City of Houston BAC Infrastructure Subcommittee





May 24, 2023

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

Roll Call:

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

Ex-Officio Members:

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

- 1) Director's Report. Director David Fields
 - We are working on getting bike racks in the front and back of the covered areas of the City Hall Annex. We are working with different departments on funding and design scheme. You will get more information about this in the next couple of months.
- 2) Chair's Report. BAC Chair Tom Compson gave the Chair's Report:
 - Disappointed that there wasn't better attendance for this subcommittee;
 especially when there are two excellent speakers on two wonderful topics.
- 3) Public Comment:
 - George Frey Hello Houston Bicycle Advisory Committee,
 - On Tuesday May 2, approximately 150 students, teachers, and parents rode to Sinclair Elementary for National Bike to School Day. This was only possible with the efforts of five (5) police cruisers from HPD & HISD Police in addition to school zone beacons and crossing guard. This typical route requires navigating multiple major thoroughfares and 3 intersections listed on Houston's High Injury Network (6% of streets that cause 60% of fatalities).

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 To allow the community to safely access schools, parks, churchs, restaurants, and shops without driving, Harris County Precinct 4 is sponsoring a grant application to create safer crossings and trails on

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Centerpoint easements. Eventually, these trails would connect to White Oak Bayou Trail, Northwest Transit Center, affordable housing, Spring Branch Trail, proposed high speed rail, Inner Katy BRT and even Memorial Park. Please leverage the attached template to issue a letter of support for the project by May 19. Thank you, George Frey. President SNC14- Lazybrook/Timbergrove

- o Virginia Lynn from Public works responded.
- Laura Díez- Hello, My name is Laura Diez, and I am the Programs Chair for the Norhill Neighborhood Association. Our little slice of the Heights sits just north of 11th street and west of North Main both of which have been affected by bike lanes in the past months. We'd love to invite someone from the Committee to speak at our neighborhood meeting this month. We meet on May 30 from 6:30 7:30pm at Proctor Plaza Park, and our guest speaker usually begins between 7:00 7:10pm. We can provide a projector if you have a presentation. Please let me know if someone would be able to chat with our neighbors about bike lanes in our area!
- Cynthia- Hello, I hope this email finds you well, I recently saw the Cavalcade-Homestead Bikeway Project and am really excited for it. As a resident who lives nearby, who could I contact about adding bike lanes/sidewalks near Busby Park? There's a bustop on the corner and it would feel safer if one existed by car there go fast so I don't feel safe enough biking or walking to the bus stop. I would really love if that was implemented as it would allow more people to take public transportation as I know I would definitely do so. Please let me know if your thoughts. Thank you, Cynthia.
 - Staff responded via Email
- 4) Presentations: North and South Canal Project
- 5) Presentations: Introduction of GHORBA & MTB
- 6) Open Forum
- 7) Announcements and Events:
 - Next BAC meetings
 - o 03/22/23: Education Subcommittee
 - o 04/26/23: Bicycle Advisory Committee
 - 05/24/23: Infrastructure Subcommittee
 - Public Meeting Navigation
 - 02/28/23: 5pm 7:30pm at Shell Energy Stadium,
 2301 Walker Street
 - Columbia Tap Trail Design Charrette
 - 02/24/23: 1:30pm 2:30pm at Cuney Homes Community Center, 3240 Truxillo Street

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- 2nd Annual Third Ward on Tap: Trill Edition
 - 03/11/23: 10am 2pm at Cuney Homes Community Center, 3240 Truxillo Street

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:21pm.