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 27, 2023; 2:30 – 4:30pm

In-Person: John B. Raia Conference Room, 611 Walker St

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

Agenda

Discussion Regarding the Following Items:

1. Director's Report
2. Chair's Report
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion: Priority of Datasets Needed to Educate the Community
5. Discussion: Committee Vision and Key Actions
6. Discussion: Bike to Work Expansion (Tabled from June's Meeting)
7. Open Forum
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City of Houston
BAC Education Subcommittee

September 27, 2023

Call to Order. Co-Chair Leah Chambers called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

Roll Call:
Tom Compson, Chair BAC (A)
Jessica Wiggins, Co-Chair (P)
Leah Chambers, Co-Chair (P)
Com. Kristine Anthony-Miller (A)
Ben Drews(P)
Lisa Graiff(A)
Carl B. Salazar(A)
Joe Cutrufo(P)
Robin Holzer (P)

Ex-Officio Members:
David Fields (P)
Ian Hlavacek (A)
Juvenal Robles (A)

1) Director's Report. David Fields gave the Chair's Report:
    - Director Fields updated the committee on two items, One being an agenda item from the last meeting. Providing the BAC with certain data sets of information. The committee will have some time to go back and think about what is wanted. We ended up tabling in last meeting, but I think we're going to go with a little more detail about what we're already going to provide in the biannual report and then use a little bit of time for Y'all to tell us if there's something missing from that data set. So that is coming up on today's agenda.
    - The other item is working with companies with fleets. About their driver training for safety on multimodal streets, we've been in conversations with Center Point. They're definitely interested, right. As we were about to have a meeting, their safety department leadership actually turned over. So they asked us if they if they can pause and get their new people in and let them understand you know where everything is that they've got to do on their day-to-day and then we will be revisiting with them. So I don't have more of an update other than they are partners and they will be working with us just not yet.

2) Chair's Report. Co-Chair Chambers gave the Chair's Report:
    - Co-Chair Chambers today to kind of think about where we are as a committee and what we want to be accomplishing next.
3) Public Comment:
    - **Brent Janss -** Hello, I live in Sunset heights, and I would like to propose d adding a bike lane to the highlighted area below to the Committee: It would help reduce traffic congestion on these roads, It would enable current trails to connect with each other,

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4) Discussion: Priority of Datasets Needed to Educate the Community
   - Every 2 years Bike Plan Report, ready next month
   - Could do more focused things year by year
   - What is missing?
     - ○ Percentage/number of scheduled closures without adequate detour—problematic in terms of safety, things that are approved by COH
       1. Infrastructure Committee make sure Public Works has resources for non-auto users.
     - ○ Can we compare different council districts? Bicycle and pedestrian crashes and fatalities, bike lane sweeping (active days of the sweeper or miles swept)
     - ○ HOLD idea about BCycle.
     - ○ Breakdown of types of bike facilities—will be in Complete Streets report, can easily incorporate here too.
     - ○ Ways to count counters like transit stations.
     - ○ Approved bicycle education program—also include bike friendly driver trainings.
   - **Vision Zero** has developed a quarterly report including by council districts.
     - ○ is there a way to integrate this into the Bike Plan website? And the BAC website

5) Discussion: Committee Vision and Key Actions
   - **Increase Bike Friendly trainings by 25% by both private and COH side.**
     - ○ Understand who and how many people are taking training currently, assess survey to see whether people are finding it useful.
     - ○ Regular updates on how we are reaching out to other fleets.
   - **Update the BAC website.**
     - ○ Need to be current.
     - ○ Email us button.
   - Bike safety classes
     - ○ Promote Precinct 1 classes at community centers (Fernando)—COH Bike Plan site, use that to promote the Precinct 1 Learn to Ride, Bike Rodeos
     - ○ HGAC just got funding for bike safety classes / LCI / American Bicycling Education Association / Driver specific courses thank you—next month.
   - Updated, interactive, informative.
   - **Bike Month**

