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, May 25, 2022. 2:30 – 4:30pm
John B. Raia Conference Room, 611 Walker St

Call-In Option: +1 936-755-1521 **Conference ID:** 387 102 013#

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Comments received via email before 5:00pm on May 24 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. Bryan Dotson: Proposed Projects for FLAP
4. Amar Mohite, Harris County Pct 1: Tollways to Trailways Overview
5. Jessica Wiggins, TEI: Destination Trail
6. David Fields, Planning & Development: Strategic Bikeways Investments
7. Open Forum
8. Announcements/Events

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May 25, 2022

Time Called: 2:36pm

Roll Call

BAC Members: (**P=Present**)

Tom Compson, BAC Chair - P	**Lisa Graiff - P**	**Ana Ramirez Huerta - P**
Alejandro Perez, Chair - P	**Trevor Reichman - P**	**Nikki Knight - P**
Tracy Alexander	**Jessica Wiggins - P**	Robin Holzer
Carl Salazar	Yuhayna Mahmud	Veon McReynolds
Adam J. Williams	Nick Hellyar	**Leah Chambers - P**
Sandra Rodriguez	**Judith Villarreal - P**	
Com. Kristine Anthony-Miller	**Amar Mohite - P**	
Beth Martin	**Mike VanDusen - P**	

Additional Attendees:

City of Houston	Planning & Development Staff	Bike Houston
Ian Hlavacek	**Brandon Mosley - P**	**Joe Cutrufo - P**
David Fields - P	**Sharon Moses Burnside - P**	
Juvenal Robles	Brian Smith II	

1. **Chair's Report**
   a. Chair Perez noted that it was a busy Bike Month with several events happening around the city. He hopes that members were able to join and participate.
   b. Chair noted that he is happy to see all the infrastructure that are being implemented throughout the city. He also would like to see a follow through with maintenance on the bike lanes. He looks forward to seeing how the budget will go to get sweepers.

2. **Public Comment**
   a. Email from Jon Bush: Houston METRO gave a public update of their METRORapid Inner Katy Corridor Project on May 4. Many of the proposed BRT station location will be convenient to popular biking trails at Memorial Park, White Oak Bayou, Buffalo Bayou, and Columbia Tap Trial; state of the art bike facilities at Shepherd / Durham and Bagby. He believes that METRO allocating space for Bcycle stations and secure personal bike storage at the BRT stations will be mutually beneficial to cyclist ad transit users. He would like to encourage anyone else in support of these features to submit comments through the METRO project website.
   b. Email from Harrison Wright: A resident near Braes Heights neighborhood is asking the BAC for consideration of a bike lane on Bellaire and Stella Link. He stated that he does

not feel comfortable biking across Bellaire. He feels this bike lane would service many demographics and help connect the city bike network with local parks, schools and medical center.

- Staff Brian Smith II responded to Mr. Wright via email.

3. <u>Proposed Projects for FLAP</u>

a. Presentation by Bryan Dotson: George Bush Park Hike & Bike Trail Extension
   - The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) can fund this project. Projects will be built mostly on federal land.
   - HC Precinct 4 will apply for 1.7-mile Westheimer Access Trail.
   - TXDOT will apply for 3-mile FM 1093 Trail.
   - Application deadline for 2022 Texas FLAP is August 1, 2022.
   - Request from Bryan Dotson for letters of support from BAC. Chair Compson to provide these letters.

4. <u>Tollways to Trailways Overview</u>

a. Presentation by Amar Mohite – Harris County Commissioner Precinct 1

5. <u>Destination Trail Overview</u>

a. Presentation by Jessica Wiggins – TEI Planning & Design

6. <u>Strategic Bikeways Investments</u>

a. Presentation by David Fields – City of Houston Planning and Development
   - Issue: Bikeway funds currently use 100% for Prioritized Projects, which tend to be major investments. This leaves no opportunity to fund strategic opportunities.
   - Proposal: 10% of every year's Bikeway funds be held separate from priority projects.
   - Funds to be used for:
     - Spot safety improvements
     - Low-cost improvements to bring a facility up to Bike Plan standard (LC to HC)
     - Not required to be highest priority per the prioritization exercise
     - Larger projects funds should be used as a match for other contributions and not to fund the whole project.
   - As strategic opportunities are identified, the project concept will be presented to the BAC for guidance and confirmation. If BAC supports, that will be staff's direction to implement. Once that year's funds are spent, additional proposals will be held until the following fiscal year.
   - Consensus of Infrastructure Committee to support proposal. Proposal will be added to July 2022 BAC meeting agenda.

