City of Houston
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Education Subcommittee

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

HOUSTON BIKEPLAN

Meeting to be held virtually via Microsoft Office Teams
Wednesday, March 24, 2020 2:30 – 4:30pm

Online Meeting Link: Join Microsoft Teams Meeting

Call-In Option: +1 936-755-1521 **Conference ID:** 334 238 170#

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Comments received via email before 2:00pm on March 16 will be read into the record during public comment.

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Agenda

Discussion Regarding the Following Items:

1. Chair's Report
2. Public Comment
3. Recap of BikeTexas Cyclists in Suits Day
4. Update on Trainings/Courses
    a. Bicycle Friendly Drivers course
    b. H-GAC Bike Safety Courses
5. Education metrics for Silver and Gold-Level Bicycle Friendly Community status
6. Discussion: "Turning Vehicles Yield to Bikes & Peds" signs at intersections
7. Announcements

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3/24/2021
Call to Order: 2:35

Roll Call:
Tom Compson, Chair
Alejandro Perez, Vice Chair
Beth Martin
Lisa Graiff
Trevor Reichman
Jessica Wiggins
Yuhayna Mahmud
Judith Villarreal
Amar Mohite
Nikki Knight
Robin Holzer
Joe Cutrufo

Susan Jaworski, representing H-GAC

Planning & Development Staff: Sharon Moses Burnside, David Fields, Brandon Mosley, Brian Smith II
Public Works Staff: Lauren Grove
Parks & Recreation Staff: Juvenal Robles

1. Chair's Report – Tom Compson
    a. Chair Compson attended a Houston Tomorrow virtual call lead by Director Margaret Wallace and David Fields. This meeting covered the City of Houston current projects, Livable Places and Vision Zero. Chair Compson noted how amazing it is for professionals at the City leading the way in the areas of livable places and making the city livable for all residents.

2. Public Comments: None
    a. None

3. Recap of BikeTexas Cyclists in Suits Day – Robin Holzer
    a. Held virtually on March 22, 2021 in Austin, Texas. Participants met with 6 elected leaders to express bike and pedestrian safety concerns.
    b. Three bills where lobbied, HCR 65- Supports signature trail and active transportation network projects, HJR 109/ SJR 40- constitutional amendment to better fund biking and walking infrastructure, and HB 2081 / SB 1055 – The Lisa Torry Smith Act will make collisions involving pedestrians or bicycle in crosswalks a criminal offense.
    c. Robin shared BikeTexas' website with more information and the option to stay informed through their newsletter https://www.biketexas.org/get-our-newsletter/

4. Update on Trainings/Courses – Brian Smith II
    a. Bicycle Friendly Drivers course (Park Houston)
        i. One person requested this course this year. (has until June to complete)
        ii. Still waiting for the total number of parking tickets issues for parking in bike lane.
    b. H-GAC Bike Safety Courses
        i. Online cycling savvy course (March – October)
        ii. Bike Handling Bike Training Course will target outside Harris County (May- June)
        iii. Bicycle Friendly Driver webinar (Requested as needed)

5. Education metrics for Silver and Gold-Level Bicycle Friendly Community status – Brian Smith II
    a. Staff Member Brian Smith II presented on the City's progress regarding the Bike League's Bike Friendly Community education metrics. Discussion was on the City's answers to education-themed questions in its initial 2018 application, the Bike League's metrics to reach Silver- and Gold-Level BFC status, and feedback from the City's most recent BFC report card.
        - The City's largest gains are in public education and outreach
        - The largest gaps are in educating students and professionals (professional drivers, police, fleet, etc)
    b. Steps to Silver (per the Report Card):
        - Expand bicycle safety education to be a routine part of education for students of all ages
        - Work with local bicycle groups and interested parents to create Safe Routes to School programming for K-12 Schools
        - Promote the current bicycling amenities better throughout the community through events and community-wide promotions.

6. Discussion: "Turning Vehicles Yield to Bikes & Peds" signs at intersections – Brian Smith II
    a. Staff member Brian Smith II opened discussion on adding "Yield to Bikes and Peds" signs at intersections where trails cross streets. The installation of signs was brought up in previous meetings and there may be an opportunity to install some through Vision Zero Houston
    b. BAC members were encouraged to send intersections of high concern to Lauren Grove from Public Works for piloting.

7. Announcements
    a. Precinct 1 Billboard campaign

- In partnership with BikeHouston and Clear Channel Outdoor, Houston County Precinct 1 and Commissioner Rodney Ellis installed billboards promoting drivers be mindful of people on bikes on the road
- Locations:
  - 4 Large Freeway Boards at: North Loop at Kirkpatrick; State Hwy 249 at Fallbrook; North Belt at Lee Rd.; South Loop at Holt
  - 5 Poster Panels in Neighborhoods: Yale at 25th St.; Telephone at Airport, Cullen at Briscoe; Fuqua at Campden Hill; Willowbend at Stella Link
- Billboards provided by Clear Channel Outdoor; who donated $30,000 in space.

b. Bike to School Day – May 5, 2021
c. Bike to Work Day – May 21, 2021
d. Next Meetings:
   - BAC April 28, 2021
   - Infrastructure Subcommittee May 26, 2021
   - Education Subcommittee June 23, 2021