- Get more people out riding during Bike Month

6) Presentation: Bike to Work Expansion (Tabled from June's Meeting)

- Summary of what we've done with Bike to Work—COH can provide.
  - History: last 2 years picked a point outside of downtown and organized group ride to City Hall with reception
  - If more volunteers, could do more locations.
  - COVID: bike to anywhere
  - Previous to that, had a festival—if there's interest, we could go back in that direction
  - Expand to be more of an event that applies to others.
- Brainstorm more how we can celebrate Bike Month more generally.
  - How to support other organizations doing bike events, with communication
    1. Bike Houston
    2. Mountain Bike race in Sugarland, 3rd annual next year—800 competitors
- Build the calendar and know what's happening in the bike community.
- Bike to school initiative expansion into May
- Bike to Workday beyond the national one
  - No Car Friday, Earth Day, World Car Free Day—Year Round considerations?
  - Love to Ride—get better data than Strava b/c fewer group rides.
  - Biketober
- Leah volunteered to compile events.
- Systematize how we support organizations.
- When, Why, and How we are coordinating these events—targeted and strategic.
  - MS-150: could have a concerted effort to broaden how they think about bikes.
  - Coordinate with HGAC, Metro on same messaging at the same time.

7) Open Forum

- Robin: TIRZ 27 project in Montrose to reconstruct Montrose Blvd—drainage improvements, but initial idea transit and walking street, and tried to add bike infrastructure, however people are now starting to oppose because of trees. Project is proposing to Remove 50, largely damaged, trees, planting 150.
- Look at the project, and if you support, please share thoughts with City Councilperson (https://montrosehtx.org/zone-studies/)
- APA Texas just honored the Walk+Bike Montrose study with their Gold award for Transportation Planning!

8) Announcements and Events:

- Staff is encouraging all BAC committee members to be in person at the October 2023 meeting. Reason being, we're taking a picture so we can update our website and there would be an ethics training facilitated by PD legal staff.
- BikeHouston: Axelrad, October 12—documentary screening, The Engine Inside (https://www.bikehouston.org/events/the-engine-inside)
- Love to Ride: H-GAC has engaged Love to Ride for bike engagement for the entire region this year and next. There are plans for regionwide support for October, Biketober next month as well as Bike Month in May 2024 with lots of opportunities to collaborate. https://www.lovetoride.net/bikethegulf

- Next BAC meetings
  - 10/25/2023: Bicycle Advisory Committee
  - 11/15/2023: Infrastructure Subcommittee
  - 12/20/2023: Education Subcommittee

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:44pm.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Education Subcommittee

September 27, 2023

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

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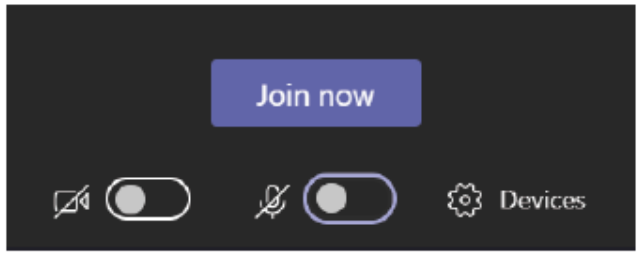

