# City of Houston
# Bicycle Advisory Committee
# Infrastructure Subcommittee

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

November 15, 2018
2:30-4:30pm

## Agenda

1. Director's Report
2. Chair's Report
3. Staff Update and Discussion Regarding Bike Facility Implementation
4. Bike-Friendly Communities Application Work Session
5. Announcements
6. Public Comment

The public is invited to speak for up to two (2) minutes each. The public is also encouraged to submit written comments to bac@houstontx.gov. Updates and committee notes will be available

**Draft Minutes of the Bicycle Advisory Committee**
**Infrastructure Subcommittee**

Meeting Held on
Thursday, November 15, 2018 in
John B Raia Conference Room
2:30 pm

**Call to Order**
Chair Maya Ford called meeting to order at 2:35pm.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Maya Ford, Chair
Alejandro Perez
Amar Mohite
Robin Holzer
Ana Ramirez Huerta
Mike VanDusen

**EXOFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jennifer Ostlind on Behalf of Patrick Walsh
Ian Hlavacek

**1. Director's Report**
None.

**2. Chair's Report**
The Chair's Report was given by Chair Maya Ford. Chair Ford challenges members to help community members anticipate new bikeway infrastructure being planned.

**3. Staff update and discussion regarding bike facility implementation**
Staff provided an update on planning efforts toward new bikeway networks, focused on what the Department is doing to notify residents before construction. The Planning Department is working with BikeHouston and community ambassadors to create signs displaying the new roadway configuration and to inform road users how they could contact the Bikeways Program with questions or concerns. The first signs will go along Hardy and Elysian and will be replicated for future bikeway corridors. Staff, BikeHouston and the community will work with property owners to place the signs along the routes.

BAC members brainstormed other outreach methods to communicate the bikeway projects moving into construction, as well as how to use them safely and notify road users of existing bike safety laws. Maintenance, wayfinding and bike parking were also issues that the members identified as points needing addressing during bikeway implementation.

**4. Bike-Friendly Communities Application Work Session**
Staff member Melissa Beeler led a short work session on four open-ended questions on the Bike League's Bike-Friendly Communities application. The application, to be completed by April

5, 2019, is required to maintain or improve Houston's Bike-Friendly Community status. Houston is currently ranked Bronze.

BAC members provided feedback on the following questions:

1. What are the top three reasons your community has made bicycling a priority? (checkbox)
2. Briefly describe the most positive outcome of your community's support for bicycling.
3. Describe any improvements that have occurred for cycling in your community since your last application.
4. What could be done differently in order to make bicycling safer, more enjoyable and/or more convenient in your community?
5. What specific bicycle-related improvements are planned in the next 12 months that directly affect your community?

**5. Announcements**

There will be a community meeting for proposed Paterson Street bikeway improvements on November 29 at the Council on Recovery.

Mike VanDusen stated there was a replat opportunity at the Kroger and Target near I-10 in Lower Heights District near the Heights bikeway. He stated the Planning Department is correcting an issue of extending Oliver Street connections and building line issues. He encouraged the Department to stand firm on right-of-way dedication and to make sure the dedications are recorded.

There will be a Nighttime Safety Audit at Sam Houston High School on November 29 at 5:30pm to identify safety hazards.

**6. Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

Chair Maya Ford adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm.