There being no further business brought before the Committee, Chair Compson, adjourned the meeting at 4:01pm

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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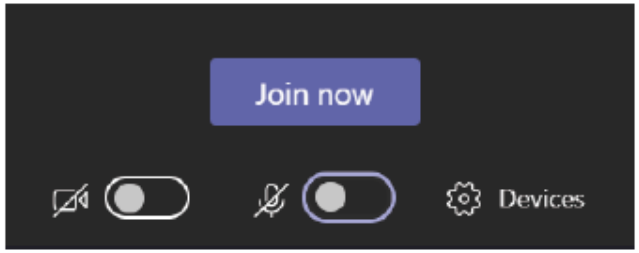

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Bike Texas' Cyclists in Suits Day

Robin Holzer

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Texas Bicycle Lobby Day



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Cyclists in Suits

Lobby Day

March 22, 2021

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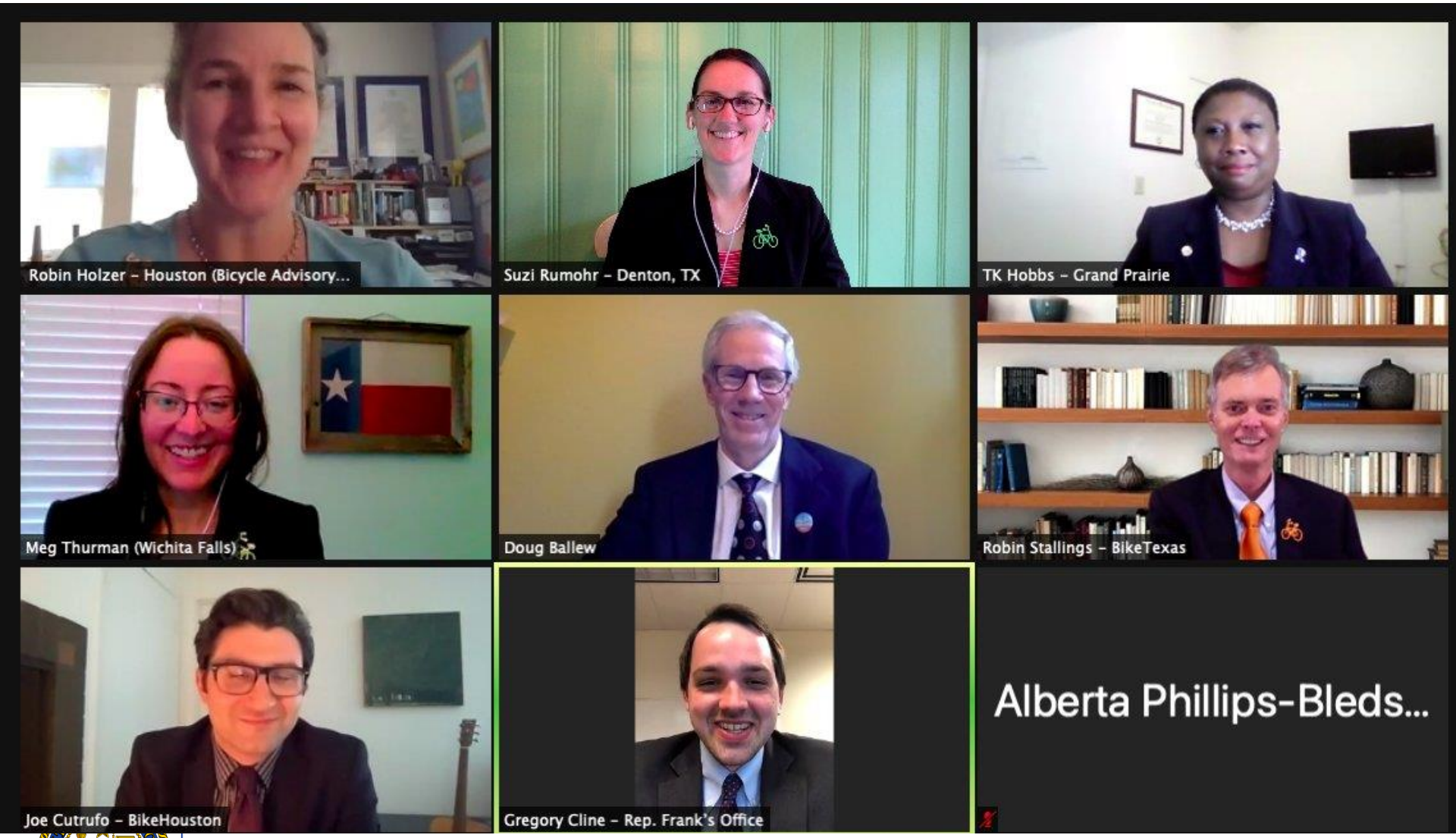

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Texas Bicycle Lobby Day

BikeTexas
Advancing Bicycle Access, Safety, and Education since 1991

Lobby Day Asks



We will be focusing on the following legislation in our meetings:

