

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Education Subcommittee

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



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December 16, 2020 2:30-4:30pm
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Committee Member Attendance

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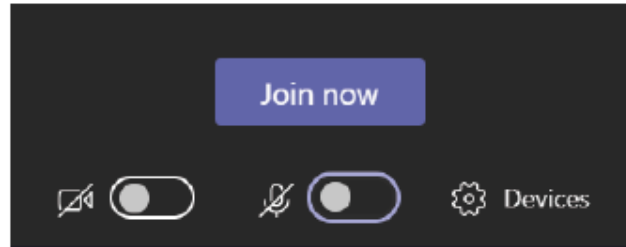
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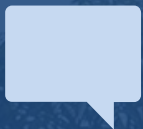
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Update on No Parking in the Bike Lane Ordinance Outreach

Melissa Beeler

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No Parking in Bike Lane Ordinance Update

- Bike Friendly Drivers Course being updated by ParkHouston/ARA
 - Deadline for completion: January 14, 2021
- TxDOT meeting with bike shops at January 26 Bike Safety Committee meeting



BAC Recommendations

1. Request the Planning and Development Department to establish an **internal policy** for nonemergency City vehicles and contractors officially acting on behalf of the City to be prohibited from parking in bike lanes. **COMPLETE OCTOBER 2020**
2. Request the Planning and Development Department to begin the process of passing a **citywide ordinance** prohibiting parking of any vehicle in the bike lane unless the vehicle is responding to an emergency and **COMPLETE OCTOBER 2020**
3. To provide policy recommendations to revise the City's traffic control plan. **JANUARY 2021 - PDD/HPW**
4. Address parking in bike lane on Lamar at Sam Houston Park during events. **ONGOING-HPW**



Flyer Distribution

- ParkHouston will include with warning for first violation
- Street Teams
 - Must be done through BikeHouston or other 3rd party
- PDD will distribute virtually, via email, blockwalking
 - Stakeholders along bike lanes
- BAC members and networks
- Other outreach
 - Video
 - Website
 - 311 bike lane violation



Follow-Up on Bike Theft Outreach and Education Strategy

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Bike Theft Education/Awareness Ideas from October BAC Meeting

- Tips from Corporal Bowden and the Committee:
 - Report bike theft. In addition to reporting to law enforcement, there is a Facebook page for people who recently got their bike stolen where victims can post pictures and people will keep an eye out for the bike. This is a volunteer effort that helps Corporal Bowden.
 - Keep cameras around, and try to lock your bike where there are cameras
 - Record your serial numbers on your bike. Take pictures of your bike to share with others if it is stolen.
 - Do not lock your bike on a balcony. Don't leave your bike in a garage. People will climb up balconies 3-5 floors to get bikes.
 - Always lock your bike anywhere you go, even if you think you will be away for only a minute.



Review Draft Bikeway Workplan 2020 & 2021

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2020 Workplan Progress

Timeframe	Strategy	Expected Completion	Priority	Lead Department/Agency
COMPLETE	Pass a No Parking in the Bike Lane ordinance and internal policy Deliverables: Ordinance and Internal Memo	Oct-20	High	PDD/ARA
COMPLETE	Perform a comprehensive crash analysis to identify a high-injury network, which will assist in guiding future bike/ped safety improvements (e.i. Vision Zero)	Nov-20	High	PDD
In Progress	Create a Bikeway Maintenance Strategy: 1) Identify dedicated bike lane maintenance funding 2) Work with TIRZs and Management Districts to determine a shared maintenance schedule and measures of success 3) Consider an "Adopt a Lane" sponsorship/community partnership program to fill bikeway maintenance gaps. Deliverable: Report detailing an agreed upon strategy/process	Dec-20	HIGH	PDD/HPW/Management Districts/TIRZs
COMPLETE	Leverage existing projects and funding (Build on TIRZ projects, Harris County partnerships, Bayou Greenways/Beyond the Bayous) Deliverable: Update shapefile and web map; export ongoing list of bikeways programmed	Nov-20	High	PDD

