City of Houston
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Education Subcommittee

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

HOUSTON BIKEPLAN

Meeting to be held virtually via Microsoft Office Teams
Wednesday, December 16, 2020 2:30 – 4:30pm

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Comments received via email before 2:00pm on December 16, 2020 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. Chair's Report
2. Public Comment
3. Update on No Parking in the Bike Lane Ordinance Outreach
4. Follow-Up on Bike Theft Outreach and Education Strategy
5. 2020 and 2021 Draft Workplan and Prioritization
6. Announcements
    a. 2021 BAC Meeting Dates

DRAFT Minutes of the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)
Education Subcommittee

December 16, 2020
Meeting held virtually via
Microsoft Teams 2:30 p.m.

Call to Order
Chair Tom Compson called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Tom Compson, Chair
Alejandro Perez, Vice Chair
Kristine Anthony-Miller
Robin Holzer
Zion Escobar

Susan Jaworski, representing H-GAC
Matt DeLeon representing TxDOT

Planning & Development Staff: Sharon Moses Burnside, Melissa Beeler, Brian Smith
Public Works Staff: Rayna Reid

1. Chair's Report
Chair Compson announced there were four new League of American Bicyclists cycling instructors in Houston. Vice Chair Alejandro Perez is one of them. Chair Compson congratulated Staff Member Melissa Beeler for her third anniversary at the City of Houston. Houston Parks Board has hired a consultant to do a safety audit of all existing greenways and Bayou greenway trails. The audit, to be completed by Summer 2021, focusses on where trails cross streets. The City of Houston will also help with city-owned/maintained trail crossings. Chair Compson also spoke of the efforts to introduce and pass state legislation to allow bicyclists to have the right of way in a crosswalk. BikeTexas drafted a bike in 2019 but was not introduced. Another bill will be drafted for this legislative cycle in hopes to be submitted in the 2021 legislative session.

Some discussion ensued regarding the proposed bill. Vice Chair Perez added that perhaps state legislation should the fact that bicyclists are considered vehicles and how to better define a bicyclist to give them full rights to a crosswalk. Committee Member Robin Holzer added that this is our only chance to pass this legislation for the next two years, and that the BAC needs to advocate at a state level as well, not just expect BikeTexas to advocate on bicyclists' behalf.

2. Public Comment
Joe Cutrufo, Executive Director of BikeHouston, noted that Houston's transportation community is very active. He is working with the board of BikeHouston on a vision for the next year and beyond. If you are not already a member of BikeHouston, you can become one at www.bikehouston.org.

3. Update on No Parking in the Bike Lane Ordinance Outreach
Staff member Melissa Beeler updated the Committee on the progress made towards their recommendations for a citywide ordinance, city employee/contractor policy, traffic detour plan, and addressing event parking in the Lamar Cycletrack. The Bicycle Friendly Drivers Course is being updated by ARA/ParkHouston to include ordinance language. It is expected to complete

and available to the public by January 14, 2021, 90 days after ordinance adoption by City Council, at which time citations will be in effect for parking in a bike lane. Committee members added it would be helpful to consider other languages for the educational materials beyond English and Spanish.

4. Follow-Up on Bike Theft Outreach and Education Strategy
Staff Member Melissa Beeler led a discussion following up on the October agenda item regarding bike theft outreach and awareness. Corporal Bowen's suggestions were listed in the presentation and a discussion ensued on how to get these points out to the public, aside from social media and online efforts. Committee members shared that currently some bike shops keep a database by serial number of sales and are currently building education modules to roll out.

Next steps on bike theft includes:

- Adding stickers or signage with a QR code to bike racks, starting with strategic locations (TxDOT to assist);
- Research whether an ordinance requiring bike theft signs (similar to auto parking signs) should be passed, similar to Dallas;
- Consider development code revisions, looking at site plan review of bike racks and overall requirements for parking reductions through the Planning Department's Livable Places Initiative; and
- Finding out where secure bike parking structures are located at METRO transit centers, park & rides, and other stops.

5. 2020 and 2021 Draft Workplan and Prioritization
Staff member Melissa Beeler gave an overview of the 2020 and 2021 projects implementing the Houston Bike Plan. Committee members will assist in finding a school district representative to work either on subcommittees or be recommended for appointment to the full Committee. TxDOT can also share some existing bike safety education materials with the Committee if interested.

Committee Members raised the issue of equity when addressing e-bike speed on trails, and that penalties need to be proportionate to penalties of speeding vehicles and the risk. Committee members also briefly discussed the TIP process and the need to ensure the City can submit a competitive application.