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David Fields

Co-Chair's Report

Jessica Wiggins

Leah Chambers

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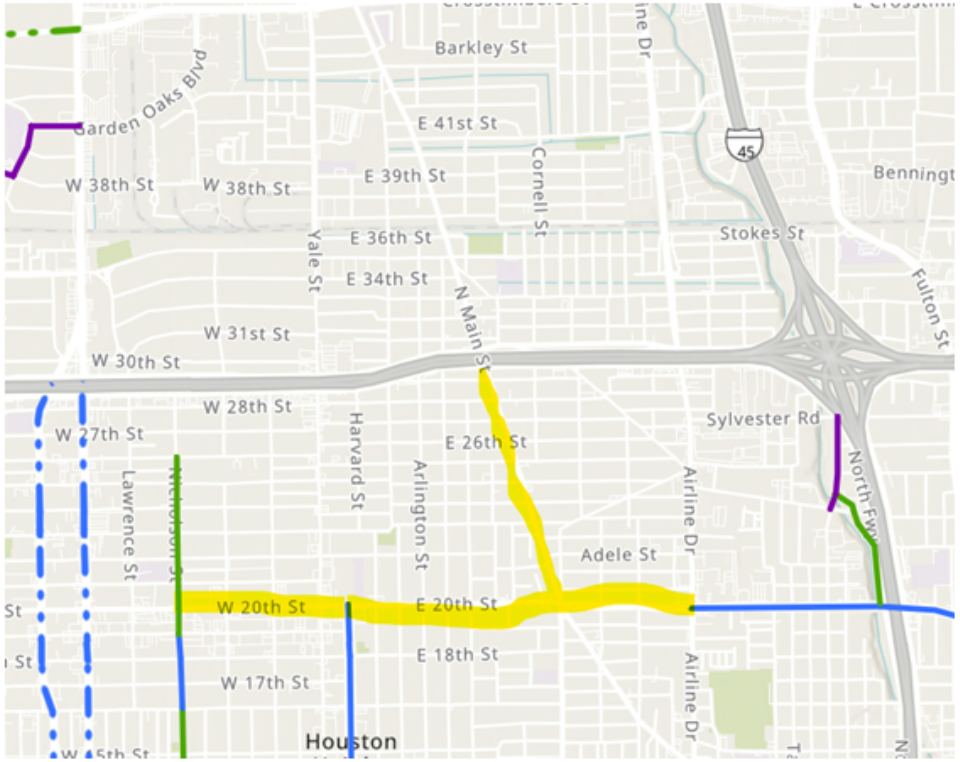

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Brent Janss

Priority of Datasets Needed to Educate the Community

David Fields

Bike Plan 2-Year Strategic Plan

Improve Safety

Increase Access

Metric	Metric
# of bicycle related crashes reported	% jobs within ½ mile of a high-comfort bike facility
# of bicycle fatalities (5-year average)	% Overall population
# of bicycle fatalities per 10,000 commuters (HPD/Census)	% Minority population
# of people who complete an approved bicycle education program (Learn to Ride, LCI classes) (Bike Houston/League)	% Low-income population
# of "Bicycle Friendly Businesses" and Universities (League)	Transit nodes (transit centers, Park & Rides, and light rail stations)
[redacted]	Schools and libraries
[redacted]	Community and multi-service centers
[redacted]	% population with comfortable access to greenways system (bayous and other trails) (Houston Parks Board, COH)

Bike Plan 2-Year Strategic Plan

Increase Ridership

Metric	Metric
Commute mode share	Jobs within ¼ mile of a BCycle station
# of permanent count stations	% of major transit nodes with secured bike parking
% growth in bicyclists observed through permanent count stations	Dedicated city staff (FTE) for bikeway program (COH)
# of bike boardings on METRO per year	Share of Transportation Budget Spent on Bicycling (New Metric)
# of BCycle checkouts per year	Total Bicycle Network Mileage to Total Road Network Mileage (New Metric)
Annual City events that support increased ridership (e.g., Sunday Streets, Tour de Houston, Bicycle Advisory Committee meetings)	[redacted]
Miles of high comfort bikeways per capita (per 10,000 people) (constructed and programmed)	[redacted]
Population within ¼ mile of a BCycle station	[redacted]

Committee Vision and Key Actions

Leah Chambers

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Tools in our Toolbox



Provide **verbal and written recommendations** to departments and decision-makers



