City of Houston
Bicycle Advisory Committee
Infrastructure Subcommittee

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

HOUSTON BIKEPLAN

Meeting to be held in person and virtually via Microsoft Office Teams
Wednesday, August 28, 2024. 2:00 – 4:00pm
John B. Raia Conference Room, 611 Walker St

Call-In Option: +1 936-755-1521 **Conference ID:** 675 511 783#

Microsoft Teams

For meeting documents, please visit our website

Comments received via email by 5:00pm August 27th 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. High Comfort Bikeways for Bissonnet SSFA
5. Open Forum
6. Announcements/Events

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BAC Infrastructure Subcommittee

August 28, 2024

Call to Order. Chair Joe Cutrufo began the meeting at 2:06pm.

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

Three topics were covered in the chair's report:

1) Bike Lane Maintenance is severely lacking. The City of Houston had previously purchased a mechanical sweeper designed for bike lane use, and it was permanently broken after about 6 months of use. Many cyclists are not willing to ride in the bike lanes because of the large amounts of debris. Currently, Bike Houston is doing some lane maintenance and clearing debris leftover from Hurricane Beryl, but the city shouldn't expect local residents to have to do this themselves.
2) METRO unanimously passed a board action for the execution of an ebike rental system akin to Houston BCycle 11 months ago, but METRO has no entered into the agreement or started the program. No information has been supplied by METRO on the cause of the delay or the status of the program.

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3) Bike Houston has partnered with the Houston Parks Board to install some bike and pedestrian counters around the city. 3 counters with associated display boards, solar cells, and battery system will count riders as they pass the counter. Right now, we don't know how many people are actually riding the trails, and this will give the bike community hard evidence.

Item 3: Public Comment.

No written comments were submitted prior to the meeting.

BAC Vice Chair Alejandro Perez echoed the comments that Chair Cutrufo gave during the chair's report and also provided some information that he is working on a bike club at University of Houston-Downtown.

Item 4: High Comfort Bikeways for Bissonnet SSFA

Dan Nagel walked the group through potential neighborhood bikeway crossings on the large scale Bissonnet rehabilitation project that is scheduled to be designed and constructed over the next several years. He is a resident of the area and identified five potential crossing sites and suggested that the road designers integrate the crossings now. Bryan Dotson talked about the potential costs and schedule for the project.

Item 5: Open Forum

Trevor Reichman explained the he would be the liaison for Houston for 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.

Bryan Dotson talked about how his employer, BP, bought one of the orphaned BCycle bikes for $25 and they are providing it to employees on a 1 week trial basis with a helmet. It is the beginning of the program.

Item 6: Announcements.

Alejandro Perez had information on a bike building event with icycle on Sept 14 from 8-12.

Joe Cutrufo announced the Hermann Park "Park to Port ride" would be on October 26.

Next Meetings
- Education Subcommittee: September 25

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

Meeting Adjourned at 2:56pm.

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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

Infrastructure Subcommittee Roll Call

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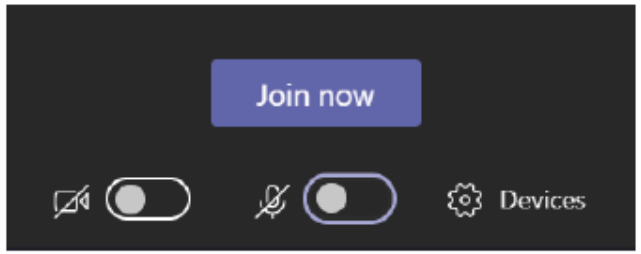

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Director’s Report

Nicole Broussard
Deputy Assistant Director,
Planning & Development

Chair’s Report

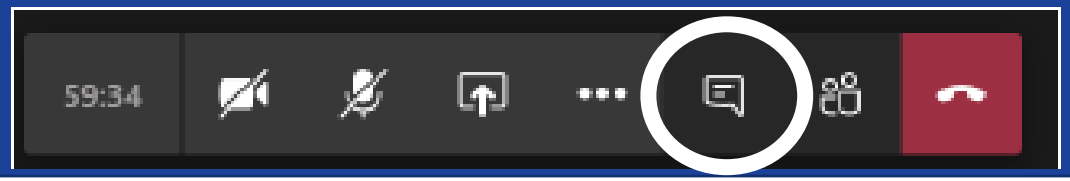
Joe Cutrufo
Chair, Infrastructure Subcommittee
BikeHouston

