City of Houston
Bicycle Advisory Committee

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

HOUSTON BIKEPLAN

Meeting to be held BOTH in-person and virtually via Microsoft Teams
Wednesday, July 26, 2023 2:30 – 4:30pm

In-Person: City Hall Annex Council Chambers, 900 Bagby Street, Public Level

Call-In Option: +1 936-755-1521 **Conference ID:** 486 279 208#

Meeting Link:

For meeting documents, please visit our website

Comments received via email before 12:00pm on July 26 will be read into the record during public comment.

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. Approval of April 2023 Minutes
4. Public Comment
5. Ethics Training – Kim Mickelson
6. TXDOT: Bike-Related Components of NHHIP
7. Bikeway Fatalities and Serious Injuries Year-to-Date
8. Quarterly Updates
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July 26, 2023

Call to Order. Chair Alejandro Perez called the meeting to order at 2:35pm.

Roll Call:
Tom Compson, Chair (P)
Alejandro Perez, Vice Chair (P)
Tracy Alexander (P)
Leah Chambers (A)
Adam J. Williams (P)
Carl B. Salazar (A)
Com. Kristine Anthony-Miller (A)
Joe Cutrufo (P)
Lisa Graiff (P)
Trevor Reichman (P)
Jessica Wiggins (A)
Yuhayna Mahmud (A)
Nick Hellyar (A)
Ben Drews (P)
Amar Mohite (P)
Mike VanDusen (P)
Ana Ramirez Huerta (P)
Nikki Knight (P)
Robin Holzer (P)
Veon McReynolds (P)

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

1) **Director's Report.** David Fields gave the Director's Report.
   - TIRZ 27 applied for funds for Waugh between W. Gray and Allen Parkway to close the gap.
   - Commerce Street from St. Charles to Velaso will have the removal of the rail tracks in the roadbed, and it will be repaved. There will be a design for a parking protected bike lane by using striping.
   - City is working with various agencies on providing updates on when there are detours for trails.

- Ahmed Ghaly, Managing Engineer, OCE with Houston Public Works reported that Transportation Drainage Operations Department and OCE are working on updating Chapter 17. They have reviewed bike plans from around the country and are 80% done. Tentatively on Sept. 1, the update to Chapter 17 will be complete. Currently, they are focusing on a detouring plan for vehicles and pedestrians, but they recognize the issue with not including bikes. They do recognize that the bike network is expanding which is why they are researching detouring plans from around the country.

2) **Chair's Report**. Co-Chair Perez gave the Chair's Report:
   - Co-Chair Perez wants the committee to find ways to bring in more funding to assist in reversing the increasing trend with cyclist fatalities.

3) **Approval of April Minutes**.
   - Postponed approval of minutes to after Public Comments
   - Amendment by Chair Compson to remove the last bullet point on the first page as it relates to "coffin nominations for conduct new committee chair elections."

   Motion: Perez **Second:** Holzer **Vote**: Unanimous

4) **Public Comment:**
   - Marian Wright - There has to be a mutual respect between bicycles and automobiles for Houston to achieve its goal of safe streets for all forms of transportation. Cyclists have a dual responsibility to abide by traffic laws and not to act in a behavior that will contribute to accidents or put them unnecessarily in harm's way. This committee should only partner with organizations that take omission. To support and encourage cyclists to abide by all laws. DUI, running red lights, running stop signs, traveling the wrong way, improper lane use, improper passing and traveling at night with proper illumination.
   - Kevin Strickland - A repeat of what we talked about at the Education Committee and because this is the infrastructure. We don't even really track the number of people killed while walking. The community is fed up with the way in which the city manages the sidewalk and bike lane closures. So, whether it's a permitting, enforcement, or the detours, none of that is currently working. And it's putting us at risk. I appreciate that the city is looking at the IDM to address the detour issue, but that's after the fact. So, what's happened on was a great example. The developer has been allowed to take over the sidewalk and the bike lane and we have to fix this across the city.

