City of Houston
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Education Subcommittee

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

HOUSTON BIKEPLAN

Meeting to be held in person and virtually via Microsoft Office Teams
Wednesday, September 25, 2024. 2:00 – 4:00pm
John B. Raia Conference Room, 611 Walker St

Call-In Option: +1 936-755-1521 **Conference ID:** 790 986 636#

Microsoft Teams

For meeting documents, please visit our website

Comments received via email by 5:00pm September 24th will be read into the record during public comment.

The public is invited to speak for up to two (2) minutes each either at the beginning of the meeting or at the end.

Agenda

Discussion Regarding the Following Items:

1. Director's Report
2. Chair's Report
3. Public Comment
4. Idaho Stop
5. Biketober/Love to Ride October Challenge
6. Open Forum
7. Announcements/Events

City of Houston
BAC Education Subcommittee

September 25, 2024

Call to Order. Chair Leah Chambers began the meeting at 2:04pm.

Roll Call: (**bold** indicates present)
Joe Cutrufo
Tom Compson, BAC Chair
Alejandro Perez, BAC Vice Chair
Leah Chambers, Chair
Lisa Graiff
Carl Salazar
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 Leah Chambers gave the Chair's report.

1) Leah spoke about how she was currently in San Francisco as was impressed with how many bike lanes had been built there. There were so many people using the bike lanes that there were some conflicts arising between bicycles and scooters and cargo bikes.

Item 3: Public Comment.

No written comments were submitted prior to the meeting and no one in attendance made a public comment.

Item 4: Idaho Stop

DRAFT

The group discussed the history of the Idaho Stop – cyclists being allowed to treat stop signs as yield signs, and in some states, red lights as stop signs.

The laws need to be changed at the state level, and with the upcoming session we discussed the process by how this might be changed. Previous efforts were addressed as well.

This led to a discussion topic being requested for the full BAC meeting in October to discuss legislative priorities.

Item 5: Biketober/Love to Ride October challenge

Trevor Reichman explained 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.

Item 6: Open Form

- Alejandro asked how we can integrate micromobility into the BAC mission.
- Amar talked about how the Houston Bike Plan was formed alongside the concept of micromobility. Many people use bike lanes for tasks other than riding bikes, like jogging.
- Leah talked about people using scooters in San Francisco transit lanes.
- Trevor talked about classification challenges of bikes vs scooters.
- Amar talked about the different rules that the different classifications have to follow.
- Alejandro brought up a trail closure by UH-Downtown.
- Staff member Wilson Calvert was asked to coordinate with HPW to find out if there are any standards for bike parking.

Item 7: Announcements.

Staffer Wilson Calvert announced an H-GAC TIRZ mobility meeting to be held on Tuesday October 1.

Robin Holzer announced the Hermann Park “Park to Port ride” would be on October 26.

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

DRAFT

City of Houston
BAC Education Subcommittee

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

HOUSTON BIKEPLAN

Meeting Adjourned at 3:40pm.

DRAFT

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Education Subcommittee

September 25, 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

BAC Education Subcommittee Roll Call

Leah Chambers, Chair

Tom Compson, BAC Chair

Carl B. Salazar

Joe Cutrufo

Lisa Graiff

Ben Drews

Robin Holzer

Ex-Officio Members

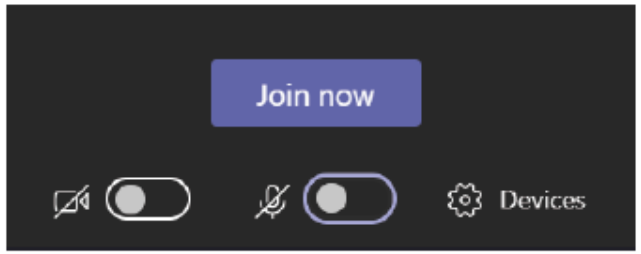
Ian Hlavacek

Nicole Broussard

Patricc Fortiori

Microsoft Teams Meeting Instructions

Microsoft Teams Meeting Instructions



Please Remember to Stay on Mute, unless Identified by the Chair to speak

If you are connecting through the phone, please mute/unmute by pressing *6





Agenda

1. Director’s Report
2. Chair’s Report
3. Public Comment
4. Idaho Stop
5. Biketober/Love to Ride October Challenge
6. Open Forum
7. Announcements/Events

The public is invited to speak for up to two (2) minutes each at the beginning of the meeting.