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



High Comfort Bikeways for Bissonnet SSFA

Bryan Dotson

High Comfort Bikeways for Bissonnet SSFA

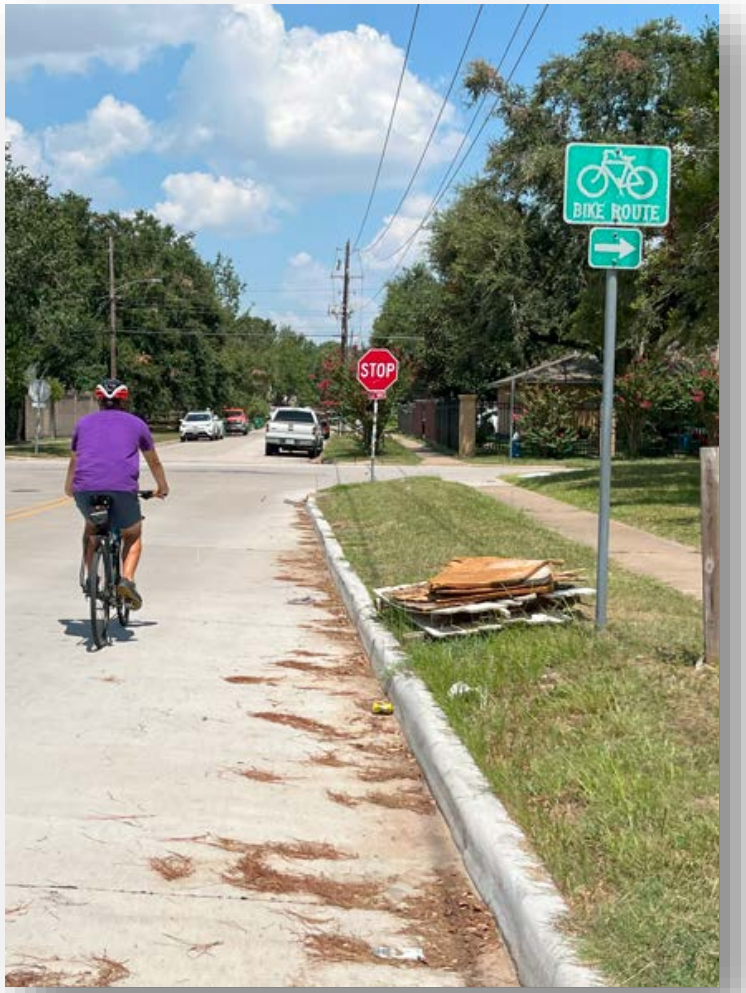
Five existing neighborhood shared street “goat paths” cross the Bissonnet SSFA project that is beginning design now. All are shown as future high-comfort on-street bikeways in the Bike Plan.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to establish these 5 bikeways in the Bike Plan:

- Leawood Blvd.
- Braeburn Glen Blvd.
- Bonhomme Rd.
- Albacore Dr.
- Braewick Dr.

