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 22, 2024. 2:30 – 4:30pm
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 May 21st 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. Houston Bikeways Budget Overview
5. Maintenance/Sweeper Updates
6. Open Forum
7. Announcements/Events

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BAC Infrastructure Subcommittee

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Call to Order. Chair Joe Cutrufo began the meeting at 2:36pm.

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

Additional BAC Members Present:
Tracy Alexander
Yadira Estrada (attending for Kristine Anthony Miller)

Ex-Officio Members:
Jennifer Ostlind, Planning & Development
Ian Hlavacek, Houston Public Works
Patricc Fortiori, Parks & Recreation

Item 1: Director's Report. Jennifer Ostlind. No updates at this time.

Item 2: Chair's Report. Chair Joe Cutrufo gave the Chair's Report.

Bikeway projects funded for design and construction on pause. Houston has an obligation to build streets that are safe for everyone. The Shepherd/Durham project is in recent news, and has broad support from the public, elected officials, developers, etc. The project will install bike infrastructure at the highest standard.

More than 80 people have been killed while riding bicycles on Houston streets since 2017 when the Houston Bike Plan was adopted. None of these fatalities occurred on segments with bikeways separate from traffic. The work that has been coming through the BAC is saving lives and improving public safety.

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City Council voted this morning to sell a piece of the White Oak Bayou Greenway to TxDOT as part of the North Houston Highway Improvement Project. We can expect detours during construction; I hope the City, Houston Parks Board, and TxDOT are working together to get people safely around this project. This isn't just a recreational bike trail: it's a high volume trail for bike commuters too.

Item 3: Public Comment.

No written comments were submitted prior to the meeting.

No spoken comments were received during the meeting.

Item 4: Bikeways Budget Overview.

Brian D. Smith II, Transportation Planner, Planning & Development, presented an overview of the Houston Bikeways budget as executed through the CIP.

Item 5: Bikeway Maintenance/Sweeper Updates.

Brian D. Smith II, Transportation Planner, Planning & Development, presented an update on the bikeways sweeping program. Unfortunately, the Space City Sweeper will sunset due to continuous breakdowns. HPW is currently exploring options for another sweeper. The 311 bikeway-specific maintenance category is online, but currently only on the website.

Item 6: Open Forum.

Alejandro Perez: response to selling of White Oak Bayou trail segment; focus on maintenance; shifting to off-street trails.

Tom Compson: request update on BAC appointments or reappointments.

Trevor Reichman: BAC's role as an advisory committee in lieu of the pause in projects.

Staff Update: Bikeways Mileage Data:

Total Bikeway Mileage: 432 miles

Completed in 2023: 26 miles (13 dedicated on-street, 2 shared on-street, 11 off-street)

Currently programmed: 112 miles (49 dedicated on-street, 7 shared on-street, 56 off-street)

Last year was the first year we built more on-street facilities than off-street.

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Tom Compson: echoed focus on off-street; request update from Houston Parks Board on status of Brays Bayou between US59 and Beltway 8.

Alejandro Perez: any updates on Mayor's Office review of bikeways projects; strategic bikeways funds.

Joe Cutrufo: asked about status on original strategic bikeways projects.

Robin Holzer: asked about any contractual agreements/timelines for bikeways projects not completely owned by the City and done with partners.

Trevor Reichman: asked for more detail on who is reviewing the bikeways projects.

Tom Compson: asked for updates on the 11th street bikeway.

Alejandro Perez: asked on Bryan Dotson's behalf on leveraging Cullen Park Path/Piping Rock projects

Item 10: Announcements.

Upcoming Events
- FY25 Budget Workshops with City Council are ongoing.
- It's not too late to start riding for Bike Month!
- 5/31, BikeHouston Bike Home from Work Party, 4-7pm, Axlerad Beer Garden
- Opportunities to volunteer at iCanBike Houston all July [Website]

Next Meetings
- Education Subcommittee: June 26
- Bicycle Advisory Committee: July 24
- Infrastructure Subcommittee: August 28

Meeting Adjourned at 4:10pm.

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Bicycle Advisory Committee

Infrastructure Subcommittee

May 22, 2024

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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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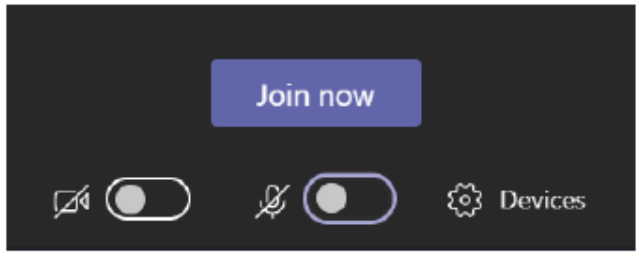