Issue statements on bicycle-related issues/proposals



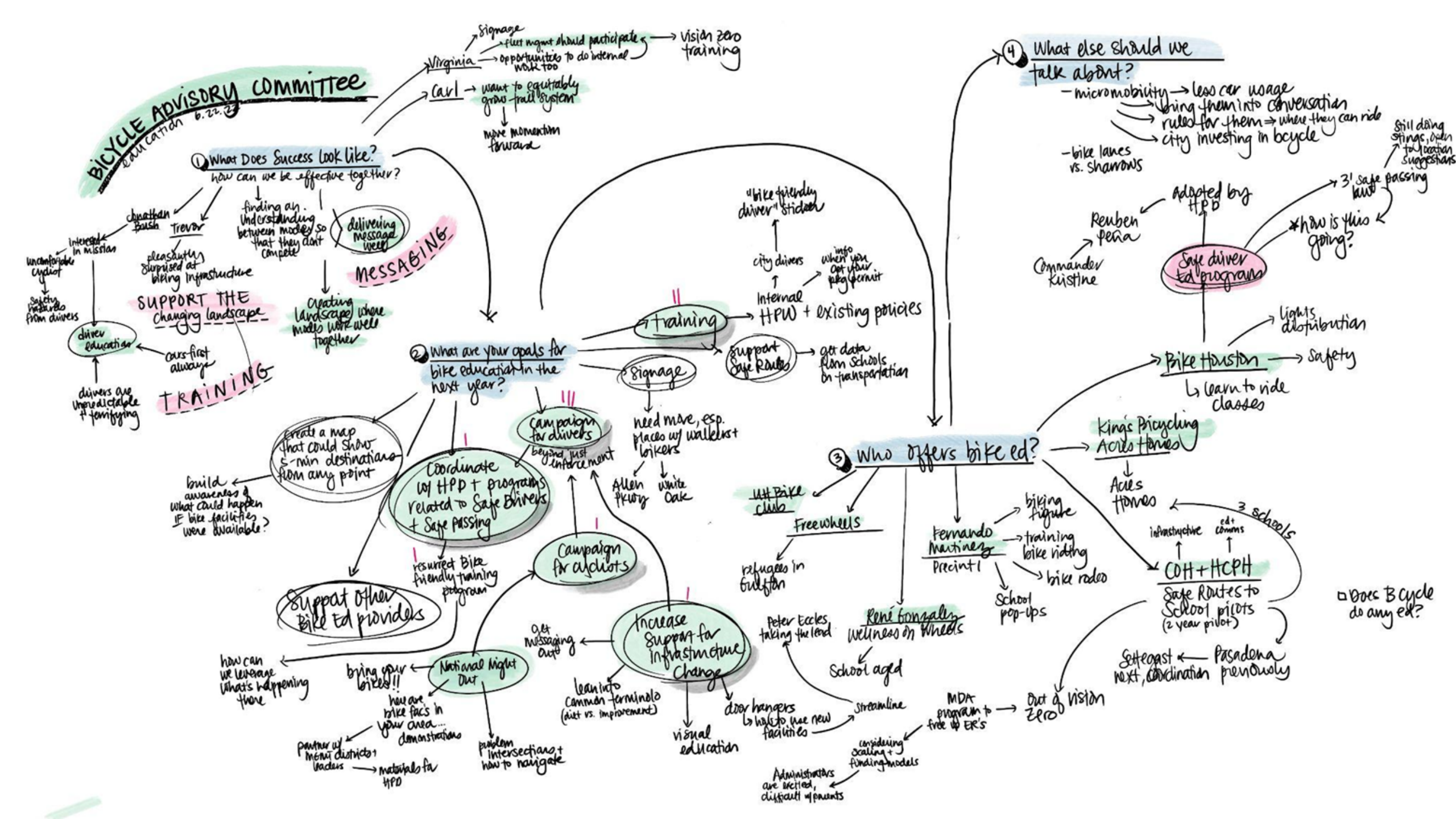
Develop **new tools or policies** to advocate for