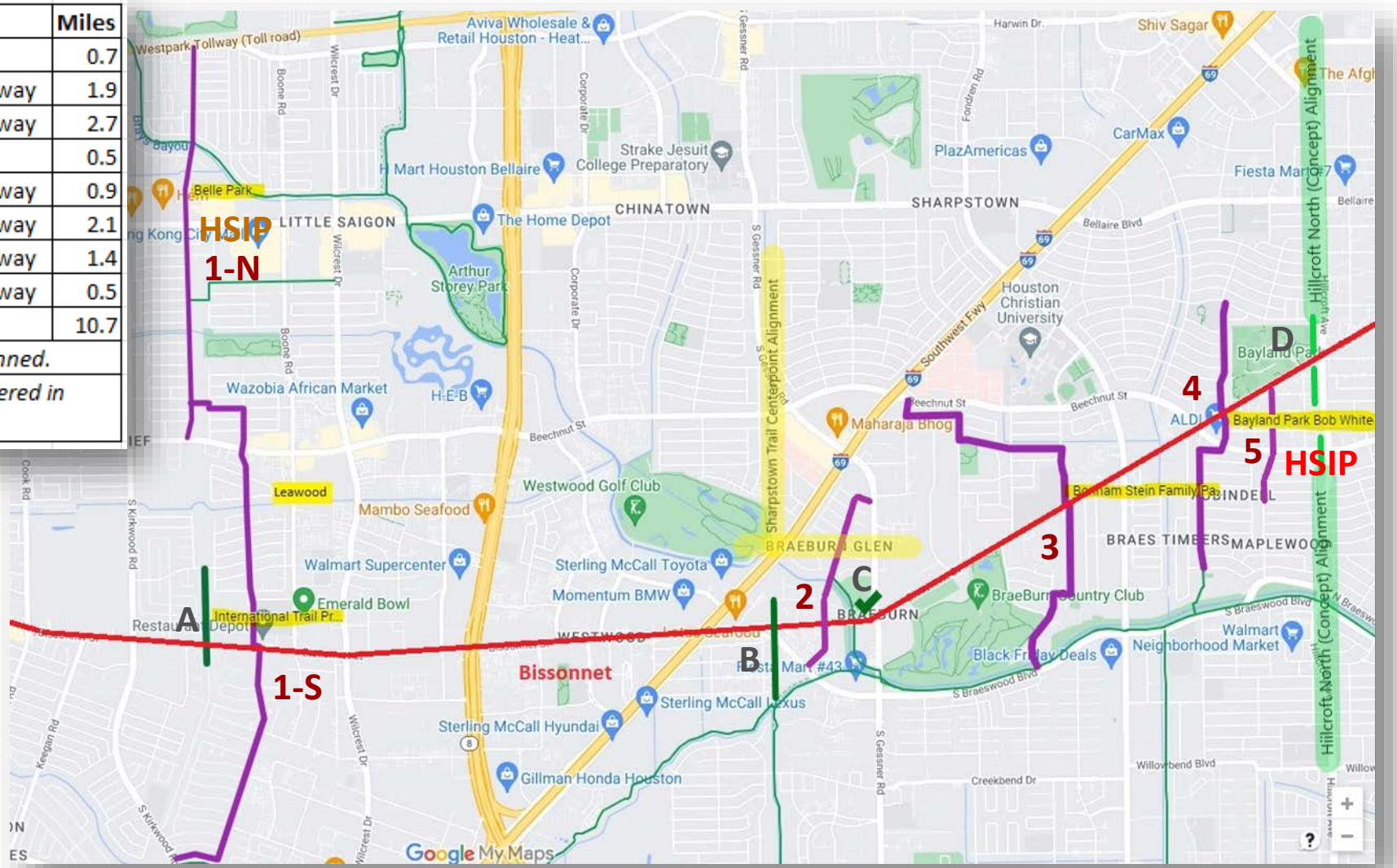
Dan Nagel, Jerry Helfand
Neighborhoods to Trails SW

Bryan Dotson, Yuri McCoy
BikeHouston Gear Shifters



Bissonnet SSFA: Dairy Ashford to Hillcroft

Mark	Crossing	Route	Type	Miles
A	CenterPt A	Alief Trail	MUP	0.7
1-N	Leawood	Belle Park	Bikeway	1.9
1-S	Leawood	Leawood	Bikeway	2.7
B	CenterPt. B	Sharpstown Trail Ext.	MUP	0.5
2	Braeburn Glen	Braeburn Glen	Bikeway	0.9
3	Bonhomme	Bonham Stein Family Park	Bikeway	2.1
4	Alabcore	Bayland Park Bob White	Bikeway	1.4
5	Braewick	Braewick Drive	Bikeway	0.5
		Total		10.7
C	*Appropriate Brays Bayou Greenway crossing planned.*			
D	*The Hillcroft North Trail concept should be considered in conjunction with Braeswick and Albacore.*			



Possible external funding includes Precinct 4 and TxDOT HSIP.

