

August 23, 2023

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

Roll Call:

Tom Compson, Chair (A)
Alejandro Perez, Vice Chair BAC (P)
Joe Cutrufo, Chair BAC Infrastructure (P)
Leah Chambers (P)
Lisa Graiff (P)
Trevor Reichman (P)
Jessica Wiggins (A)
Yuhayna Mahmud (A)
Ben Drews (A)
Amar Mohite (P)
Mike VanDusen (P)
Ana Ramirez Huerta(P)
Robin Holzer (A)

Ex-Officio Members:

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

- 1) Director's Report. Director David Fields:
 - Commerce St. not sure if everybody has heard what it's going on. Councilmember Cisneros is funding the removal of the West Belt tracks that are in the street itself. This has been a safety hazard for a while. While that is going on, we're working with her to redesign through striping.
 - Commander Kristine Anthony Miller is retiring. She has been a great partner. She has brought an empathy from the department's recognition of what needs to be done as well to communicate what is needed. She's been a real partner with us. We wish her well in retirement.
- 2) Chair's Report. Chair Joe Cutrufo:

Just a few things to add here, but I first wanted to just address the Commerce St. changes about a year ago. You know if IQ Houston had identified Commerce as a serious gap in the network as you know four different bikeways and at Commerce St. from the East Harrisburg hike and bike trail. And then as you work your way West you've got the White Oak Bayou technically ending there which is an extension. That comes down along Chartres St. via Runnels, and then you've got the Buffalo Bayou Greenway and Austin's getting both ending at Commerce downtown as

well. So, we've been saying for a while, let's connect them. So it's really great news to hear that these gaps are getting filled by different entities, of course, because that's how we do things in Houston. But you know, we're really excited about the fact that the section that's being paid for by District age will have the parking protected bike lanes and that really sets the tone for the rest of the corridor. So, I'm happy about that.

3) Public Comment:

- Christian Parobek
 - I live just off West Belfort (in Westbury) and frequently bike or bus along or across Belfort to get to work, shopping, church, and our daughter's school. West Belfort is intimidating and unsafe because in many places it's an overbuilt six-lane racetrack (and no surprise it's designated as a high-injury road by Houston). Since the road is in rough shape, the city is replacing it piece by piece. It's a shame to see them spending this money without making safety upgrades. In fact, I suspect smoother roads will speed up traffic and lead to more crashes. What can be done to encourage the city to make safety upgrades when they do road work? Before moving to Houston, we lived in Providence RI, which passed a green and complete streets ordinance in 2021 mandating that safety and multimodal transit be considered anytime the city did road work ([link](#)). Could we push for something like this in Houston?
 - Staff addressed comment via email

4) Presentation: Pat Walsh Memorial Bikeway

- Motion By Holzer for infrastructure Subcommittee recommends that this presentation comes before the BAC in October for a vote in favor of a letter of recommendation to forward to PC or City Council
 - 2nd By Reichman
 - Vote: unanimous

5) Presentation GBH&BT Extension to Piping Rock

- 1.2 miles, 10' asphalt, \$450,000 using Pct. 4 Trailblazer. Need 2024 P4P match minimum \$90k, \$180k better.
- Entirely on Corps of Engineers and COH property. No utilities; previously disturbed ground.
- Cyclist fatality on Hwy 6 at Briar Forest in 2022. Parallel SH6 priority high injury network segment. Desire line exists on trail route.
- On border of COH Dist. F on west and G on east. Entire scope and surroundings Pct. 4. No special districts.
- **Ask: Commit \$35k for FY25**

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- No action taken by committee. B.Dotson to do more research and return in FY 24.
- 6) Presentation: Temporary Bots Dots Installations
 - Current practice presents a hazard to cyclists.
 - My encounters since Dec. 2021: Memorial at Picnic Lane, Washington at Durham, Park Row at Addicks P&R.
 - Simple fix: leave out center dots to provide a clear path for cyclist.
 - Motion By Chambers for infrastructure Subcommittee to forward this issue to Public Works
 - 2nd By Cutrufo
 - Vote: unanimous
- 7) Open Forum
- 8) Announcements and Events:
 - Next BAC meetings
 - 09/27/23: Education Subcommittee
 - 10/25/23: Bicycle Advisory Committee
 - 11/15/23: Infrastructure Subcommittee

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 3:32pm.