<https://tinyurl.com/HouBikeMap>



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2020 Workplan Progress

Timeframe	Strategy	Expected Completion	Priority	Lead Department/Agency
In Progress	BIKE COUNTS/QUANTITATIVE EVAL: Perform regular and robust counts on high-comfort bike facilities (on-street, pre-/post- project evaluations)	Begin doing counts by October 2020; roll out volunteer opportunity Jan 2021	High	HPW/PDD
In Progress	STREET TEAMS: Bikeway education (goes in hand with qualitative eval); Starting with No Parking in Bike Lane	Jan-21	High	PDD/TxDOT
In Progress	Add an HISD representative to BAC			PDD



2021 Draft Workplan

Timeframe	Strategy	Expected Completion	Priority	Lead Department/Agency
In progress	Develop 2 year strategic plan for Bike Plan implementation, including establishing milestones and goals for number of miles of bikeway network through 2027; Workshop for specific project list (500 miles of bikeway by 2025)	Apr-21	High	BAC/PDD
6 months	Update traffic detour plan for safe passage during construction	Spring 2021 (Start Jan 2021)	High	HPW/METRO
6 months	Perform systematic review of all trail crossing with streets, recommend safety improvements, and implement all trail crossing improvements. (Improvements could include No Right Turn on Red; Yield to Bicyclists signage; and more)	Spring/Summer 2021	High	PDD/HPW/HPB
In Progress	Address e-bikes on trails	2021	High	PDD
2021	Submit comprehensive project package(s) in next TIP Call for Projects. Consider packaging neighborhood bikeway projects. Consider typologies	2021		PDD/HPW
2021	Begin bike safety education as a routine part of education in schools. 1) Survey what schools are doing around bike education (e.g. Humble ISD) Deliverable:		High	PDD/HISD/AISD/Other ISD/MYR
2021	Amend law to allow bicycling in crosswalk		HIGH	HPD



Additional Workplan Items

Timeframe	Strategy	Expected Completion	Priority	Lead Department/Agency
2021/2022	QUALITATIVE EVALUATION: Develop strategy to incorporate rider input in facility design. 1) Survey people's satisfaction with the network and programming (level of comfort evaluation). 2) Continue incorporating bike rides as part of engagement strategy 3) Planning & Development develop a consistent partnership with Sunday Streets to demonstrate bike facilities; Evaluate number of people reached and their perceptions of bike facilities	2021/2022	Medium	PDD
2021/2022?	Pursue opportunities to secure bike and ped improvements during development process. Consider amending the MTFP and development code.	2021/2022?	Medium	PDD/HPW (TIA Process?)
2021/2022?	Planning & Development develop a consistent partnership with Sunday Streets to demonstrate bike facilities; Evaluate number of people reached and their perceptions of bike facilities	DISCUSS WITH MOSE	Medium	PDD/MOSE
2021/2022?	Improve Sunday Streets. Look for marketing or communications funding to support infrastructure and maintenance. Consider H-GAC grants.	DISCUSS WITH MOSE		PDD/MOSE
2021/2022?	Revise Chapter 17 of the Infrastructure Design Manual			HPW
2021/2022?	PRE-ENGINEERING: Provide clear internal process for how to "CONSIDER" CIP-funded street reconstruction projects for high-comfort bike facilities		High	HPW
2021/2022?	Address internal barriers to traffic calming restrictions and develop a bike boulevard program and toolkit. Prioritize routes to schools.		High	HPW



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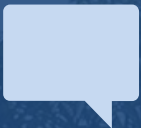
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Announcements

- [Vision Zero Action Plan](#) released
- Participate in the [East End Bike Plan](#) survey and map
- Bikeway engagement
 - [11th Street](#) design meeting tonight at 6:30pm
 - Patterson/Jackson Hill design meeting January 14
- Next Meetings
 - Bicycle Advisory Committee: January 27, 2:30-4:30pm, Microsoft Teams
 - [Full list of 2021 meetings here](#)