Overall Cost and Schedule

5 Bikeways

Minimum Scope: $300k
Maximum Scope: $3.3M

Alief (Int'l) Trail Pre-build

$0.8-$1.8 million; complex relationship to SSFA and Leawood Bikeway

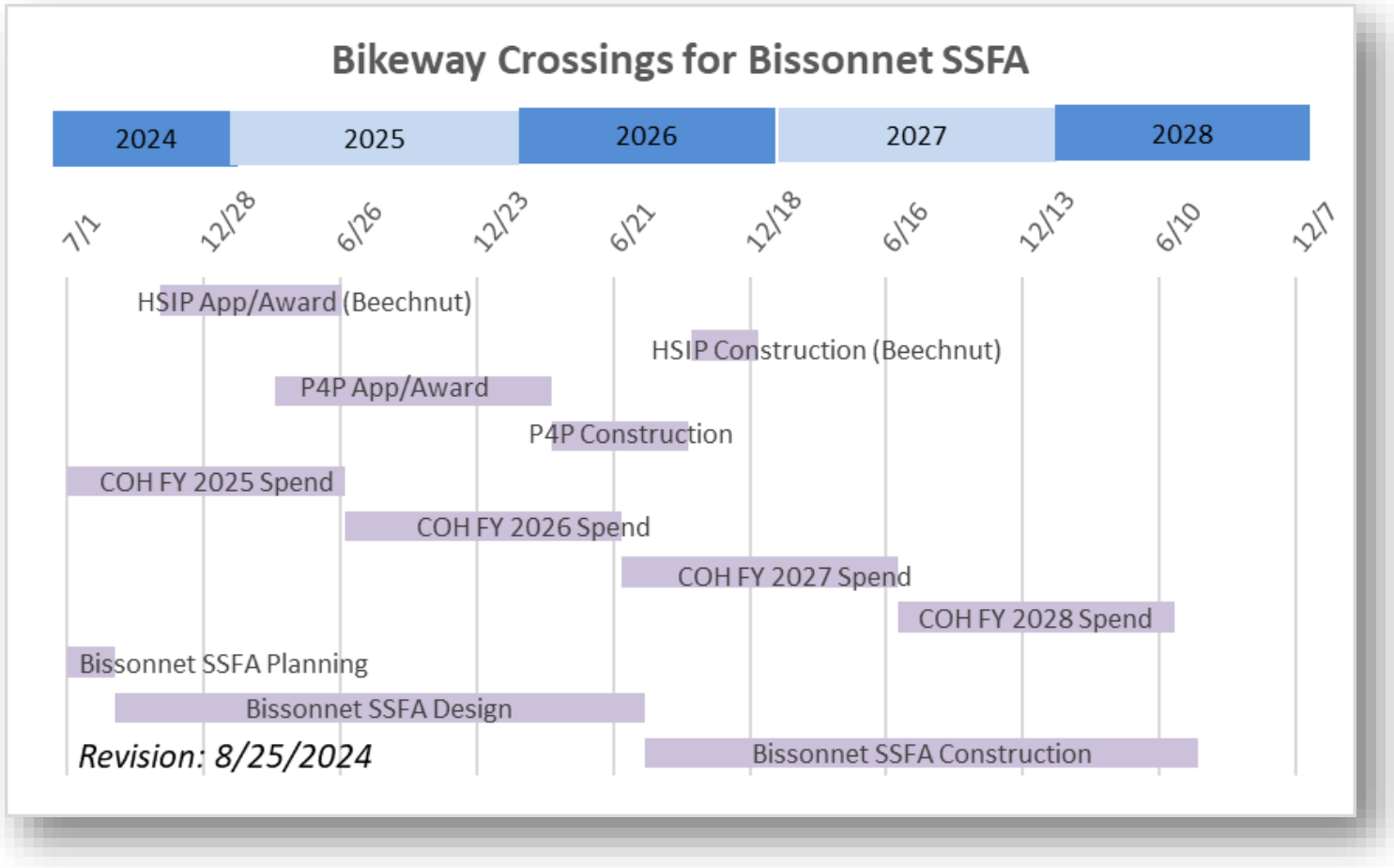
Sharpstown-Keegan Trail Pre-build

$0.6-$1.5 million; complex relationship to SSFA and Braeburn Glen Bikeway

Bayland Park Crossings

Complex situation including HSIP-qualifying fatality for Braewick at Beechnut and concept for Hillcroft North Trail (NTTSW)