Pilot new strategies



Fill small gaps with discretionary funding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education 6.22.23
Virginia
signage
fleet mgmt should participate
opportunities to do internal work too
vision zero training
Carl
want to equitably grow trail system
move momentum forward
1 What Does Success Look like?
how can we be effective together?
finding an understanding between modes so that they don't compete
delivering message well
MESSAGING
Jonathan Bush
Trevor
interested in mission
uncomfortable cyclist
safety insecurities from drivers
pleasantly surprised at biking infrastructure
SUPPORT THE changing landscape
creating landscape where modes work well together
driver education
cars first always
drivers are unpredictable & terrifying
TRAINING
2 What are your goals for bike education in the next year?
training
support Safe Routes
get data from schools on transportation
internal HPW + existing policies
"bike friendly driver" sticker
city drivers
info when you get your bike permit
signage
need more, esp. places w/ walkers + bikers
Allen Pkwy
White Oak
campaign for drivers
beyond just enforcement
campaign for cyclists
Coordinate w/ HPD + programs related to Safe Drivers + Safe Passing
resurrect Bike friendly training program
Create a map that could show 5-min destinations from any point
build awareness of what could happen IF bike facilities were available?
Support other Bike Ed providers
how can we leverage what's happening there
Increase support for infrastructure change
get messaging out
lean into common terminolo (diet vs. improvement)
visual education
door hangers
↳ habit to use new facilities
streamline
Peter Eccles taking the lead
René Gonzalez Wellness on Wheels
School aged
MDA program to free up ER's
Out of Vision Zero
considering scaling + funding models
Administrators are excited, difficult w/ parents
National Night Out
bring your bikes!!
how are bike facs in your area... demonstrations
partner w/ Mgmt districts + leaders
materials for HPD
problem intersections + how to navigate
3 Who offers bike ed?
UH Bike club
Freewheels
refugees in Gulfton
Fernando Martinez
Precinct 1
biking figure
training bike riding
bike rodeo
School pop-ups
Kings Pricycling Acres Homes
Acres Homes
3 schools
COH + HCPH
Safe Routes to School pilots (2 year pilot)
infrastructure
ed + comms
Southeast next, coordination
Pasadena previously
Does B cycle do any ed?
4 What else should we talk about?
- micromobility → less car usage
bring them into conversation
rules for them → where they can ride
city investing in bicycle
- bike lanes vs. sharrows
Still doing stings, open to location suggestions
3' safe passing law
how is this going?
adopted by HPD
Reuben Peña
Commander Kristine
Safe driver ed programs
Bike Houston
lights distribution
safety
↳ learn to ride classes

