

# Bicycle Advisory Committee

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July 24, 2024



PLANNING &  
DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT

# Mission and Vision

## **BAC Mission**

To advise and make recommendations to the commission and the director on issues related to bicycling in the city including, but not limited to, amendments to the Bike Plan, bicycle safety and education, implementation of the Bike Plan, development of strategies for funding projects related to bicycling, and promoting public participation in bicycling.

## **BAC Vision**

By 2027, the City of Houston will be a Safer, More Accessible, Gold Level Bike-Friendly City

# Roll Call

Tom Compson, Chair

Alejandro Perez, Vice Chair

Tracy Alexander

Leah Chambers

Adam J. Williams

Carl B. Salazar

Joe Cutrufo

Lisa Graiff

Trevor Reichman

Yuhayna Mahmud

Nick Hellyar

Ben Drews

Amar Mohite

Mike VanDusen

Nikki Knight

Robin Holzer

Veon McReynolds

## **Ex-officio Members:**

Ian Hlavacek

Jennifer Ostlind

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# Agenda

1. Director's Report
2. Chair's Report
3. Approval of April 2024 Minutes
4. Public Comment
5. Vote for Vice Chair
6. Proposed Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway
7. Quarterly Updates
  - a) Bikeway Fatalities and Serious Injuries Year-to-Date
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  - c) No Parking in the Bike Lane
8. Open Forum
9. Announcements

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# Director's Report

Jennifer Ostlind, AICP  
Interim Director  
Planning and Development

# Chair's Report

Tom Compson  
Community Advocate  
Chair, BAC

# Approval of April 2024 BAC Minutes

# Public Comment

Send **written comments** to [bac@houstontx.gov](mailto:bac@houstontx.gov) by 5:00pm the day before BAC meetings. Comments will be read aloud by staff during the meeting.

The public is invited to give comments in person at the beginning of the meeting. Please submit a comment card if you intend to speak.

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**Vote for Vice Chair**

# Vote for Vice Chair, Subcommittee Chairs

**Vice Chair:** Alejandro Perez

## Roles and Responsibilities

Perform all duties of the chair when the chair is absent or unable to perform such duties

- Collaborate with staff on planning agendas  
(***all non-staff presentations*** must be approved by the Chair or Vice Chair)

# Proposed Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway

Brian D. Smith, II  
Planning & Development

# Proposed Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway

**Applicant Request:** Name the following corridors of existing and future bicycle facilities after past Planning & Development Director Patrick “Pat” Walsh

**Applicant Justification:** Acknowledge Pat Walsh’s service to the City of Houston and his dedication to active transportation.

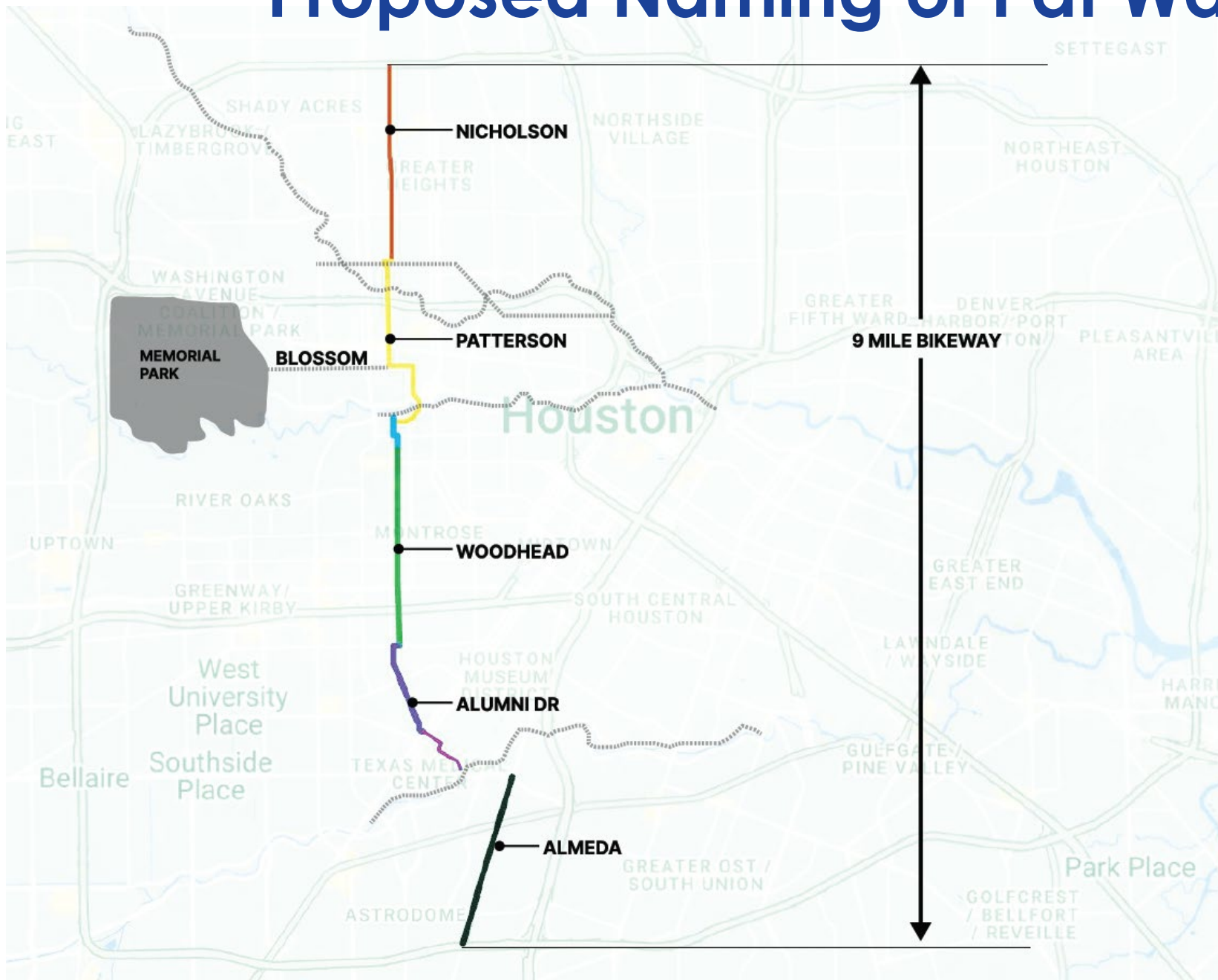
- Planning Director from 2014-2018
- Led adoption of City’s first general plan (Plan Houston) and the **Houston Bike Plan**, the first update to the bicycle master plan in 24 years