All estimates include 50% contingency.



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Open Forum

Announcements and Events

Patrick “Pat” Walsh Bikeway Naming

- Public Hearing continues through September 8
- Can email mobility.planning@houstontx.gov or go to Let’s Talk Houston
- No new updates
- 19 public comments received
- Information: https://www.letstalkhouston.org/pat-walsh-bikeway-proposal

Patrick “Pat” Walsh Bikeway Naming

The City received a request to name a bikeway after past Planning & Development Department Director Patrick “Pat” Walsh. Pat was appointed the City’s Planning Director in 2014, a position he held until his death in 2018. During his tenure he led the adoption of both the City’s first general plan (**Plan Houston**, 2015) and the first update to the City’s bicycle master plan in almost 25 years (**Houston Bike Plan**, 2017).



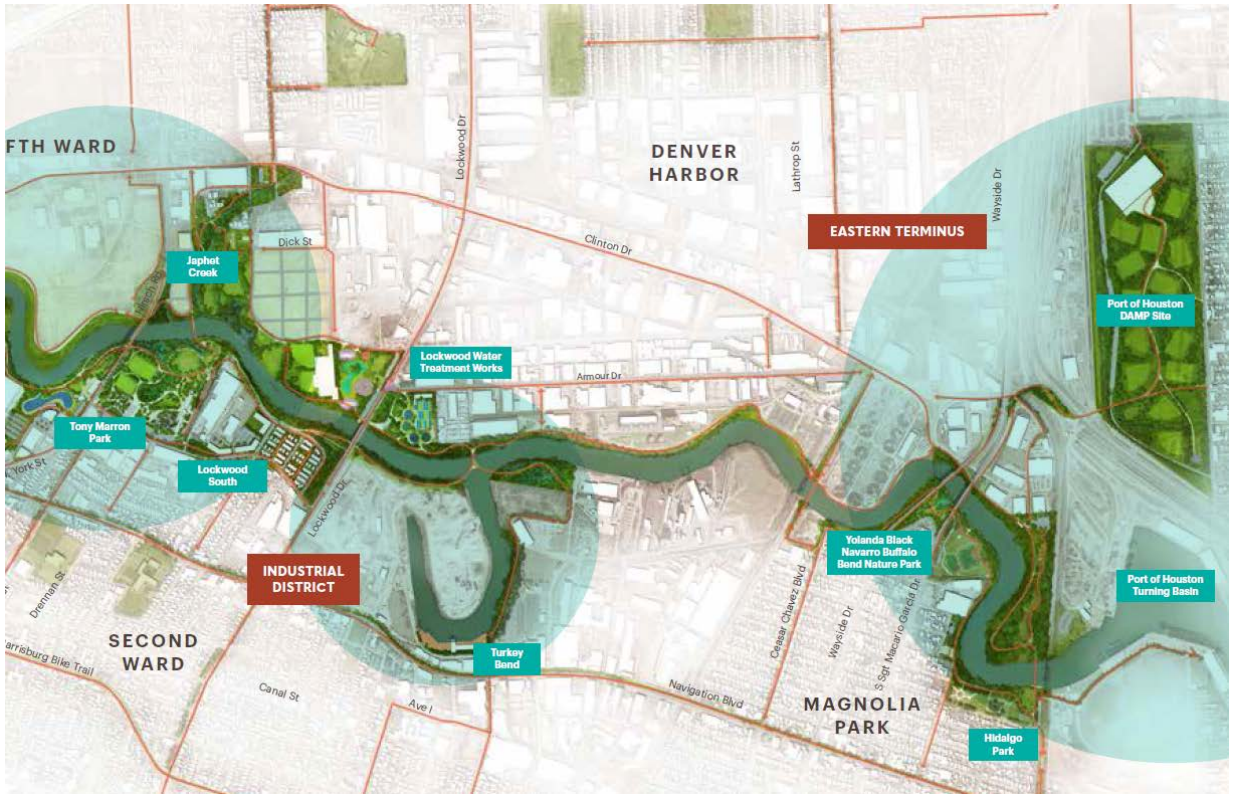
The City proposes to name an existing, high-comfort bikeway on Woodhead Street from Vassar Street to Westheimer Road the Patrick “Pat” Walsh Bikeway. The Woodhead Street segment is almost completely within Montrose, the neighborhood Pat lived in at the time of his passing and where his family currently resides.

