

**DRAFT Minutes of the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)
Infrastructure Subcommittee**

June 3, 2020
Meeting held in
Virtual via Microsoft Teams
2:30 p.m.

Call to Order

In absence of Chair Maya Ford and Vice Chair Clark Martinson, David Fields Chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 2:34pm.

BAC Members Present

Tom Compson
Lisa Graiff
Yuhayna Mahmud
Mike van Dusen
Ana Ramirez Huerta
Oni K Blair
Amar Mohite
Veon McReynolds
Ian Hlavacek
David Fields

Other Interested Parties in Attendance:

Matt Deleon, TxDOT
Susan Jaworski, H-GAC

1. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair's Report was given by Assistant Director David Fields. Fields emphasized our work goes towards the goal where everyone can travel without fear. This overlaps with our goals of equity, education, and enforcement, with an emphasis that areas that have been neglected in the past get extra attention in the future.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Jaworski, Senior Planner for Ped/Bike at H-GAC introduced herself and is looking forward to collaborating.

Maryland Keys, Shadow Lake HOA (read by Melissa Beeler)

Alberto Mog (Read by Melissa Beeler)

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3. UPDATE ON MAYOR'S COVID-19 SLOW STREETS INITIATIVE

David Fields provided the update. PD has reached out to communities for pilot projects for slow streets and road diets. The current budget is constrained; Public Works is inventorying to see what projects can be completed with less. After the pilots, the City will reach out to communities that have shown interest in projects. The City is focusing efforts on neighborhoods that want them.

4. UPDATE ON BIKEWAYS IN DESIGN AND UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Staff Member Melissa Beeler gave an update on Build 50 Projects.

5. PLANNING FOR 500 MILES OF BIKEWAYS WORKSHOP DEVELOPMENT

Staff Member Melissa Beeler presented. The purpose of the proposed workshop is to coordinate planning and selection for bikeway projects to achieve 500 miles of high-comfort bikeway in Houston by 2025. The workshop will split participants into groups geographically, with each group focused on one section of the city. The groups will identify gaps in current bike infrastructure and potential short-term projects and routes. Groups will also identify potential opportunities for collaboration and funding and refine proposed network connections prior to public review. The Subcommittee is also asked to consider a pre-workshop where participants determine guiding principles, existing conditions, and prioritization criteria for new projects.

6. BRAYS AND WHITE OAK BAYOU DETOURS

Concern is the Brays Bayou detour at Telephone Rd. runs along Wayside shopping areas and crosses I-45. Additional safety concerns are present due to narrow sidewalks and the detour itself being difficult to understand and navigate. The committee proposes to have a working group to look further into the legal requirements for detours and best practices for detour signage. Lisa Graiff, Yuhayna Mahmud, and Tom Compson agreed to be a part of the working group.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Bike Counters: Ana Ramirez said there will be three online trainings for bike counters hosted by TxDOT. Dates are July 23, July 29, August 4. Times are to be announced.

Wayfinding: Madeline P. suggested wayfinding for Brays bayou trail be added to a future agenda.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matt Deleon announced that the Lifesavers National Conference is hosting some of their sessions as webinars. The Bike Safety webinar is June 26.

Ana Ramirez Huerta announced the dates for TxDOT's bike count trainings.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business brought before the Committee, David Fields adjourned the meeting at 4:46pm.