7. **Open Forum**
   a. Joe Cutrufo
      - Wanted to thank BAC Members for attending Houston's Bike Summit this past weekend.
   b. Brandon Mosley
      - Wanted to thank all BAC members that participated in Bike to Work Day ride hosted by Mayors Office and Planning.
   c. David Fields
      - Thanked the BAC for participating in Pct 1 and Harris County Health Department's Bike Rodeo in Acres Home.
      - Wanted to remind the BAC that Staff Brian Smith II will be out until late September on military leave and that he and Brandon Mosley will be taking over his BAC duties until he returns.
   d. Jessica Wiggins
      - Wanted to know what BAC can do to help support the proposed 11th Street project.
        - David Fields responded noting that the proposed project has been passed to the Mayor Sylvester Turner for his personal review and at this time he has not given a decision. BAC members can contact his office to give statements of support.
   e. Trevor Reichman
      - Wanted to know if there is an update to the MKT Spur. When will it open?
        - David Fields responded that for the MKT Bridge, Houston Parks Board was told that it would open very soon. When it does all BAC and Bike Houston social media will be updated with the information. As far as the MKT Spur, as more information is released the BAC will be informed.

8. **Announcements/Events**
   a. Destination Trail Open House: Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 6pm 3018 Emancipation Ave Houston Texas 77004
   b. Houston Bicycle Museum Interest Meeting: June 9, 2022, 4pm Clayton Library 5300 Caroline Houston Texas 77004
   c. Pop-Up Bike Lane: June 12, 2022, 5100 Griggs Rd (Between MLK & Milart), time TBD
   d. BAC Education Subcommittee: June 22, 2022, 2:30pm, In person and Microsoft Teams
   e. BAC Committee: July 27, 2022, 2:30pm, In person and Microsoft Teams
   f. BAC Infrastructure Subcommittee: August 24, 2022, 2:30pm, In person and Microsoft Teams

Adjournment at 4:01 pm

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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

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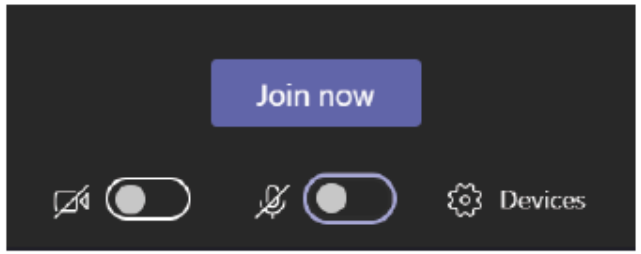

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Chair's Report

Alejandro Perez
Chair, Infrastructure Subcommittee

Public Comment

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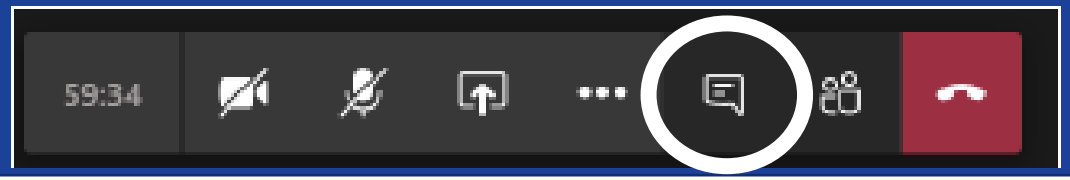

