City of Houston
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Education Subcommittee

John B. Raia Conference Room
611 Walker 6th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002

March 14, 2019
2:30-4:30pm

Agenda

Discussion will take place on the following items:

1. Chair's Report
2. Bike & Walk to School Day
3. No Parking in the Bike Lane
4. Vision Zero Education and BAC Resolution
5. Education and Events for Build 50 Challenge Bikeways
6. Announcements
7. 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. The public is also encouraged to submit written comments to bac@houstontx.gov. Updates and committee notes will be available

RESOLUTION 2020-1
BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF VISION ZERO, A ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY TO ELIMINATE ALL TRAFFIC-RELATED FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES; AND REQUESTING SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL IN THE ADOPTION OF VISION ZERO.

WHEREAS, the City of Houston Complete Streets and Transportation Plan, (Executive Order 1-15, adopted on November 1, 2013), directs city efforts to achieve complete streets that take into account people of all ages and abilities, including children, older adults, and person with disabilities who are driving or riding in cars, using mass transit, riding bikes, walking, using wheelchairs, driving or riding in trucks, driving or being transported by emergency vehicles, and being served at their residence or property by other users; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Master Plan ("BMP") was adopted by City of Houston Ordinance No. 2017-208 March 22, 2017 to support bicycling as a mode of transportation and enhance safety in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Advisory Committee was established by City of Houston Ordinance No. 2017-208, to advise and make recommendations to the Planning Commission and the Planning Director on issues related to bicycling in the city including, but not limited to, amendments to the BMP, bicycle safety and education, implementation of the BMP, development of strategies for funding projects related to bicycling, and promoting public participation in bicycling; and

WHEREAS, to enhance bicycle safety in the city, the Bicycle Advisory Committee believes there is a need to address all road users, inclusive but not limited to bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists, to improve roadway safety for bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the City of Houston lacks a comprehensive strategy that addresses road safety for all road users; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero provides the basis for a comprehensive strategy that unifies road safety efforts of various agencies and City departments, through engineering, education efforts, enforcement activities, route evaluation, and equity; and

WHEREAS, the Bicycle Advisory Committee, at its January 2018 meeting, approved Vision Zero as a guiding document to reframe the way people think about street safety, that everyone deserves safe and mindful mobility, that roadway fatalities are preventable, and that no loss of life by traffic collision is acceptable; and

WHEREAS, to address traffic-related fatalities occurring every day on Houston streets, Mayor Sylvester Turner directed City of Houston Planning and Development Department to explore Vision Zero and its requirements for formal adoption; and

WHEREAS, since November 2018, the City of Houston Planning and Development Department has held monthly meetings with Public Works, Police, Fire and Health departments

to share understanding and support of Vision Zero as a strategy to comprehensively eliminate traffic-related fatalities and improve road safety; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is authorized to review and consider studies and plans for the improvement of the city and its extraterritorial jurisdiction with a view to its future development and welfare, and make recommendations to City Council for the adoption, amendment, or implementation of such studies and plans;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the recitals listed above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein as if fully set out.

Section 2. That the City of Houston Bicycle Advisory Committee ("BAC") recommends adoption of Vision Zero by the City Council of the City of Houston, to establish a roadway safety strategy to coordinate road safety efforts in the Houston region and seek to eliminate roadway fatalities.

Section 3. That the BAC requests that the Planning Commission support formal adoption of Vision Zero by City Council.

CITY OF HOUSTON BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Maya Ford, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Ostlind, Exec. Secretary

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