- **HCR 65** –support signature trail and active transportation network projects
- **HJR 109 / SJR 40-** constitutional amendment to better fund biking and walking infrastructure
- **HB 2081 / SB 1055** – The Lisa Torry Smith Act will make collisions involving pedestrians or bicyclists in crosswalks a criminal offense



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Update on Available Trainings

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- Other

Education Metrics for Silver- and Gold-Level Bike Friendly Community

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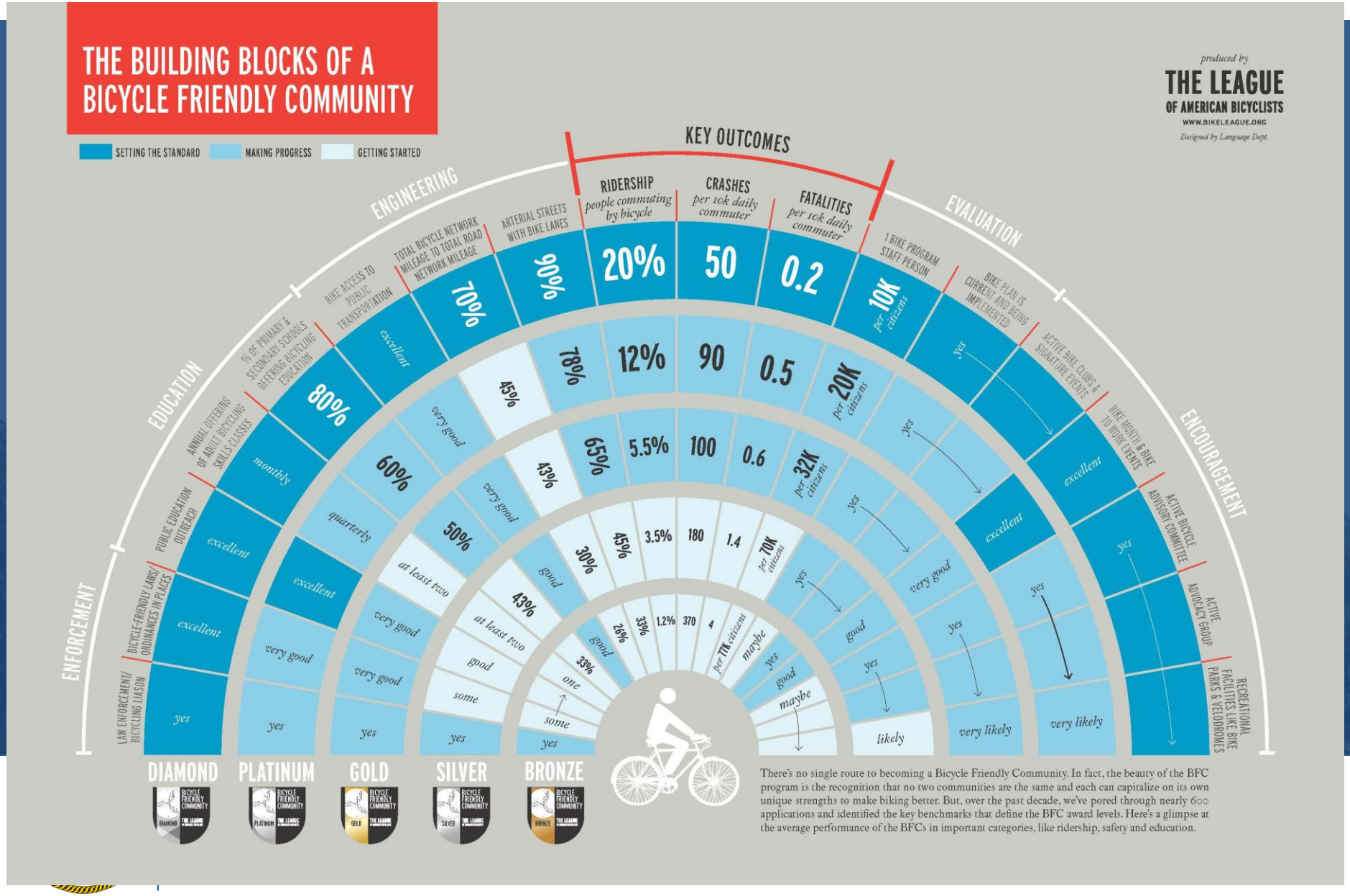
Bike League Education Metrics



Bike League Education Metrics

Metric	Bronze Level	Silver Level	Gold Level
% of Primary and Secondary Schools offering bicycling education	33%	43%	50%
Annual offering of adult bicycling skills classes	One	At least two	At least 2
Public Education Outreach	Some	Good	Very Good

Bike League Education Metrics

Findings from 2018 Application:

- Gains in public education and outreach
- Gaps in education metrics:
  - Students
  - Professional Drivers
  - Police officers
  - Training provided

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"Yield to Bikes and Peds"

- Adding signs were discussed at previous BAC meetings
- Installing signs nests with goals of Vision Zero Houston
  - Action 2.10: Perform systematic review of all trail/street crossings, recommend safety improvements, and implement all trail crossing improvements
- Discussion: which locations to explore installing signs?

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