## **Support:**

- 2x presentations to BAC
- 25+ letters of support from residents and agencies



# Proposed Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway



- Almeda Rd (Holly Hall St to Herman Park/Brays Bayou)
- Alumni Dr/Kent St from Rice U. to Bissonnet St
- Woodhead St from Bissonnet St to W. Clay St
- Jackson Hill St/Blossom St/Patterson St from Buffalo Bayou to White Oak Bayou
- Nicholson St from MKT Trail to 26<sup>th</sup> St

# Proposed Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway

**Staff Process:** Evaluate the proposal and assess appropriateness in accordance with Executive Order 1-47, *Naming of City Facilities*

Used to rename any City-owned facilities after individuals who made exceptional contributions to the City of Houston. *First request for a facility in the right-of-way.*

## Assessment Criteria:

- Geography
- Appropriateness
- Exceptional contributions to the City
- Well-defined connection associated between the individual's contributions and the City facility.

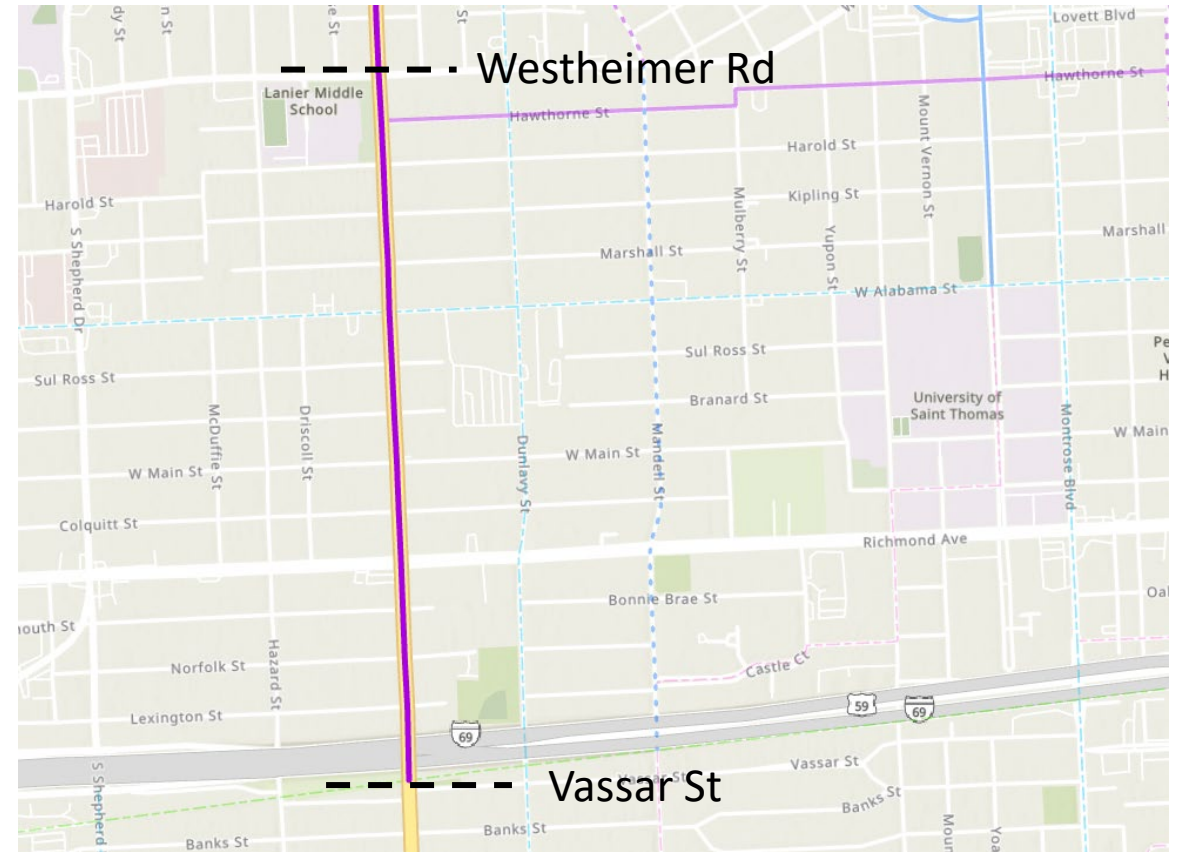
After assessment, appropriate staff will present findings to the Mayor's Office, collect public comment regarding the proposed naming, and provide a recommendation for consideration by the City Council.