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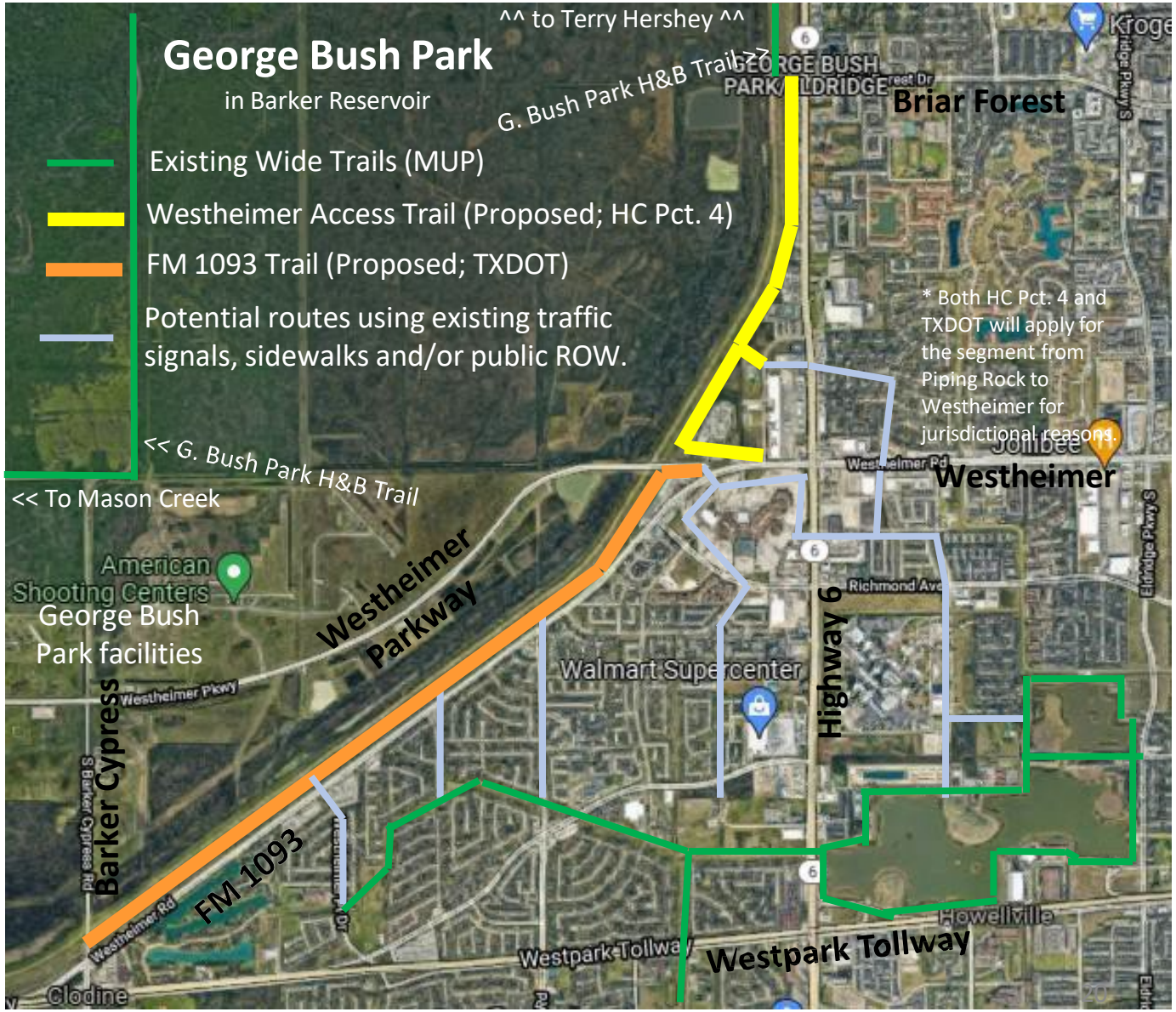