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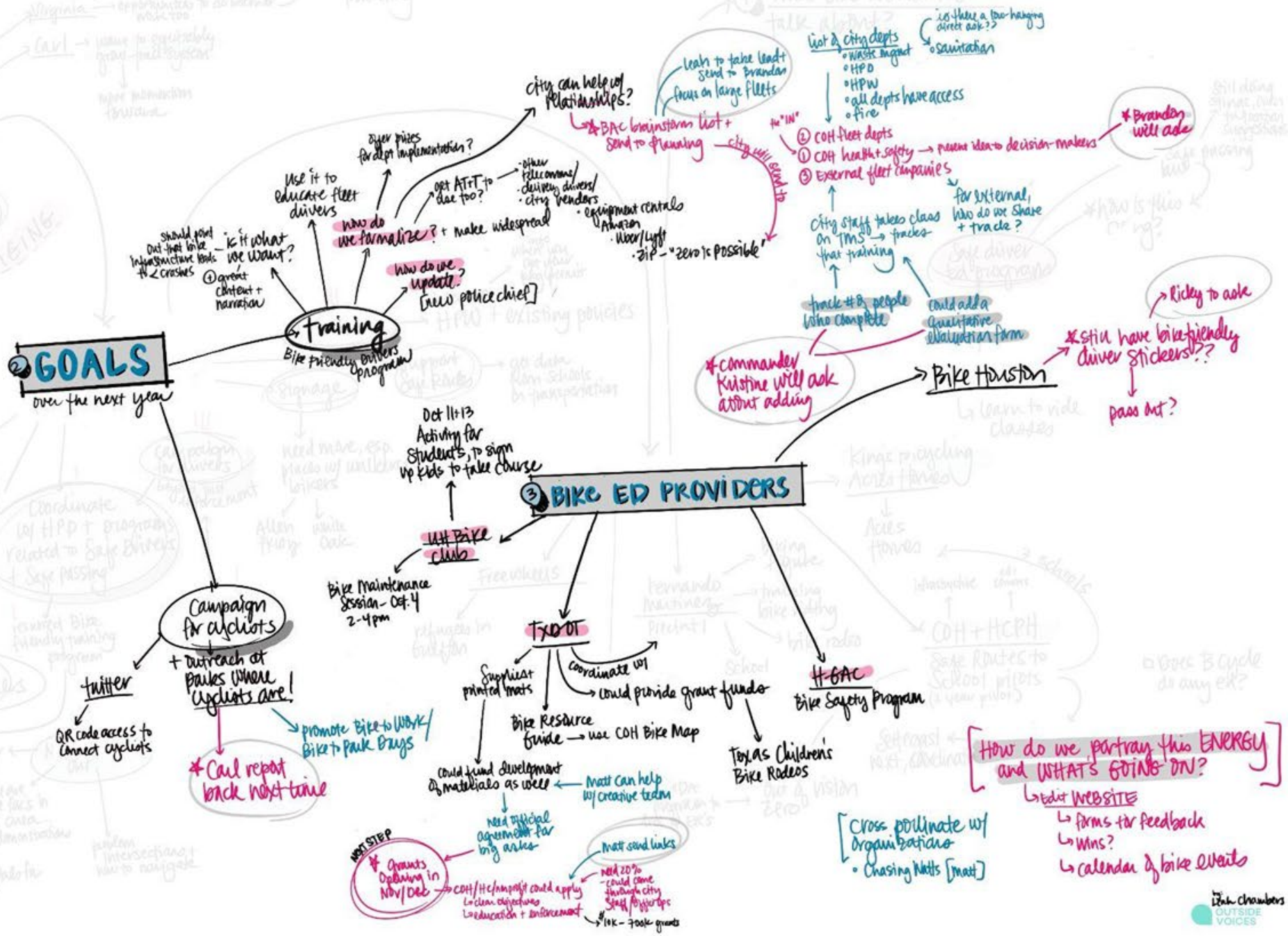
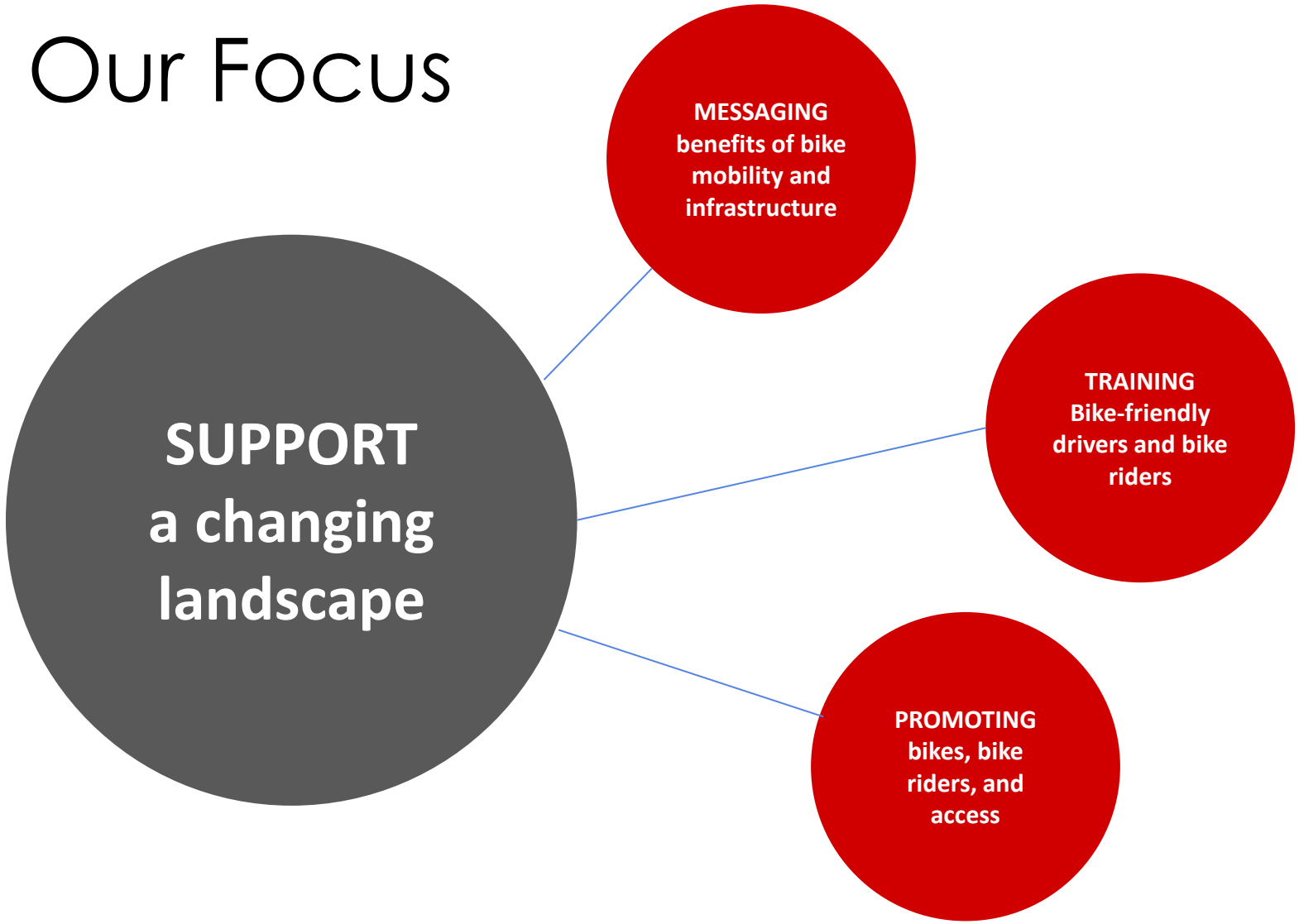