Director’s Report

Nicole Broussard
Deputy Assistant Director,
Planning & Development

Chair’s Report

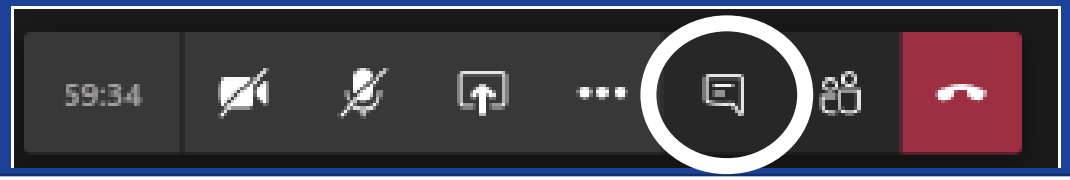
Leah Chambers
Chair, Education Subcommittee
Outside Voices

Public Comment

Send **written comments** to bac@houstontx.gov by 5:00pm the day before a BAC meeting. Comments will be read aloud by staff during the meeting.

Comment by **Phone:** to join dial 936-755-1521; ID 675 511 783# Press ***6** to unmute when called upon by the Chair

Comment via **Microsoft Teams**: Type your name and that you would like to comment



Potential Texas State Law Change: Idaho Stop

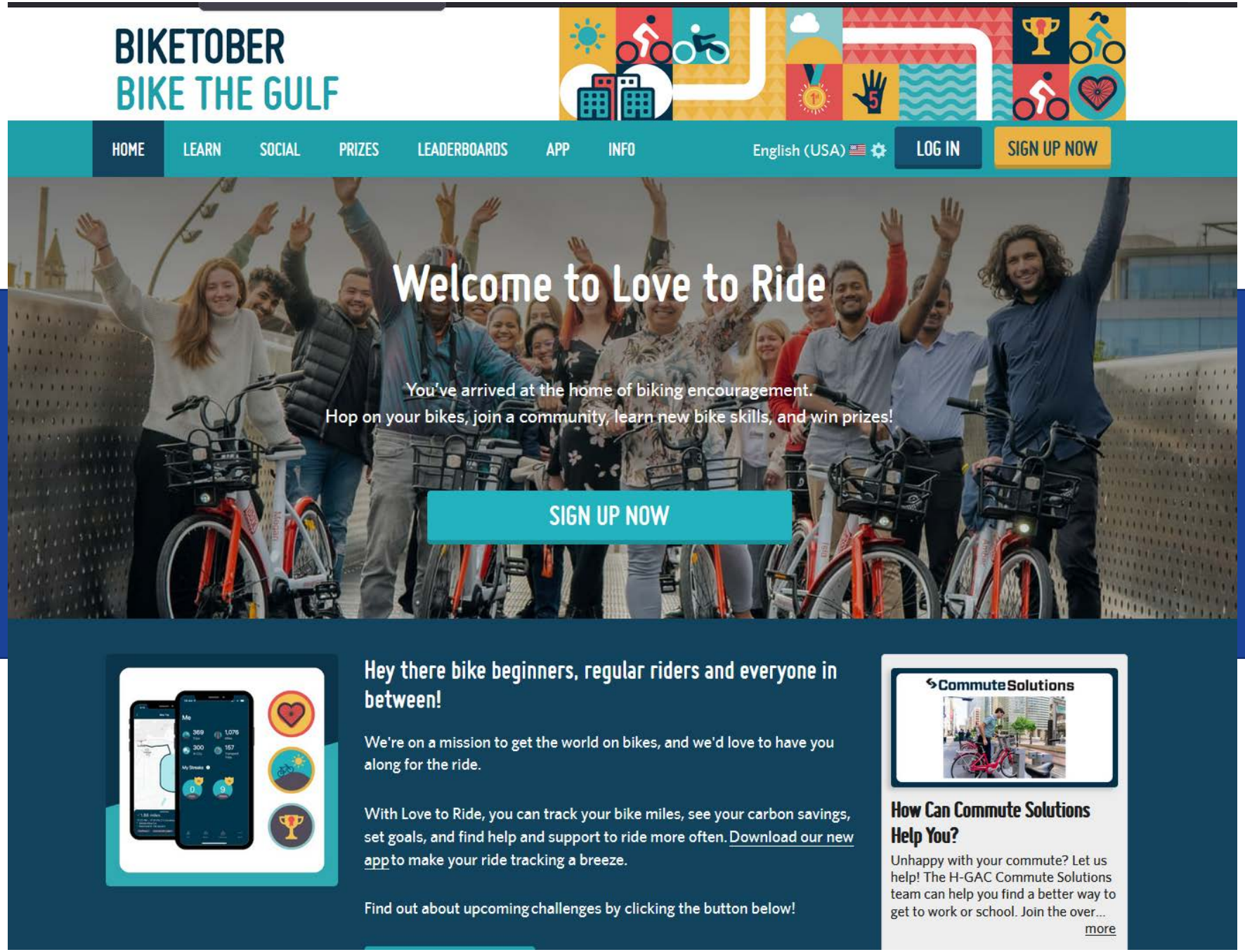
The **Idaho stop** is the informal name for a law that allows cyclists to treat a stop sign as a yield sign, and in some places, a red light as a stop sign.