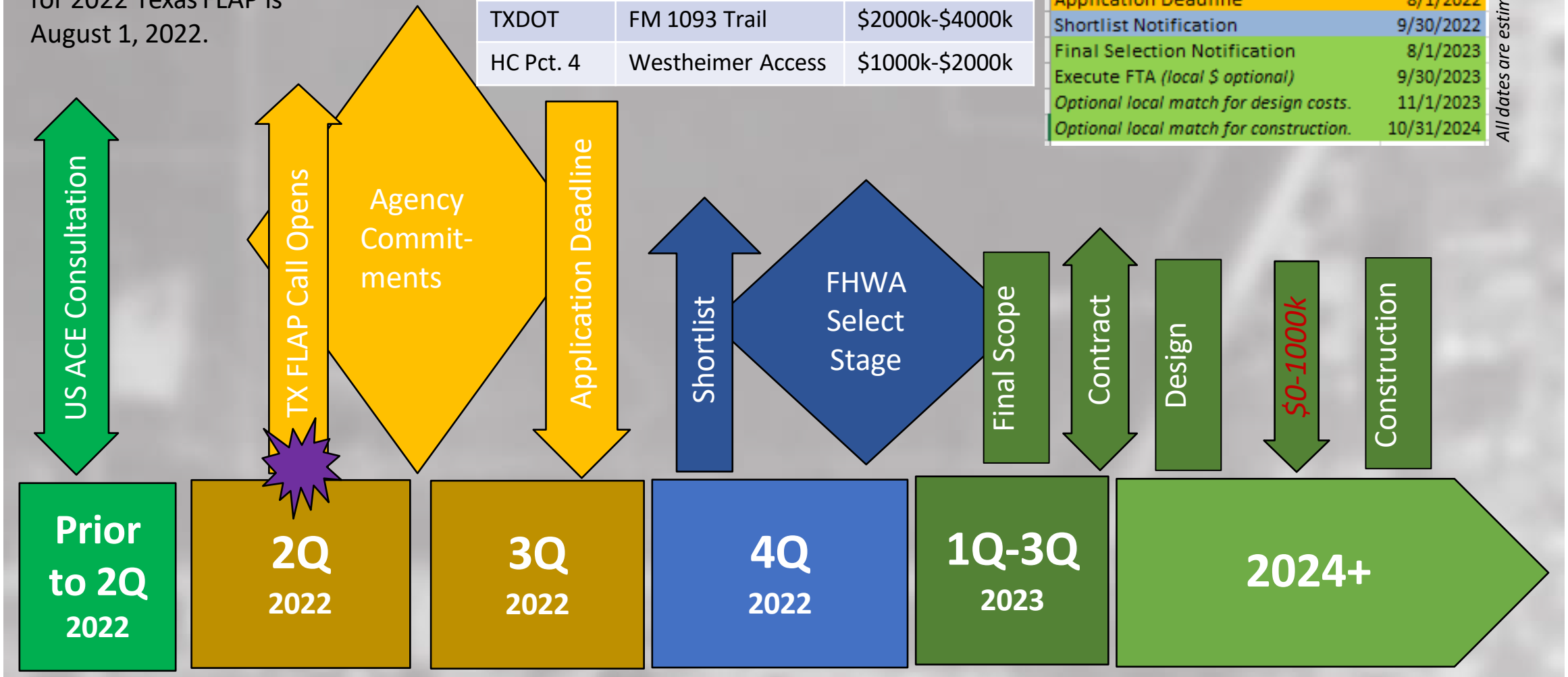
FLAP Actions, Commitments, *Optional Local $*

Application deadline for 2022 Texas FLAP is August 1, 2022.

Applicant	Scope	Appraise Cost
TXDOT	FM 1093 Trail	$2000k-$4000k
HC Pct. 4	Westheimer Access	$1000k-$2000k

Call for Projects	5/2/2022
Application Deadline	8/1/2022
Shortlist Notification	9/30/2022
Final Selection Notification	8/1/2023
Execute FTA *(local $ optional)*	9/30/2023
Optional local match for design costs.	11/1/2023
Optional local match for construction.	10/31/2024

All dates are estimates



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Destination Trail Open House, May 31

- Harris County and the Harris County Toll Road Authority are starting engagement on The Destination Trail proposal, a 31-mile trail connecting Houston, South Houston, and Webster
- The open house will focus on Segment 1 (Emancipation Park to Mason Park)
- Tuesday, 5/31 at 6:00pm
- Raul C Martinez Courthouse Annex
  - 3018 Emancipation Ave, Houston 77004





Announcements

Houston Bicycle Museum Interest Meeting, June 9

- Joy Boone, owner/operator of the Houston Bicycle Museum, is holding a meeting to gather community interest on restarting the museum
- Museum operated from 2015-2019 but closed due to Holocaust Museum expansion
- 6/9, 4-6:40pm
- Clayton Library, 5300 Caroline, Houston 77004
- For more information email info@houstonbicyclemuseum.org

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Announcements

Pop-Up Bike Lane, June 12

- We're hosting a pop-up bike lane event to demonstrate the incoming Calhoun/Griggs/MLK safety improvements being implemented with HCPCT1
- 5100 Block of Griggs Rd (Between MLK and Milart)
- Afternoon of 6/12, exact time TBD



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Next Meetings

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Thank You

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