

City of Houston Bicycle Advisory Committee



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January 26, 2022

Call to Order. Chair Tom Compson called the meeting to order at 2:33pm.

Roll Call:

Tom Compson, Chair (P)
Alejandro Perez, Vice Chair (P)
Tracy Alexander (P)
Zion Escobar (A)
Adam J. Williams (P)
Sandra Rodriguez (A)
Com. Kristine Anthony-Miller (P)
Beth Martin (P)
Lisa Graiff (P)
Trevor Reichman (P)
Jessica Wiggins (P)
Yuhayna Mahmud (P)
Nick Hellyar (A)
Judith Villarreal (A)
Amar Mohite (P)
Mike VanDusen (P)
Ana Ramirez Huerta (P)
Nikki Knight (P)
Robin Holzer (P)
Veon McReynolds (P)

Ex-Officio Members:

David Fields (P)
Ian Hlavacek (P)
Juvenal Robles (P)

- 1) Director's Report. David Fields gave the Director's Report.
 - Public engagement for two projects on the Houston Bike Plan is continuing in February:
 - Feb 3: Public presentation on Blodgett and Cleburne bikeways
 - Feb 7: Public updates to the 11th ST bikeway to Houston Heights Association Land Use Committee
 - More information on both and more projects can be found on [Let's Talk Houston](#).
- 2) Chair's Report. Chair Compson gave the Chair's Report:
 - Chair Compson is looking forward to the great things the BAC will accomplish this year and leveraging new funding from the IJJA.

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- Earlier in the week there was a ribbon cutting for the Buffalo Speedway bridge crossing Brays Bayou and the greenway. The new bridge is more inclusive of pedestrians and bicyclists with 10ft wide sidewalks going across.
- 3) Approval of October Minutes. **Motion:** Compson. **Second:** Holzer. **Vote:** Unanimous.
- 4) Public Comment:
- Neil Ehart made comments in support of bikeway improvements on Bagby and Gray Streets and completion of the Houston Bike Plan.
 - Michael Moritz made comments in support of completion of the Houston Bike Plan, bikeway improvements on Austin and Bagby Streets, and advocated for bikeways to be added to Navigation, Commerce, Fairview, and Leeland Streets.
 - Ed Pettitt made comments asking for updates on the METRO bikeway along McGowen Street.
 - Frank Blake made comments in support of completing the Houston Bike Plan as soon as feasible.
 - Bryan Dotson made comments requesting access for annual reports/updates to the Houston Bike Plan. Staff will upload Biennial Reports to the Houston Bikeways website.
 - Bridget Lois Jensen made comments in support of completion of the Houston Bike Plan and the need for more connectivity within the bicycle network. She also made comments in concern for bikeway maintenance and sweeping and a two-way bicycle facility being planned for Dunlavy Street.
 - Keith Hardy made comments in support of adding bicycle infrastructure in the southern and southwestern Houston areas.
 - Dan Phelps made comments in support of completing the Houston Bike Plan and the City of Houston reaching gold-level Bicycle Friendly Community status.
 - Ricky Cardeneas Jr. made comments announcing BikeHouston's "Must Fix List" for bikeway improvements.
- 5) Vote: Subcommittee Chairs / Vice Chairs
- Infrastructure Subcommittee
 - Chair: Joe Cutrufo (pending Mayoral appointment)
 - Vice Chair: Alejandro Perez
 - Motion:** Compson. **Second:** Mohite. **Vote:** Unanimous.
 - Education Subcommittee
 - Chair: Jessica Wiggins
 - Vice Chair: Leah Chambers (pending Mayoral appointment)
 - Motion:** Compson. **Second:** Mahmud. **Vote:** Unanimous.

- 6) Bikeway Fatalities and Serious Injuries: End of the Year Report and Year to Date Report. Commander Kristine Anthony Miller presented updated statistics on traffic crashes involving bicyclists.
- As of 12/31/21:
 - 387 crashes involved bicyclists
 - 11 bicycle fatalities: 6 daytime, 5 nighttime
 - As of 1/24/22:
 - 20 crashes involving bicyclists
 - 0 bicycle fatalities
- 7) Quarterly Updates. Brian Smith II gave updates on ongoing bikeway projects and initiatives.
- Bikeways (notable updates)
 - City of Houston
 - a. Lawndale St construction begun
 - b. 11th St and Patterson St is now at 90% review
 - c. Construction will begin February for Patterson St and N Main St
 - d. 11th St construction is scheduled for summer
 - e. Hillcroft Ave construction is almost complete
 - PCT 2 updates will be in the bikeway updates going forward
 - METRO
 - a. Substantial completion for Cavalcade Phase 2
 - TIRZ 5
 - a. Shepherd/Durham Ph 1 will begin construction in a few weeks
 - b. MKT Improvements will begin construction in a few weeks
 - c. W Dallas will begin construction in a few weeks
 - No Parking in the Bike Lane (as of 1/19/2022)
 - 81 citations issued
 - \$6,010 in fees collected
 - 9 completed Bicycle Friendly Driver training in lieu of fee
 - Maintenance Update
 - A list of high-comfort bikeways not included in the city's existing maintenance contracts is completed and will be submitted to Houston Public Works this week
 - Inventory of narrow (less than 10 ft traversable width) is complete
 - Staff generated a high-level estimate of what it could cost to sweep the existing and programmed bike network at annual, quarterly, monthly, and weekly intervals
- 8) Discussion: BAC Focus for the next 6 months. Vice Chair Perez lead a discussion on how the BAC should focus for the first half of 2022.
- 9) Open Forum.

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10) Announcements and Events:

- Events:
 - 1/27: Safe Routes to School Webinar
 - 2/3: Third Ward Bikeways Virtual Meeting
 - 2/11: Deadline for Harris County Pct 2 Partnership Project Applications
- Next BAC meetings
 - 2/23: Infrastructure Subcommittee
 - 3/23: Education Subcommittee
 - 4/27: Bicycle Advisory Committee

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:36pm.