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Director's Report

Jennifer Ostlind
Interim Director,
Planning & Development

Chair's Report

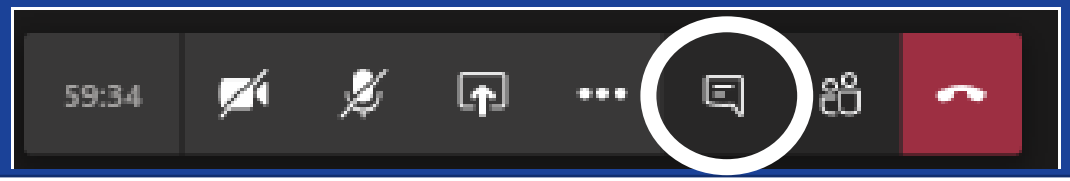
Joe Cutrufo
Chair, Infrastructure Subcommittee
BikeHouston

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



Bikeways Budget Overview

Brian D. Smith, II
Transportation Planner II
Planning & Development

Bikeways Budget Overview

CIP:

- Primary source for funding bikeway projects
- Process and engagement is separate from FY2025 Proposed Budget
- Parks Consolidated Construction Fund:
  - $3.67M allocated in 2024-2028 to Houston Bike Plan implementation
  - Covers design and construction, most funds accounted for by currently programmed projects

HPW Street Rehab Program:

- Not dedicated to bikeways
- Opportunity utilized when corridor up for rehab is on the Bike Plan

FY2025-2029 CIP:

- Timeline unknown on draft CIP, est. June
- Will pass through Budget & Fiscal Affairs Committee before going to City Council
- Last year's dates:
  - 6/12/23: Proposed CIP presented to Budget & Fiscal Affairs Committee
  - 6/21/23: CIP adopted by City Council

Maintenance/Sweeper Updates

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Bikeway Maintenance

Space City Sweeper:

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Open Forum

Announcements and Events

FY 2025 Budget Workshops

- Each department will present their individual budgets to City Council
- Check schedule online, some meetings were moved due to storm
- More Info: https://houstontx.gov/council/committees/fy2025budgetworkshops.html

City Council Committee on Budget & Fiscal Affairs
Council Member Sallie Alcorn, Chair
Council Member Mario Castillo, Vice Chair

UPDATED: Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Workshop Schedule

Wed	15-May	12:00p	Special Called BFA: Five-Year Forecast & Budget Overview
		1:00p	Finance Department
		2:00p	Houston Public Library
		3:00p	Department of Neighborhoods
Thurs	16-May	1:00p	General Services Department
		2:00p	Houston Information Technology Services
		3:00p	Houston Public Works
Tues	21-May	9:00a	Houston Airport System
		10:00a	Housing and Community Development
		11:00a	Planning and Development
Wed	22-May	1:00p	Houston Health Department
		2:00p	Solid Waste Management Department
		3:00p	Municipal Courts
		4:00p	Houston Parks and Recreation Department
Thurs	23-May	9:00a	Office of Business Opportunity
		10:00a	City Council
		11:00a	Mayor's Office
		11:30a	Houston Fire Department
		1:00p	Administration & Regulatory Affairs*
Tues	28-May	1:00p	Human Resources*
		2:00p	Legal Department
		3:00p	Houston Police Department
Thurs	30-May	10:00a	Special Called BFA: Controller's Trends Report*
		11:00a	Controller's Office*
		Noon	BREAK
		1:30p	Fleet Management*

*Budget workshops rescheduled due to the severe derecho storm.

All meetings will take place in the Anna Russell City Council Chamber, City Hall, Second Floor, 901 Bagby, Houston, TX 77002. Workshops are open to the public and the opportunity for public comment will be available at each presentation. No action will be taken on any item during workshops. Schedule subject to change. For updates or other inquires please contact atlarge5@houstontx.gov.

