

# City of Houston Bicycle Advisory Committee Infrastructure Subcommittee



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**November 15, 2023**

Call to Order. Subcommittee Chair Joe Cutrufo called the meeting to order at 2:40pm.

## Roll Call:

Tom Compson, BAC Chair	<b>Present</b>
Alejandro Perez, BAC Vice Chair	<b>Present</b>
Joe Cutrufo, Subcommittee Chair	<b>Present</b>
Leah Chambers	<b>Present</b>
Lisa Graiff	<b>Present</b>
Trevor Reichman	<b>Present</b>
Jessica Wiggins	Absent
Yuhayna Mahmud	Absent
Ben Drews	<b>Present</b>
Amar Mohite	<b>Present</b>
Mike VanDusen	<b>Present</b>
Ana Ramirez Huerta	Absent
Robin Holzer	<b>Present</b>

## Ex-Officio Members:

David Fields	<b>Present</b>
Ian Hlavacek	Absent
Juvenal Robles	Absent

- Director's Report. David Fields gave the Director's Report.
  - BAC Reappointments. BAC members with terms expiring in January must contact staff to give their intentions on whether they plan to seek reappointment. We're maintaining a list of BAC members who'd like reappointment and a list of potential new members to contact. Remember staff gives recommendations, but BAC members are ultimately appointed by the Mayor.
  - For the last year staff has been updating the Infrastructure Design Manual's chapters 15 (Traffic and Signal Design) and 17 (Bicycle, Transit and Pedestrian Design). The changes will go into effect November 27, and staff will present bikeway-specific updates to the BAC in 2024.
- Chair's Report. Joe Cutrufo gave the Chair's Report.
  - BikeHouston is updating the Houston Bike Map. It's a nice problem to continue to update in the middle of design because so many bikeways are being completed. However, maintenance and detours need to be more consistent. A more cohesive method of temporary and long-term detours is needed. We also need to keep a

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- concerted effort to keep bikeways clean. Volunteers cannot do it alone. Continue to report clogged bike lanes to 311.
- The election is ongoing. We have a good tailwind with the current administration furthering the goal to be a Gold-level bike friendly community, but there is still work to do. It's up to this committee to keep moving the work forward.
  - Public Comment.
    - No public comments were submitted via email.
    - Bryan Dotson made comments regarding his presentation at a previous meeting on connecting Buffalo Bayou and Brays Bayou trails via a new trail at Piping Rock/SH 6.
    - Ed Pettitt made comments advocating for a unifying policy to standardize improvements to the Columbia Tap trail, which currently has different agencies improving different extents of the trail with different standards.
  - Brazos River Park Trails and Pump Track. BAC member Ben Drews and City of Sugar Land Councilman William Ferguson presented on the community benefits of installing pump tracks and the economic benefits reaped by the City of Sugar Land, which recently installed a pump track at Brazos River Park.
  - Community Benefits of Pump Tracks and Skills Areas. Jeremy Jones of American Ramp Company presented on planning, design, and construction considerations for pump track and skills area installation.
  - Discussion: Future Bikeways Metrics and Data. Staff member Brian Smith II led a discussion asking the BAC's feedback for metrics to add to routine bikeways reporting.  
Additions:
    - Sweeper usage: times sweeper goes out; maintenance issues; 311 calls for sweeping.
    - Bike counts
    - Safety/Crashes: comparison with HIN and HC bikeways map, speed limits and bikeways, crashes on streets with HC bike facilities
    - RFI: presentation to BAC on the state of BCycle/bike share in Houston
  - Open Forum.
  - Announcements/Events.
    - Texas Statewide Active Transportation Plan. TxDOT is seeking public comments for the state's first Statewide Active Transportation Plan. Comments must be postmarked by Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Learn more on their website:

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<https://www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/statewide/statewide-active-transportation-plan.html>,

- NHHIP Public Meetings. TxDOT is hosting a series of public meetings on the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (I-45).
  - In-Person: 12/6, 12/11, 12/14
  - Virtual: 12/7, 12/12, 12/13
  - Meeting information is online: <https://www.txdot.gov/nhhip/public-engagement/public-meeting-series-december-2023.html>
- Upcoming BAC Meetings
  - **Education Subcommittee: 12/20, 2:30pm**
  - **Bicycle Advisory Committee: 1/24, 2:30**
  - **Infrastructure Subcommittee: 2/28, 2:30**

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:34pm.