This existing north-south bikeway creates a designated bicycle connection to the commercial corridors of Westheimer Road, West Alabama Street, and Richmond Avenue, as well as to the east-west high-comfort bikeway on Hawthorn Street.

The **public comment period** on the proposed naming is open until **Sunday, September 8, 2024**. Please submit your comment below or contact the Transportation Planning team via email at mobility.planning@houstontx.gov.

Buffalo Bayou East

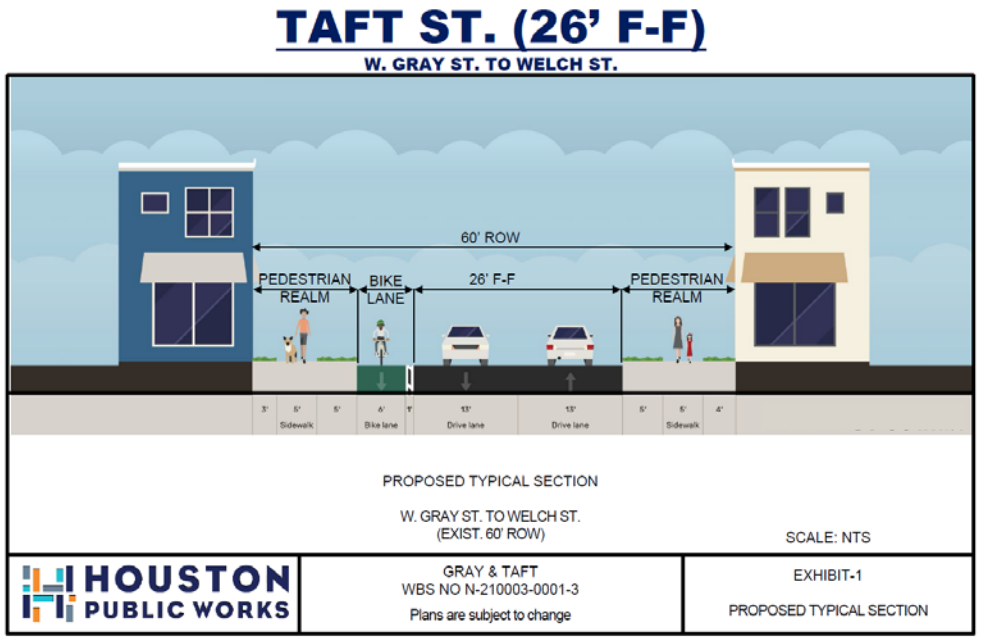
- Meeting TONIGHT 6-8pm at BakerRipley Ripley House 4414 Navigation
- $310 million in improvements are funded
- Construction to be complete by 2032
- Eventually 10 miles of bayou-fronting trails from Hidalgo Park to Memorial Park
- Information: https://buffalobayou.org/location/buffalo-bayou-east/



