

# City of Houston Bicycle Advisory Committee



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**January 25, 2022**

Call to Order. Chair Tom Compson called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

Roll Call:

Tom Compson, Chair (P)  
Alejandro Perez, Vice Chair (P)  
Tracy Alexander (P)  
Leah Chambers (A)  
Adam J. Williams (P)  
Carl B. Salazar (A)  
Com. Kristine Anthony-Miller (P)  
Beth Martin (A)  
Lisa Graiff (A)  
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 (A)  
Juvenal Robles (P)

- 1) Director's Report. Jennifer Ostlind in for David Fields gave the Director's Report.
  - Reminded the public is invited to speak during the public comment section of the agenda and meetings documents can be found on [Houston Bike Plan Website](#).
  - Reminded the attendees that open forum section is for committee members to speak only.
- 2) Chair's Report. Chair Compson gave the Chair's Report:
  - Chair Compson wanted to inform and encourage males should get their yearly exam for early detection of prostate cancer. Health is Wealth.



- Chair wanted to acknowledge and celebrate the opening of the MKT Bridge. Pleased with the work that the BAC, Houston Parks Board, and the city are accomplishing through partnerships.
- 3) Approval of October Minutes. **Motion:** Compson. **Second:** Wiggins. **Vote:** Unanimous.
- 4) Public Comment:
- Harrison Lewis - I'd like to politely express on behalf of myself, current neighbors of 8th St. in the Heights and previous neighbors from Midtown are unfortunately not happy with the recent reduction of traffic lanes due to the installation of bike routes on Gray Waugh, and now 11th St. Traffic delays are now increased during busy hours.
  - Frank Karbarz - Please connect 50 feet of trail so cyclists and other Bayou Trail users do not need to exit the Bayou Trail and cross multiple lanes of frontage Rd. at North Braeswood and West Loop.
  - Eddie Andrew - I believe several intersections along existing bikeways could be improved. I noticed recently that at the intersection of Taylor Street and Sawyer Heights Street that new bicycle detectors have been installed. These make it so that you don't have to push the pedestrian walk button instead it automatically recognizes when a bike reaches the intersection. It was a great idea and it seems to work really well. There are two other intersections that would greatly benefit from this upgrade. East TC Jester Ella Blvd. Wakefield Drive at Ella Blvd. TC Jester at Du Barr Lane.
  - Eric Whittaker - I'm a professional engineer of the state of Texas and an active citizen. I'm particularly active in projects that improve my neighborhood and its surroundings. I would like to propose to you a project that would connect Addicks reservoir bike bicycle path with the bicycle path on the north spur of Terry Hershey Park. This path will connect two primary bicycle corridors nearly seamlessly. As a neighbor of this area, I frequently ride this area and I observed a few challenges #1 the intersection at Eldridge Parkway and N Dairy Ashford is challenging for one for pedestrians and cyclists. The north corners of the intersection should be improved for bike and pedestrian traffic at all, if at all possible. The sidewalk on the north side of Park Road, near the intersection of elders and Dairy Ashford, ends abruptly. The end of the sidewalk was no doubt due

to the proceeding area being crowded with utilities, as well as retaining as well as a retaining wall for detention pond to the north. In summary, I proposed to the city for a dedicated bike lane to be installed to connect the two lanes.

- 5) Houston Bicycle Friendly Community 2022 Application Results
  - 2022 application package was 40 pages with 176 questions.
  - After a tough round of voting Houston was award Bronze level and the standing is good until 2026.
  - The committee was impressed with the great work Houston has accomplished since 2018 but feels we have a little more to achieve.
  - David Fields laid out a plan of action on factors we can improve on and possibly resubmit in the near future for Silver Level status.
  - BFC application results can be found on the Bike Houston Website (
- 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.
  - End of 2022 Report:
    - 391 crashes involved bicyclists
    - 12 bicycle fatalities: 2 daytime, 10 nighttime
  - As of 1/13/23:
    - 11 crashes involved bicyclists
    - 1 bicycle fatalities: 0 daytime, 1 nighttime
- 7) Quarterly Updates. Brandon Mosley gave updates on ongoing bikeway projects and initiatives.
  - Bikeways (notable updates)
    - City of Houston
      - a. 11<sup>th</sup> St and Michaux – street rehab complete. Construction of pedestrian refuge island is underway at white oak and Micheaux
      - b. Lawndale St is complete
    - PCT 1 updates will be in the bikeway updates going forward
      - a. No significant updates given
    - PCT 2 updates will be in the bikeway updates going forward
      - a. Kowis and Freeport Streets moved to construction.
    - Houston Parks Board
      - a. Hunting Bayou moved to construction
      - b. Sims Bayou
        - a. Gleenbrook Park to I45, Stuart Park to FM Law Park, Scott to Buffalo Speedway all moved to construction.

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- c. Brays Bayou -Braeburn to Eldridge moves to construction
  - METRO
    - a. No significant updates given
  - TIRZ
    - a. No significant updates given
  - Management Districts
    - a. Walnut Bend is complete
  - TxDOT
    - a. No significant updates given
- No Parking in the Bike Lane (as of 1/3/2023)
    - 185 citations issued (+12)
    - \$12,520 collected (+\$1,485)
    - 22 completed trainings (+4)
- 8) Open Forum
- Committee members discussed various topics on bicycling
- 9) Announcements
- **Next BAC meetings:**
    - Infrastructure Subcommittee: February 22, 2:30-4:30pm; John B. Raia Conference Room/Microsoft Teams
    - Education Subcommittee: March 22, 2:30-4:30pm; John B. Raia Conference Room/Microsoft Teams
    - Bicycle Advisory Committee: April 26, 2:30-4:30pm: Council Chambers/Microsoft Teams

Meeting Adjourned at 4:26pm.