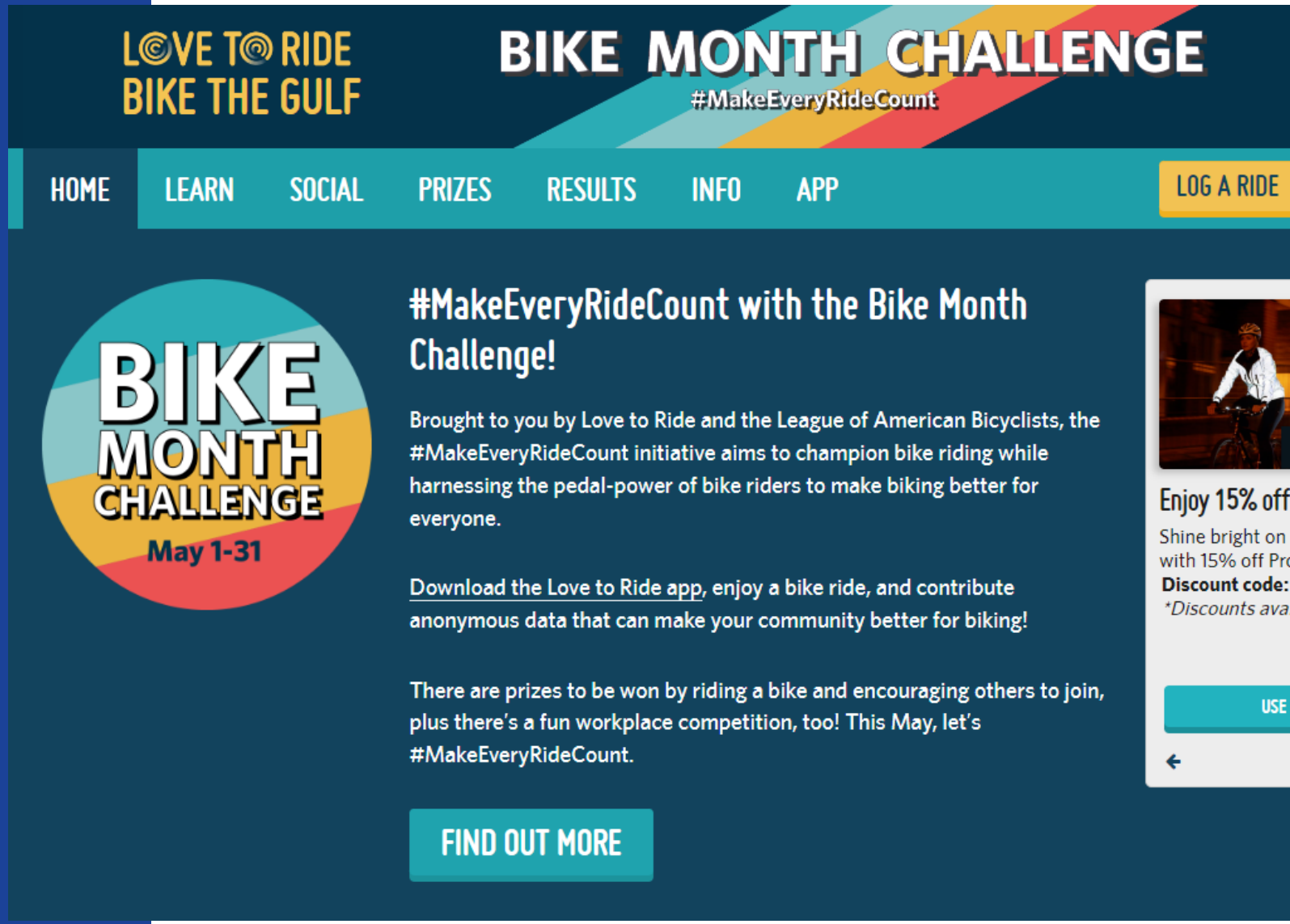
FY 2025 Budget Town Hall

- Council Member Alcorn's hosting a Town Hall and online survey to get public feedback on the budget.
- Town Hall date TBD
- Link to online survey and event updates: https://www.houstontx.gov/council/5/budget-information.html



Bike Month Challenge

- It's not too late to start riding for Bike Month
- Win prizes by clocking your miles and encouraging others to ride
- Website: https://www.lovetoride.net/bikethegulf
- Love to Ride app available on Apple and Android



Bike Home From Work

- Join BikeHouston to celebrate Bike Month with a final ride to Axelrad
- May 31, 4-7pm
- Axlerad Beer Garden, 1517 Alabama St
- Free Bike Valet



Volunteer at iCanBike Houston

- Earn service hours helping individuals with disabilities learn to ride
- Weeks of July 8-12, 15-19, several times available
- Grace Presbyterian Church, 10221 Ella Lee Ln, 77042
- Registration: https://icanbikehouston.org/sign-up



Volunteer at iCanBike Houston 2024

Week 1: July 8-12
Week 2: July 15-19

Grace Presbyterian Church, 10221 Ella Lee Ln, Houston 77042

iCan Shine is a nonprofit organization that teaches individuals with disabilities and other challenges to ride a standard 2-wheel bicycle through the iCan Bike program. This volunteer program is very rewarding. You will earn service hours, make a difference, & have lots of fun! Each of our 40 riders will need two "spotters" on each side to walk and jog alongside as they learn. A limited number of "non-spotter" volunteer spots are available as well.

Volunteer Requirements

- At least 15 years old to be a spotter
- Able to attend 90 minutes at any session time with your choice of 1 day, 2 days, 3 days, 4 days, or 5 straight days during iCan Bike week (includes 15 minutes of pre-session meeting/training)
- Able to provide physical, emotional, & motivational support to assigned rider
- Able and willing to get some exercise (light jogging/running) for a great cause!

Volunteers REGISTER here:
https://icanbikehouston.org/sign-up

Questions?
E-mail us at icanbikehouston@gmail.com.

Your choice of volunteer session times:
1. **8:30 am - 9:45 am**
2. **10:05 am - 11:20 am**
3. **11:40 am - 12:55 pm**
4. **2:00 pm - 3:15 pm**
5. **3:35 pm - 4:50 pm**

***Volunteer as a Group! We welcome businesses, organizations, friends, running groups, sports teams, etc. who wish to jog/volunteer together. If a group commits 5+ volunteers by June 1, you will get a mention on our socials, website & t-shirt (with logo if you have one)! To become a Volunteer Partner, please email us at icanbikehouston@gmail.com.

iCan Bike Houston Find us at icanbikehouston.org; @icanbikehouston

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Thank You

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