8. Announcements
The Vision Zero Action Plan has been released. You can watch the replay of the Mayor's press conference announcing the Plan here: https://houstontx.swagit.com/play/12172020-522.

Remember to share your ideas in the East End Bike Plan survey and map. Online tools are available until the first week of January.

City of Houston bikeway engagement: Staff will be holding an 11th Street design meeting December 16 at 6:30pm. Staff will hold a Patterson/Jackson Hill design meeting on January 14. Meeting details TBD.

2021 BAC meeting dates

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TxDOT has Lyft codes for New Years Eve to reduce drunk driving.

9. Adjournment
There being no further business brought before the Committee, Tom Compson adjourned the meeting at 4:12pm.

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Bicycle Advisory Committee

Education Subcommittee

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

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December 16, 2020 2:30-4:30pm
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Committee Member Attendance

Tom Compson, Chair
Alejandro Perez, Vice Chair
Toloria Allen
Zion Escobar
Adam J. Williams
Sandra Rodriguez
Com. Kristine Anthony-Miller
Beth Martin
Lisa Graiff
Clark Martinson
Jessica Wiggins
Yuhayna Mahmud

Nick Hellyar
Judith Villarreal
Amar Mohite
Mike van Dusen
Ana Ramirez Huerta
Oni Blair
Robin Holzer
Veon McReynolds

Ian Hlavacek
David Fields
Juvenal Robles

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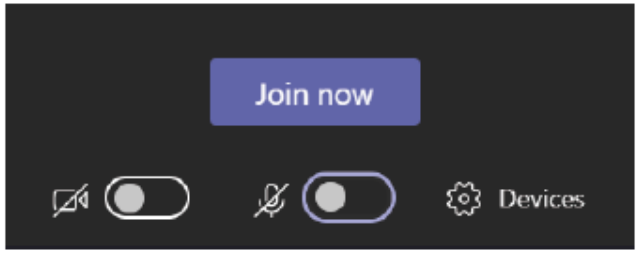

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Update on No Parking in the Bike Lane Ordinance Outreach

Melissa Beeler

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No Parking in Bike Lane Ordinance Update

- Bike Friendly Drivers Course being updated by ParkHouston/ARA
  - Deadline for completion: January 14, 2021
- TxDOT meeting with bike shops at January 26 Bike Safety Committee meeting

BAC Recommendations

1. Request the Planning and Development Department to establish an **internal policy** for nonemergency City vehicles and contractors officially acting on behalf of the City to be prohibited from parking in bike lanes. **COMPLETE OCTOBER 2020**
2. Request the Planning and Development Department to begin the process of passing a **citywide ordinance** prohibiting parking of any vehicle in the bike lane unless the vehicle is responding to an emergency and **COMPETE OCTOBER 2020**
3. To provide policy recommendations to revise the City's traffic control plan. **JANUARY 2021 - PDD/HPW**
4. Address parking in bike lane on Lamar at Sam Houston Park during events. **ONGOING-HPW**

Flyer Distribution

- ParkHouston will include with warning for first violation
- Street Teams
  - Must be done through BikeHouston or other 3rd party
- PDD will distribute virtually, via email, blockwalking
  - Stakeholders along bike lanes
- BAC members and networks
- Other outreach
  - Video
  - Website
  - 311 bike lane violation

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Follow-Up on Bike Theft Outreach and Education Strategy

Melissa Beeler

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Bike Theft Education/Awareness Ideas from October BAC Meeting

- Tips from Corporal Bowden and the Committee:
  - Report bike theft. In addition to reporting to law enforcement, there is a Facebook page for people who recently got their bike stolen where victims can post pictures and people will keep an eye out for the bike. This is a volunteer effort that helps Corporal Bowden.
  - Keep cameras around, and try to lock your bike where there are cameras
  - Record your serial numbers on your bike. Take pictures of your bike to share with others if it is stolen.
  - Do not lock your bike on a balcony. Don't leave your bike in a garage. People will climb up balconies 3-5 floors to get bikes.
  - Always lock your bike anywhere you go, even if you think you will be away for only a minute.

