



**August 28, 2024**

Call to Order. Chair Joe Cutrufo began the meeting at 2:06pm.

Roll Call: (**bold** indicates present)

**Joe Cutrufo, Chair**

Tom Compson, BAC Chair

**Alejandro Perez, BAC Vice Chair**

Leah Chambers

Lisa Graiff

**Trevor Reichman**

Yuhayna Mahmud

**Ben Drews**

Amar Mohite

**Mike VanDusen**

Robin Holzer

Ex-Officio Members:

**Nicole Broussard, Planning & Development**

Ian Hlavacek, Houston Public Works

**Patricc Fortiori, Parks & Recreation**

**Item 1: Director's Report.** Nicole Broussard. She introduced herself as the new ex-officio member representing the Planning Department.

**Item 2: Chair's Report.** Chair Joe Cutrufo gave the Chair's Report.

Three topics were covered in the chair's report:

- 1) Bike Lane Maintenance is severely lacking. The City of Houston had previously purchased a mechanical sweeper designed for bike lane use, and it was permanently broken after about 6 months of use. Many cyclists are not willing to ride in the bike lanes because of the large amounts of debris. Currently, Bike Houston is doing some lane maintenance and clearing debris leftover from Hurricane Beryl, but the city shouldn't expect local residents to have to do this themselves.
- 2) METRO unanimously passed a board action for the execution of an ebike rental system akin to Houston BCycle 11 months ago, but METRO has not entered into the agreement or started the program. No information has been supplied by METRO on the cause of the delay or the status of the program.

- 3) Bike Houston has partnered with the Houston Parks Board to install some bike and pedestrian counters around the city. 3 counters with associated display boards, solar cells, and battery system will count riders as they pass the counter. Right now, we don't know how many people are actually riding the trails, and this will give the bike community hard evidence.

**Item 3: Public Comment.**

No written comments were submitted prior to the meeting.

BAC Vice Chair Alejandro Perez echoed the comments that Chair Cutrufo gave during the chair's report and also provided some information that he is working on a bike club at University of Houston-Downtown.

**Item 4: High Comfort Bikeways for Bissonnet SSFA**

Dan Nagel walked the group through potential neighborhood bikeway crossings on the large scale Bissonnet rehabilitation project that is scheduled to be designed and constructed over the next several years. He is a resident of the area and identified five potential crossing sites and suggested that the road designers integrate the crossings now. Bryan Dotson talked about the potential costs and schedule for the project.

**Item 5: Open Forum**

Trevor Reichman explained the he would be the liaison for Houston for the bike riding tracking app Love2Ride. The app allows automatic collection of bike usage data and lets entities compete against each other to see who is riding their bikes more. Biketober is a focus for some competition.

Bryan Dotson talked about how his employer, BP, bought one of the orphaned BCycle bikes for \$25 and they are providing it to employees on a 1 week trial basis with a helmet. It is the beginning of the program.

**Item 6: Announcements.**

Alejandro Perez had information on a bike building event with icycle on Sept 14 from 8-12.

Joe Cutrufo announced the Hermann Park "Park to Port ride" would be on October 26.

**Next Meetings**

- Education Subcommittee: September 25

# City of Houston BAC Infrastructure Subcommittee



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- Bicycle Advisory Committee: October 23
- Infrastructure Subcommittee: November 20

Meeting Adjourned at 2:56pm.

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