# Proposed Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway

**Recommended Staff Alternative:** Name the segment of the existing high-comfort bicycle facility on Woodhead St, from Vassar Street to Westheimer Rd the Pat Walsh Bikeway.

## Justification for Change:

- The bikeway on Woodhead is an *existing facility*.
- Well-defined connection between Pat Walsh and Montrose, the neighborhood Pat lived in and where his family currently resides.



# Proposed Naming of Pat Walsh Bikeway

## Next Steps:

- 7/24: Open Public Comment Period  
Provide comments via July and Aug BAC Meetings, Let's Talk Houston, and department email addresses ([mobility.planning@houstontx.gov](mailto:mobility.planning@houstontx.gov), [bikeways@houstontx.gov](mailto:bikeways@houstontx.gov), [bac@houstontx.gov](mailto:bac@houstontx.gov))
- 9/8: Close Public Comment Period
- 9/9-10/22: Staff review of Public Comments; publish final report
- 10/23: Present public engagement summary and final report at BAC meeting. No vote required.
- TBD: Mayor and City Council consideration on naming



# Quarterly Updates

Brian D. Smith, II  
Planning & Development

# **Bikeway Fatalities and Serious Injuries Year-to-Date**

Decedent Type	YTD 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2024	2022-2024 % Change	2023-2024 % Change
<b>Bicyclist</b>	9	10	3	-67%	-70%
<b>E-Bike</b>	0	1	1	100%	0%

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(incl e-bike)

# 2024 FATALITY REPORT

(AS OF, 7/18/24)

Division	#	Major	Minor	FATAL*	DWI	FSRA	FSGI
Downtown	10	8	2	0	0	3	0
Central	47	35	12	0	1	6	3
North	19	15	4	0	0	6	2
Northwest	13	10	3	0	0	3	1
Northeast	19	17	2	1	0	3	0
Kingwood	10	7	3	0	0	1	1
South Central	17	12	5	0	0	2	1
Eastside	12	8	4	0	0	5	0
Clear Lake	5	4	1	0	0	1	1
Southeast	12	10	2	1	0	4	0
Southwest	14	11	3	0	1	1	1
South Gessner	11	9	2	0	0	4	0
Midwest	14	12	2	1	1	4	0
Westside	28	21	8	0	0	8	3
North Belt	2	2	0	1	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>13</b>

- YTD stats (as of 7/18/24)
- 234 total crashes involving a pedalcyclist as one of the units
- Intersections with multiple crashes = 1

# CRASHES (PEDALCYCLIST) YTD 2024

# Bikeway Project Updates

# Bikeway Projects

## **Confirmed:**

- Quitman St (COH, HCPCT2, Greater Northside MD, METRO)
- Shepherd/Durham Phase 2 (TIRZ 5-MHDA)

## **HPB Updates:**

- Brays Bayou/Mason Park trail connection under the UPRR bridge (north side) is COMPLETE.