- Ed Pettit - Updates on the Columbia Tap Trail. There was a string of armed and violent assaults in May for the section of the trail in 3rd Ward which has come to an end after the arrest of three of the suspects. Unfortunately, last week there was an armed robbery in the east downtown section of the trail where Nagel intersects with the Columbia Tap near Tiny Champions Pizza. It doesn't seem to be connected to the. individuals in May. Concerning that we're having safety issues on the Columbia tap and none of the promises made at the press release in have come to fruition. Not getting cooperation from Houston Public Works and refuse to adjust their jurisdiction and to work with the Parks Department to create shared management partnerships with the community. In fact, the Houston Housing Authority today received word from the Parks Department that Parks is not able to come up with a shared use maintenance agreement with the Housing Authority and so the Housing Authority will have to withdraw the funding from their HUD Choice Neighborhood Initiative grant for the Pocket Park Trujillo.
  BAC should step in and create clear guidelines for how these departments and agencies are conducting their community engagement with the community. We can't even get an update on the McGowan bike lane, which we've been fighting for five years for.
- John Beale- I'm a bike rider who's native to the city and this is my first meeting here. Part of the reason that I know that we're having problems in the city, has to do with the lack of involvement of people like myself. Raising awareness of the fact that there are people on the road other than those who sit behind the wheel of a car. Most of the problem I've observed as a as a bike rider in the city is that when we are not riding a bike, we ignore the concerns of bike riders as citizens. This is not just an infrastructure problem or a political problem. It's a problem of the lack of involvement of people like myself who won't get involved to change the culture of his own city.

5) **Ethic Training:** Kim Mickelson, Legal Department
   - Due to an emergency meeting, training will be rescheduled.

6) **Bike Related Components of NHHIP**: Grady Mapes, TxDOT presented.
   - NHHIP remains funded remain funded in the 2023 UTP, which the Commission is to act in August.
   - The Voluntary Resolution Agreement (VRA) lifts the pause that was on NHHIP with the Federal Highway Admin. review. There were no Title 6 violations identified and TxDOT is allowed to resume all project development activities. There are commitments in the VRA that TxDOT must complete.

- Today, we are focusing on final designs in three projects within the segment 3 limits, green ring around downtown. We are working to restart public and stakeholder engagement.
    - Package 1: Drainage improvements along St. Emanuel Street to Buffalo Bayou
    - Package 2: I-69 between SH 288 and IH 45 South
    - Package 3: I-69 between Spur 527 and SH 288
- Typical NHHIP Pedestrian Realm is: 7ft sidewalk; 5ft bike lane; 5ft buffer behind the curb; and plantings providing additional buffering. This is not uniform through the entire NHHIP corridor, but this is the typical for the cross streets, all local streets, and either crossover or under a highway facility.
- Houston Bike Plan Connectivity: Garden bridges opportunities are the cross streets that cross over the freeway facilities.
- Arch Bridge Crossings-Pedestrian Realm: There's some cross bridges, some cross streets over I-69 just north of the 288 interchange (Elgin, Tuam and McGowan) These will be arch bridges will have vehicle lanes, the driving lanes, and on the outside of the arches separate bike lanes and sidewalks in both directions.
- Expanded Trails – White Oak Bayou Trails: A potential shared use path that would be constructed underneath the bridges as part of the NHHIP project.
- Little White Oak Bayou Opportunities: Potential trails that could be put in along Little White Bayou underneath I-45. Potential trails are a high level concepts that as we get into a detailed design, we work through to understand exactly what they look like and where they can be accommodated and how. We are working towards the delivery of it and the details will be worked out during the detailed design process.
- School Connectivity – Jensen Drive at Bruce Elementary and Stokes Road Access to Roosevelt Elementary: Enhanced pedestrian realms
- Emancipation National Historic Trail Connectivity: TxDOT is part of the BRA that will assess federal efforts to develop the Emancipation Trail. As we go through detailed design, we'll evaluate feasibility of accommodating the links through the NHHIP limits.

7) **Bikeway Fatalities and Serious Injuries: End of the Year Report and Year to Date Report.** Brandon Mosley presented for Commander Kristine Anthony Miller. Updated statistics on traffic crashes involving bicyclists.
    - 2023 Fatality Report (as of Mon, 7/17/23):
        - 9 bicycle fatalities, and 1 e-bike fatalities: 2 daytime, 8 nighttime
        - Of the nine, 3 vehicles were failure to stop and render aid, including the e-bike fatalities. Of those 1, one driver has been arrested and charged.
    - As of 6/30/23:
        - 216 YTD total crashes involving bicyclists.

- Areas such as Central, North, Northeast and South Central have the highest number of crashes over 20, as well as having at least one fatal crash.
- One intersection has had more than one crash. There were two crashes at Antoine and Victory, one minor/no injury, and one major/injury.
- Mapping crashes, traffic deaths and serious injuries is done through data gathered from the TxDOT system and is presented in the High Injury Network Map which can be accessed via the City of Houston Vision Zero website.
- The Vision Zero webpage has an interactive map in which citizens can self-report locations where they feel unsafe as a cyclist.

