floor
- Quarterly Meeting: April 24 at 2:30pm at City Hall Annex Council Chambers

Important dates and announcements
- 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 from Jan 16 to Feb 28
- Bike Houston 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
Vice Chair Martinson shared that the first round of the technical committee review of H-GAC’s TIP call for projects has been completed. Of 41 active transportation projects, probably eight will be funded. Of those, two will be implemented by Westchase Management District, one by Houston Parks Board and the rest is by TxDOT. There is a question as to why active transportation projects score much more poorly than highway projects on the benefit analyses. Ped-bike is 2% of the TIP funding.

Katrina Bayer shared that the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) is meeting at 3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor at 9:30am on Friday January 25. High-Capacity Transit Task Force will convene afterwards at the same location.

Yuhayna Mahmud of METRO has an off-street path from Brays Bayou to Columbia TAP under construction. METRO is also coordinating with the City of Houston on a bikeway on Leeland Street. METRONext, the transit long-range vision, is holding public meetings to gather feedback on recommendations. Meeting schedule is available at METRONEXT.org.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business brought before the Committee, Chair Maya Ford adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

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Maya Ford                                            Jennifer Ostlind
Chair                                                Interim Secretary