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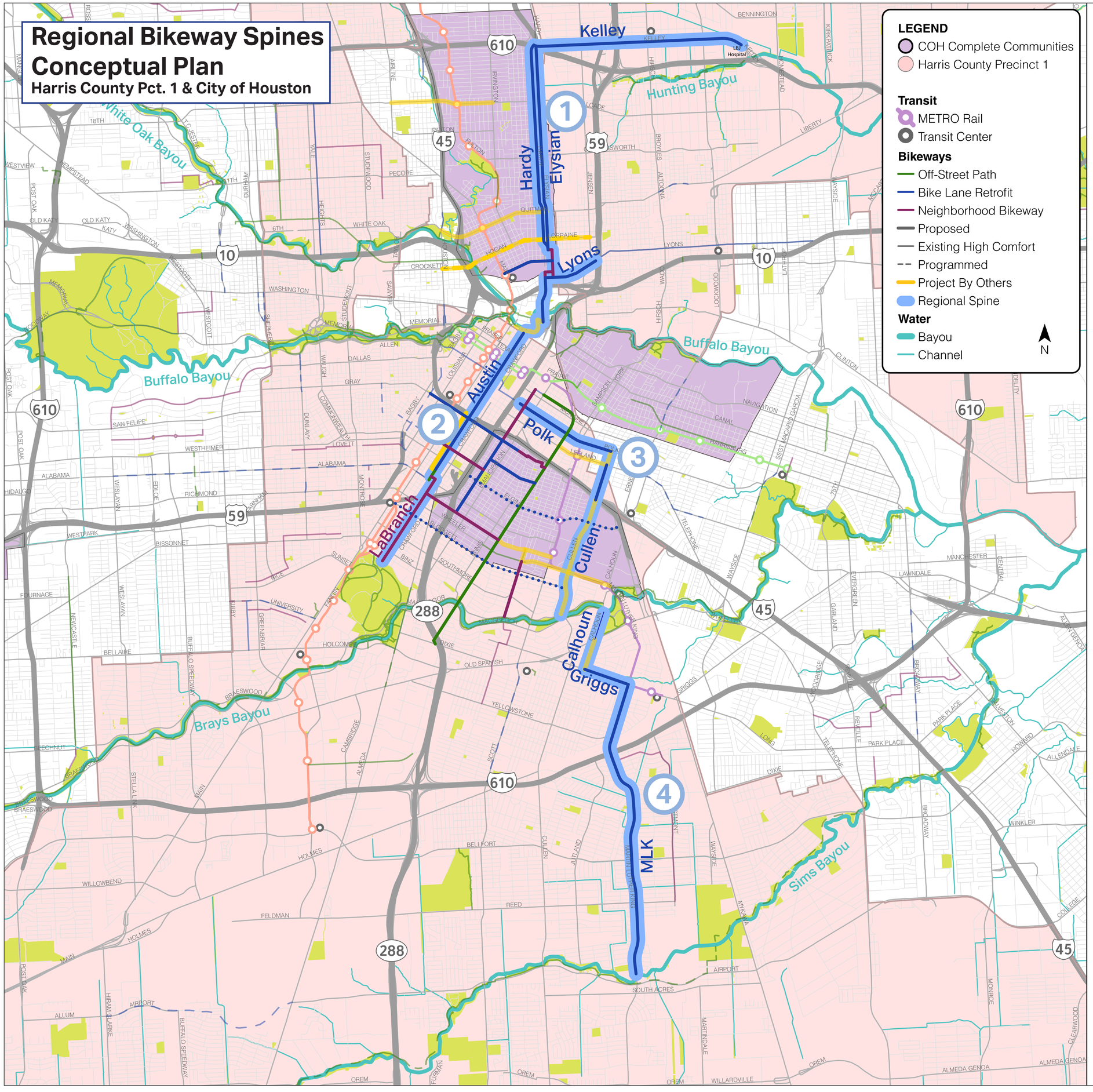
# Regional Bikeway Spines Conceptual Plan

**Harris County Pct. 1 & City of Houston**




**LEGEND**

- COH Complete Communities
- Harris County Precinct 1

**Transit**

- METRO Rail
- Transit Center

**Bikeways**

- Off-Street Path
- Bike Lane Retrofit
- Neighborhood Bikeway
- Proposed
- Existing High Comfort
- Programmed
- Project By Others
- Regional Spine

**Water**

- Bayou
- Channel

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## 1 NORTHEAST — Hardy - Elysian - Kelley — 9.2 Miles

**Extents:**
Buffalo Bayou to LBJ Hospital

**Neighborhoods:**
Near Northside; Kashmere Gardens; Fifth Ward

**Destinations:**
LBJ Hospital; Kashmere Transit Center; 4 HISD schools; Buffalo Bayou

**Future Connections/Improvements**
Buffalo Bayou (BG2020); Downtown (Austin Street); Hunting Bayou (BG2020); Fifth Ward (Lyons)

## 2 CENTRAL — Austin Corridor — 3.3 Miles

**Extents:**
Buffalo Bayou to Hermann Park (Brays Bayou)

**Neighborhoods:**
Downtown; Midtown; Museum Park

**Destinations:**
Buffalo Bayou; Downtown/Midtown jobs and attractions; Museum District; Hermann Park

**Future Connections/Improvements**
Hermann Park Trails (Master Plan); Buffalo Bayou trail (BG2020)

## 3 EAST — Polk - Cullen — 3.4 Miles

**Extents:**
Lamar Cycle Track to Brays Bayou

**Neighborhoods:**
Downtown; East Downtown; Eastwood; Third Ward; MacGregor

**Destinations:**
Downtown/GRB; Bastrop Promenade; Columbia Tap; University of Houston; TSU; Brays Bayou

**Future Connections/Improvements**
Includes HC Pct. 1 Cullen reconstruction project from IH 45 to Brays Bayou

## 4 SOUTHEAST — Calhoun - Griggs - MLK — 5.2 Miles

**Extents:**
Brays Bayou to Sims Bayou

**Neighborhoods:**
MacGregor; OST/South Union; South Acres; Sunnyside

**Destinations:**
UH; Brays Bayou; MacGregor Park; Palm Center; Sims Bayou

**Future Connections/Improvements**
Park system along Sims Bayou (BG2020)