

July 24, 2024

Call to Order. Chair Tom Compson called the meeting to order at 2:15pm.

Roll Call:

Tom Compson, Chair (P)
Alejandro Perez, Vice Chair (P)
Tracy Alexander (A)
Leah Chambers (A)
Adam J. Williams (A)
Carl B. Salazar (A)
Joe Cutrufo (P)
Lisa Graiff (P)
Trevor Reichman (P)
Yuhayna Mahmud (A)
Nick Hellyar (A)
Ben Drews (P)
Amar Mohite (A)
Mike VanDusen (P)
Robin Holzer (P)
Veon McReynolds (P)

Ex-Officio Members:

Jennifer Ostlind (P)
Ian Hlavacek (A) *Virginia Lynn present for HPW*
Patricc Fortiori (P)

Incoming Planning & Development Director Vonn Tran present.

Item 1: Director's Report. Jennifer Ostlind gave the Director's Report.

Both Strategic Bikeways projects are at 100% design and at final review by the administration. Houston Public Works staff are preparing a bid package for the projects to advertise to contractors when given approval.

Houston BCycle ceased operations this summer. The City is responsible for the bike share equipment. Staff is working to get the equipment to other cities for their bike share programs and will auction off some bikes and equipment to the public.

Introducing the new Planning and Development Department director, Vonn Tran.

Item 2: Chair's Report. Chair Tom Compson gave the Chair's Report.

Chair Compson recommends the BAC read *Bike Battles: A History of Sharing the American Road* by James Longhurst, which discusses the history of bicycles on our roads and how the struggles and themes around bicycling have not changed much since earlier times. Of note: the final chapter talks of the 1970s and how the energy crisis and oil embargo influenced more adults to ride bicycles.

Item 3: Approval of April 2024 Minutes.

No changes recommended.

Motion: McReynolds **Second:** Cutrufo **Vote:** Unanimous **Abstain:** None

Item 4: Public Comment.

Kevin Strickland spoke regarding the proposed Pat Walsh Bikeway.

Lindsay Aldrich Walsh spoke regarding the proposed Pat Walsh Bikeway.

Item 5: Vote for Vice Chair

Vote in favor of keeping current Vice Chair Alejandro Perez

Motion: Alejandro **Second:** McReynolds **Vote:** Unanimous **Abstain:** None

Table Vice Chair vote for July meeting.

Item 6: Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway Presentation. Brian D. Smith, II presented on the proposed Pat Walsh Bikeway naming, the staff recommended alternative, and opened the 45-day public comment period.

Item 7: Quarterly Updates

7A: Bikeway Fatalities and Serious Injuries.

- 2024 Fatality Report
 - o 3 fatality YTD
 - o 234 crashes involving bicyclists

7B: Bikeway Projects. **All projects with designs that incorporate reducing motor vehicle lanes or on-street protected bike facilities are on hold, pending further review by the Mayor's Administration.**

Notable Updates:

City of Houston

Bicycle Advisory Committee



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- Confirmed Projects
 - o Quitman St (COH, HCPCT2, Greater Northside MD, METRO)
 - o Shepherd/Durham Phase 2 (TIRZ 5-MHDA)
- Houston Parks Board:
 - o Brays Bayou/Mason Park trail connection under the UPRR bridge (north side) is **complete**.

8C: No Parking in the Bike Lane.

- As of 7/22/24:
 - o 310 citations issues (+22)
 - o \$22,000 in fines collected (+\$2,835)
 - o 36 completed trainings (+5)
 - o 7 new locations since last report
- Top/New Locations
 - o Top 3: 9100 Galveston Rd, 2300 Polk St, 900 Bastrop St
 - o New Locations (7): 2100 Walker St, 1400 Lamar St, 1900 Heights Blvd, 2300 Elysian St, 2800 Elysian St, 4100 Hardy Rd, 800 Travis St

Item 9: Open Forum

Wilson Calvert is joining the Transportation Team and will assist facilitating BAC meetings.

Thanks to Virginia Lynn for her contributions to the City of Houston during her tenure at Houston Public Works.

Item 10: Announcements

Next Meetings

- Infrastructure Subcommittee: August 28, 2:00pm; John B. Raia Conference Room/MS Teams
- Education Subcommittee: September 25, 2:00pm; John B. Raia Conference Room/MS Teams
- Bicycle Advisory Committee: October 23, 2:00pm; Council Chambers ***in-person only***

Meeting Adjourned at 3:53pm.