Legality by US state [edit]

State	Stop-as-yield	Red-light-as-stop	Year passed
Idaho	Yes	Yes	1982
Delaware	Yes	No	2017
Arkansas	Yes	Yes	2019
Oregon	Yes	No	2019
Washington	Yes[4]	No	2020
Utah	Yes	No	2021
North Dakota	Yes	No	2021
Oklahoma	Yes	Yes	2021
Colorado	Yes	Yes	2022[1]
Washington, DC	Yes	No[2]	2022
Minnesota	Yes	No[5]	2023
Alaska	Yes	Yes	2023
% of US population	**11.6%**	**4.5%**	

Biketober/Love to Ride Challenge

LoveToRide.net



Agenda

1. ~~Director's Report~~
2. ~~Chair's Report~~
3. ~~Public Comment~~
4. ~~Idaho Stop~~
5. ~~Biketober/Love to Ride October Challenge~~
6. Open Forum
7. Announcements/Events

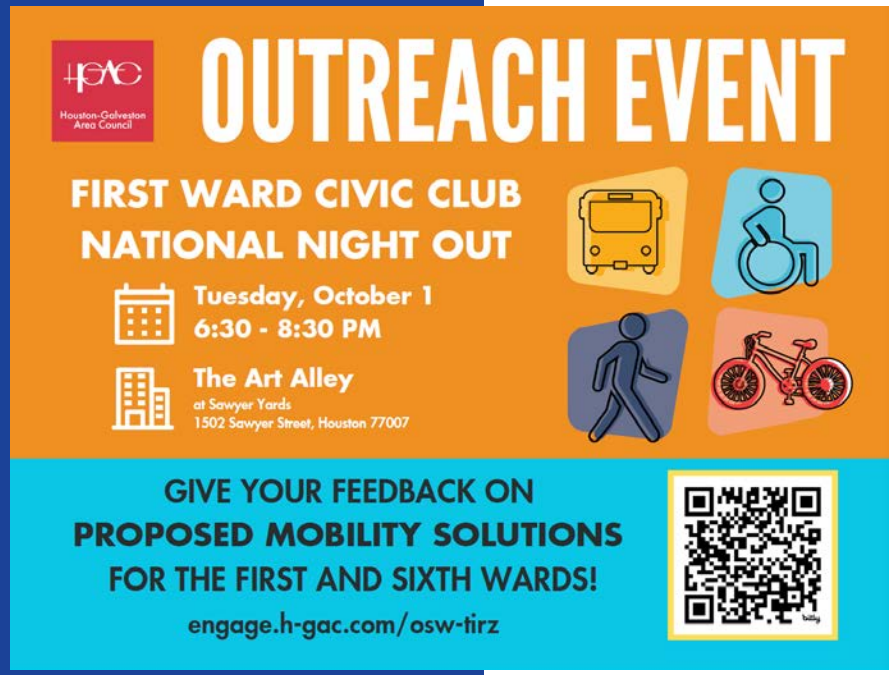
The public is invited to speak for up to two (2) minutes each at the beginning of the meeting.