Our Focus


SUPPORT a changing landscape
MESSAGING benefits of bike mobility and infrastructure
TRAINING Bike-friendly drivers and bike riders
PROMOTING bikes, bike riders, and access

What we have accomplished

- **Resurrected Bike Friendly Training**
  - Updated training
  - Formalized how to track (survey)
  - Coordinated implementation
  - Now in City's training system!
- **Fleet Bike Friendly Training**
  - Compiled list of potential targets
  - COH in conversations with Metro, Centerpoint, and Silver Eagle

What we WANT to accomplish next

- ???
- ???
- ???

What we WANT to accomplish next

- **Update website**
  - Forms for providing feedback
  - List of bike wins
  - Visual education
  - Calendar of bike events
- **Other programs**
  - HGAC bike safety program
  - UH Bike Club
- **TxDOT grants**

Bike to Work Expansion

Jessica Wiggins

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Open Forum

Announcements

PAIR Houston

- Ride with Refugees on in Houston's Gulfton neighborhood.
- Saturday, October 14
- 9 am -11:30 am
- Ride with Refugees



Announcements

Reminder:

Bicycle Advisory Committee:

October 25, 2:30-4:30pm

Photo will be taken. Please plan to come in person and the make up ethics training will take place.





Announcements

Next Meetings:

- Bicycle Advisory Committee: October 25, 2:30-4:30pm
- Infrastructure Subcommittee: November 15, 2:30-4:30pm
- Education Subcommittee: December 20, 2:30-4:30pm

Thank You

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