**No Parking in the Bike Lane Updates**

# No Parking in the Bike Lane

As of July 22, 2024:

- 310 citations issued (+22)
- \$22,000 collected (+\$2,835)
- 36 completed trainings (+5)
- 7 new locations since last report



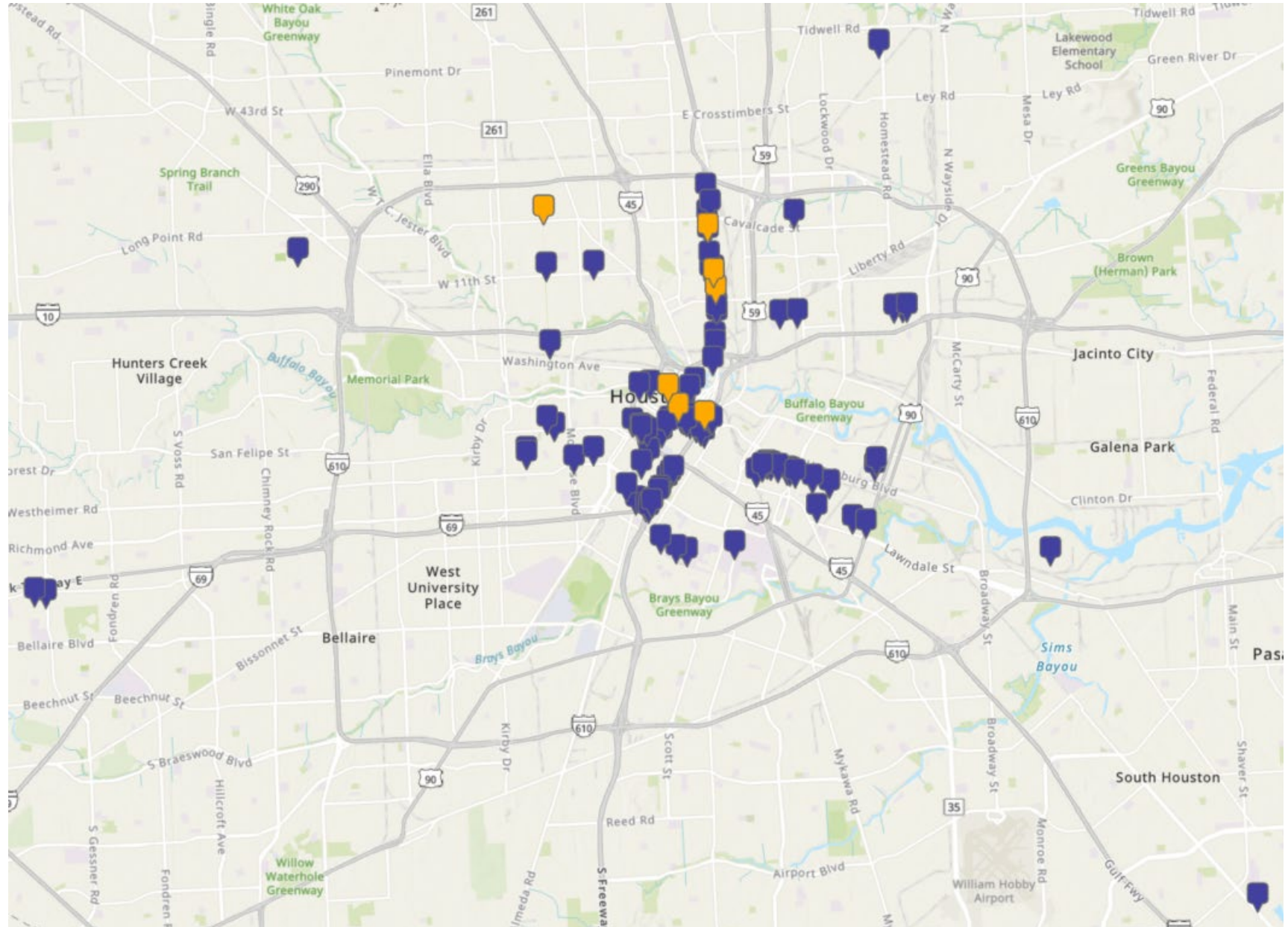
# No Parking in the Bike Lane

## Top 3 Locations:

- 9100 Galveston Rd (39)
- 2300 Polk St (36)
- 900 Bastrop St (24)

## 7 New Locations:

- 2100 Walker St (3)
- 1400 Lamar St (1)
- 1900 Heights Blvd (1)
- 2300 Elysian St (1)
- 2800 Elysian St (1)
- 4100 Hardy Rd (1)
- 800 Travis St (1)



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# Open Forum

# Announcements and Events

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## Next Meetings

- **Infrastructure Subcommittee:** August 28, 2:00-4:00pm:  
John B. Raia Conference Room/Microsoft Teams
- **Education Subcommittee:** September 25, 2:00-4:00pm:  
John B. Raia Conference Room/Microsoft Teams
- **Bicycle Advisory Committee:** October 23, 2:30-4:30pm:  
Council Chambers **(In-Person Only)**

# Thank You



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