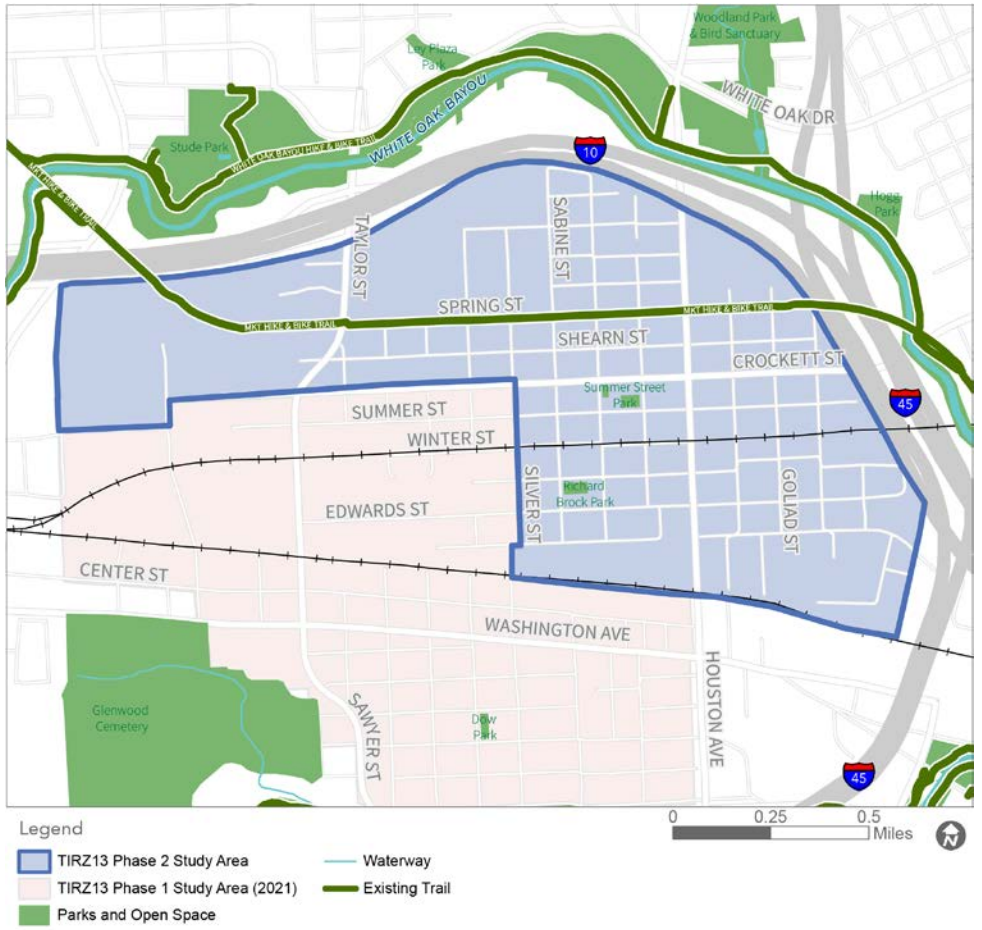
Open Forum

Announcements and Events

H-GAC Old Sixth Ward/TIRZ 13 Phase II Mobility Plan

- Public meeting scheduled for Oct. 1
- Have been developing a mobility study for the past year
- Final recommendations by end of 2024





Announcements

Next Meetings

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

Thank You

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

832-393-6600 | www.houston.tx.gov/planning