HPW “Gray and Taft Area” Virtual Design Update Meeting

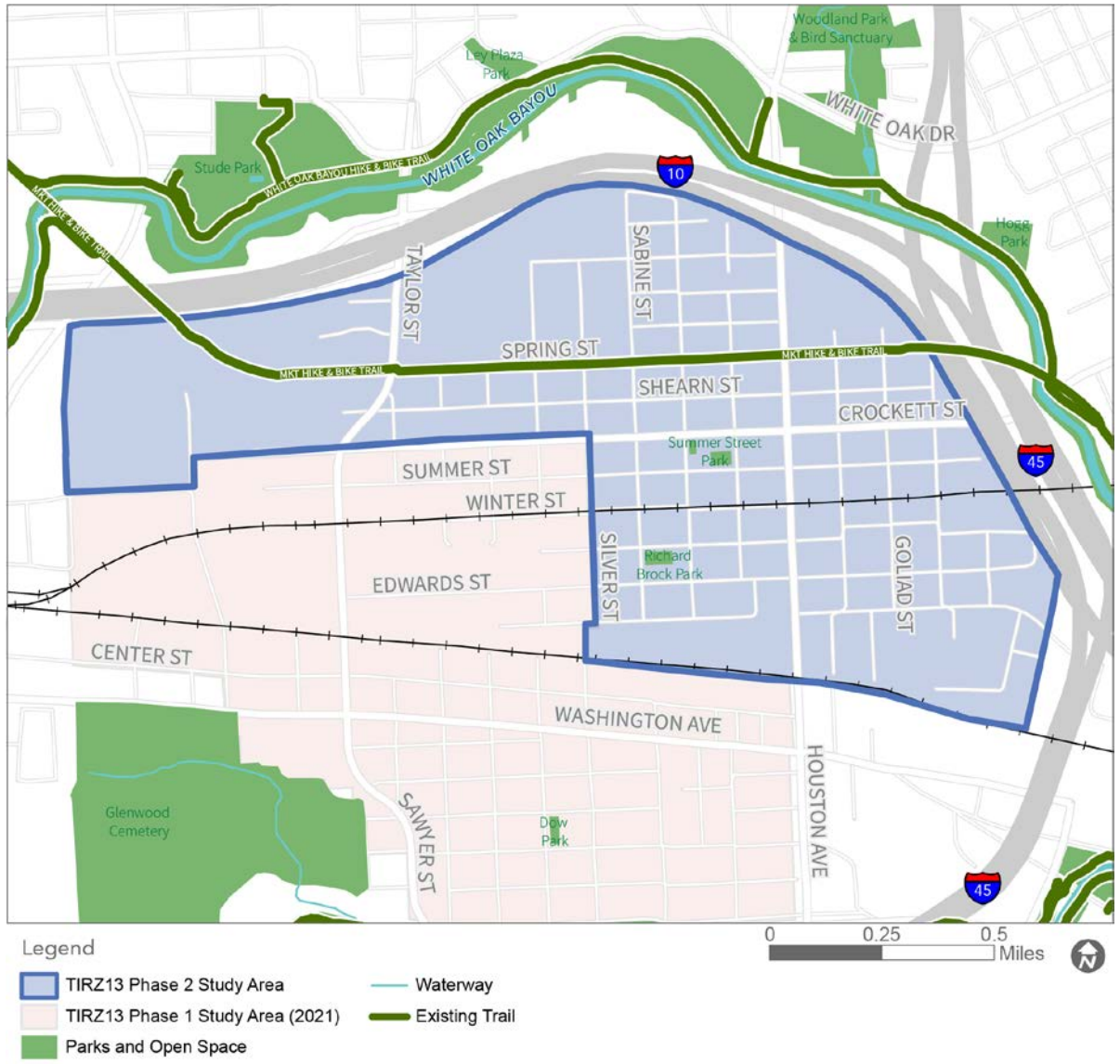
- Virtual public meeting scheduled for TOMORROW at 5:30pm
- Comprehensive road improvements to the area
- One-way bike lane proposed on Taft from W Gray St to Welch St
- Construction from 4Q25-1Q28
- Information: https://www.engagehouston.org/gray-and-taft-area





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

- Public meeting scheduled for approximately Oct. 1
- Have been developing a mobility study for the past year
- Final recommendations by end of 2024
- Information: engage.h-gac.com/osw-tirz



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