Review Draft Bikeway Workplan 2020 & 2021

Melissa Beeler, AICP

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2020 Workplan Progress

Timeframe	Strategy	Expected Completion	Priority	Lead Department/Agency
COMPLETE	Pass a No Parking in the Bike Lane ordinance and internal policy Deliverables: Ordinance and Internal Memo	Oct-20	High	PDD/ARA
COMPLETE	Perform a comprehensive crash analysis to identify a high-injury network, which will assist in guiding future bike/ped safety improvements (e.i. Vision Zero)	Nov-20	High	PDD
In Progress	Create a Bikeway Maintenance Strategy: 1) Identify dedicated bike lane maintenance funding 2) Work with TIRZs and Management Districts to determine a shared maintenance schedule and measures of success 3) Consider an "Adopt a Lane" sponsorship/community partnership program to fill bikeway maintenance gaps. Deliverable: Report detailing an agreed upon strategy/process	Dec-20	HIGH	PDD/HPW/Management Districts/TIRZs
COMPLETE	Leverage existing projects and funding (Build on TIRZ projects, Harris County partnerships, Bayou Greenways/Beyond the Bayous) Deliverable: Update shapefile and web map; export ongoing list of bikeways programmed	Nov-20	High	PDD

https://tinyurl.com/HouBikeMap

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2020 Workplan Progress

Timeframe	Strategy	Expected Completion	Priority	Lead Department/Agency
In Progress	BIKE COUNTS/QUANTITATIVE EVAL: Perform regular and robust counts on high-comfort bike facilities (on-street, pre-/post- project evaluations)	Begin doing counts by October 2020; roll out volunteer opportunity Jan 2021	High	HPW/PDD
In Progress	STREET TEAMS: Bikeway education (goes in hand with qualitative eval); Starting with No Parking in Bike Lane	Jan-21	High	PDD/TxDOT
In Progress	Add an HISD representative to BAC			PDD

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2021 Draft Workplan

Timeframe	Strategy	Expected Completion	Priority	Lead Department/Agency
In progress	Develop 2 year strategic plan for Bike Plan implementation, including establishing milestones and goals for number of miles of bikeway network through 2027; Workshop for specific project list (500 miles of bikeway by 2025)	Apr-21	High	BAC/PDD
6 months	Update traffic detour plan for safe passage during construction	Spring 2021 (Start Jan 2021)	High	HPW/METRO
6 months	Perform systematic review of all trail crossing with streets, recommend safety improvements, and implement all trail crossing improvements. (Improvements could include No Right Turn on Red; Yield to Bicyclists signage; and more)	Spring/Summer 2021	High	PDD/HPW/HPB
In Progress	Address e-bikes on trails	2021	High	PDD
2021	Submit comprehensive project package(s) in next TIP Call for Projects. Consider packaging neighborhood bikeway projects. Consider typologies	2021		PDD/HPW
2021	Begin bike safety education as a routine part of education in schools. 1) Survey what schools are doing around bike education (e.g. Humble ISD) Deliverable:		High	PDD/HISD/AISD/Other ISD/MYR
2021	Amend law to allow bicycling in crosswalk		HIGH	HPD

Additional Workplan Items

Timeframe	Strategy	Expected Completion	Priority	Lead Department/Agency
2021/2022	QUALITATIVE EVALUATION: Develop strategy to incorporate rider input in facility design. 1) Survey people's satisfaction with the network and programming (level of comfort evaluation). 2) Continue incorporating bike rides as part of engagement strategy 3) Planning & Development develop a consistent partnership with Sunday Streets to demonstrate bike facilities; Evaluate number of people reached and their perceptions of bike facilities	2021/2022	Medium	PDD
2021/2022?	Pursue opportunities to secure bike and ped improvements during development process. Consider amending the MTFP and development code.	2021/2022?	Medium	PDD/HPW (TIA Process?)
2021/2022?	Planning & Development develop a consistent partnership with Sunday Streets to demonstrate bike facilities; Evaluate number of people reached and their perceptions of bike facilities	DISCUSS WITH MOSE	Medium	PDD/MOSE
2021/2022?	Improve Sunday Streets. Look for marketing or communications funding to support infrastructure and maintenance. Consider H-GAC grants.	DISCUSS WITH MOSE		PDD/MOSE
2021/2022?	Revise Chapter 17 of the Infrastructure Design Manual			HPW
2021/2022?	PRE-ENGINEERING: Provide clear internal process for how to "CONSIDER" CIP-funded street reconstruction projects for high-comfort bike facilities		High	HPW
2021/2022?	Address internal barriers to traffic calming restrictions and develop a bike boulevard program and toolkit. Prioritize routes to schools.		High	HPW

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Announcements

- Vision Zero Action Plan released
- Participate in the East End Bike Plan survey and map
- Bikeway engagement
  - 11th Street design meeting tonight at 6:30pm
  - Patterson/Jackson Hill design meeting January 14
- Next Meetings
  - Bicycle Advisory Committee: January 27, 2:30-4:30pm, Microsoft Teams
  - Full list of 2021 meetings here