Draft Minutes of the Bicycle Advisory Committee Infrastructure Subcommittee

Meeting Held on Thursday, August 30, 2018 in John B Raia Conference Room 2:30 pm

Call to Order

Chair Maya Ford called meeting to order at 2:45pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Maya Ford, Chair
Clark Martinson, Vice Chair
Alejandro Perez
Yuhayna McCoy
Matt Starr
Amar Mohite
Robin Holzer
Oni Blair
Ana Ramirez Huerta
Mike VanDusen

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sharon Moses-Burnside and Jennifer Ostlind on Behalf of Patrick Walsh lan Hlavacek

1. Director's Report

None.

2. Chair's Report

The Chair's Report was given by Chair Maya Ford. Chair Ford has been working with BikeHouston to prepare for the Midnight Ramble. Once school started, she rode with neighborhood kids to school, particularly MacGregor Elementary. She urged members to collaborate with bike rides and for the City to consider a way to take input on bikeways, especially near schools.

3. Staff update and discussion of Safer Streets Initiative

lan Hlavacek provided an update on next steps for the twelve identified intersections to expand the Safer Streets Initiative. Data collection and analysis will begin in September to capture school activity. Houston Pubic Works is working with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to do a roadway safety audit, which will take a detailed look at the intersections with a multidisciplinary group of experts. A formal list of recommendations will result from the audit. Data collection could take approximately six months, but more details will be known in the next couple of weeks after speaking to FHWA. Staff will have another update by the Education Subcommittee meeting on September 13th and make the information available to be distributed to the community.

4. Staff update and discussion regarding bike facility implementation

Staff member Melissa Beeler provided an update on planning efforts toward new bikeway networks. The Hardy/Elysian spine, from 610 to downtown, may be the first major project to be constructed, recently entering the design phase. Harris County Precinct 1 is working to prioritize additional corridors identified through the Complete Communities process.

Precinct 1 and the City jointly agreed to pursue three additional corridors:

- A Southeast network, including but not limited to MLK and Yellowstone, to connect Sunnyside, OST/South Union and other neighborhoods to key destinations like Brays Bayou, MacGregor Park;
- A corridor primarily of Gregg St through Fifth Ward and Kashmere Gardens, connecting the east sector of Buffalo Bayou trail to the recently completed Hunting Bayou trail; and
- A corridor primarily of Patterson and Woodhead, linking the recently completed White Oak Bayou trail with Buffalo Bayou, then on to Brays Bayou, also including an intersection at Washington Ave identified as a priority through the Safer Streets process.

PD has begun engaging some stakeholders for all these corridors and solicits the BAC's help in identifying others. Questions were taken.

5. Announcements

The <u>Kinder Street Safety Summit</u> will take place on September 27th at Leonel Castillo Community Center. There will be a mobile workshop and lunch. Committee Member Dr. Veon McReynolds and Maria Town will speak on the first panel.

The Bike Museum is looking for a new home.

BikeHouston's Midnight Ramble will take place on October 27th.

6. Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Chair Maya Ford adjourned the meeting at 4:25pm.