8) **Quarterly Updates.** Misty Staunton presented.
Ongoing bikeway projects and initiatives updates.

- Bikeways (notable updates)
  - City of Houston
    a. 11th St & Michaux - N Shepherd Dr to Michaux; 11th to Usener St: Design and construction is complete
    is complete, ribbon cutting was on March 23rd.
    b. Commerce St - St Charles to Velasco: design is in concept
    c. Fondren - Braeswood to Airport: is in 30% design
    d. Lockwood Dr - Suburban St to Crites St: is 100% in design
    e. North Main - Cottage to Airline: is 60% in design
    f. Polk St - Cullen to S Lockwood Dr: is 90% in design
  - Precinct 1
    a. No significant updates given.
  - Precinct 2
    a. No significant updates given.
  - Houston Parks Board
    a. Stuart Park to FM Law Park: construction is complete
    b. Scott St to Buffalo Spdwy: Complete except for area under SH288 pending TxDOT work. Detour open through Margaret Jenkins Park, west along Airport and south through Houston Sports Park
    c. Sharpstown Trail - Sands Point to Beechnut: bidding slated to start in August
    d. Sharpstown Trail - Beechnut to Brays Bayou Greenway: permitting in progress
    e. Law Park Connector - Mykawa to CenterPoint: construction is 85% complete
  - TxDOT
    a. Highway 3 (Richey St. to FM 518): 14 miles; this is a buffered bike lane. It goes all the way south to League City; design is complete;

construction in progress

- METRO
  a. McGowen Bikeway: design is complete; construction to begin August 2023
- TIRZ 5
  a. Construction status complete for: MKT Improvements (Houston Ave to Shepherd); Heights (Center to IH-10); W Dallas (Dunlavy to Waugh)
- TIRZ 27
  a. Applied for funding for Waugh between W. Gray and Allen Pkwy
- TXDOT
  a. No significant updates given.

- No Parking in the Bike Lane (as of 7/25/2023)
  - 207 citations issued (+4)
  - $12,520 collected (+$1,190)
  - 22 completed trainings (no change)
  - No new locations added since Jan 2023's reporting
  - Top 3 locations: 9100 Galveston Rd (38); 2300 Polk (32); 900 Bagby St. (24)
  - There were no increases and no new locations.

9) **Open Forum**
- Committee members discussed various topics on bicycling.

10) **Announcements**
- Street Safety Improvement Project-North Main Street:
  a. Wednesday, August 2, 6-7pm at Montie Beach Community Center
- Street Improvements: Flyers on how to use the new Polk and 11th street; would like feedback from BAC
- Next BAC meetings:
  a. Infrastructure Subcommittee: August 23, 2:30-4:30pm; John B. Raia Conference Room/Microsoft Teams
  b. Education Subcommittee: September 27, 2:30-4:30pm; John B. Raia Conference Room/Microsoft Teams
  c. Bicycle Advisory Committee: October 25, 2:30-4:30pm: Council Chambers/Microsoft Teams

Meeting Adjourned at 4:25pm.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

July 26, 2023

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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

Roll Call

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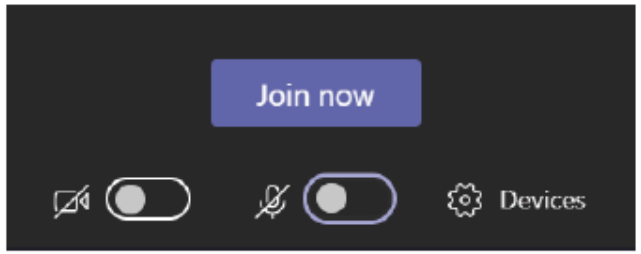

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Director's Report

David Fields
Planning and Development

Chair's Report

Alejandro Perez
Community Advocate
BAC

Approval of April 2023 BAC Minutes

Public Comment

Send **written comments** to bac@houstontx.gov by 2:00pm the day of a BAC meeting. Comments will be read aloud by staff during the meeting.

Comment by **Phone:** to join dial 936-755-1521; ID 486 279 208 # Press ***6** to unmute when called upon by the Chair.

Comment via **Microsoft Teams**: Type your name and that you would like to comment.

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Ethics Update

Kim Mickelson
Legal Department

Houston Bicycle Advisory Committee

Procedures and Ethics Training

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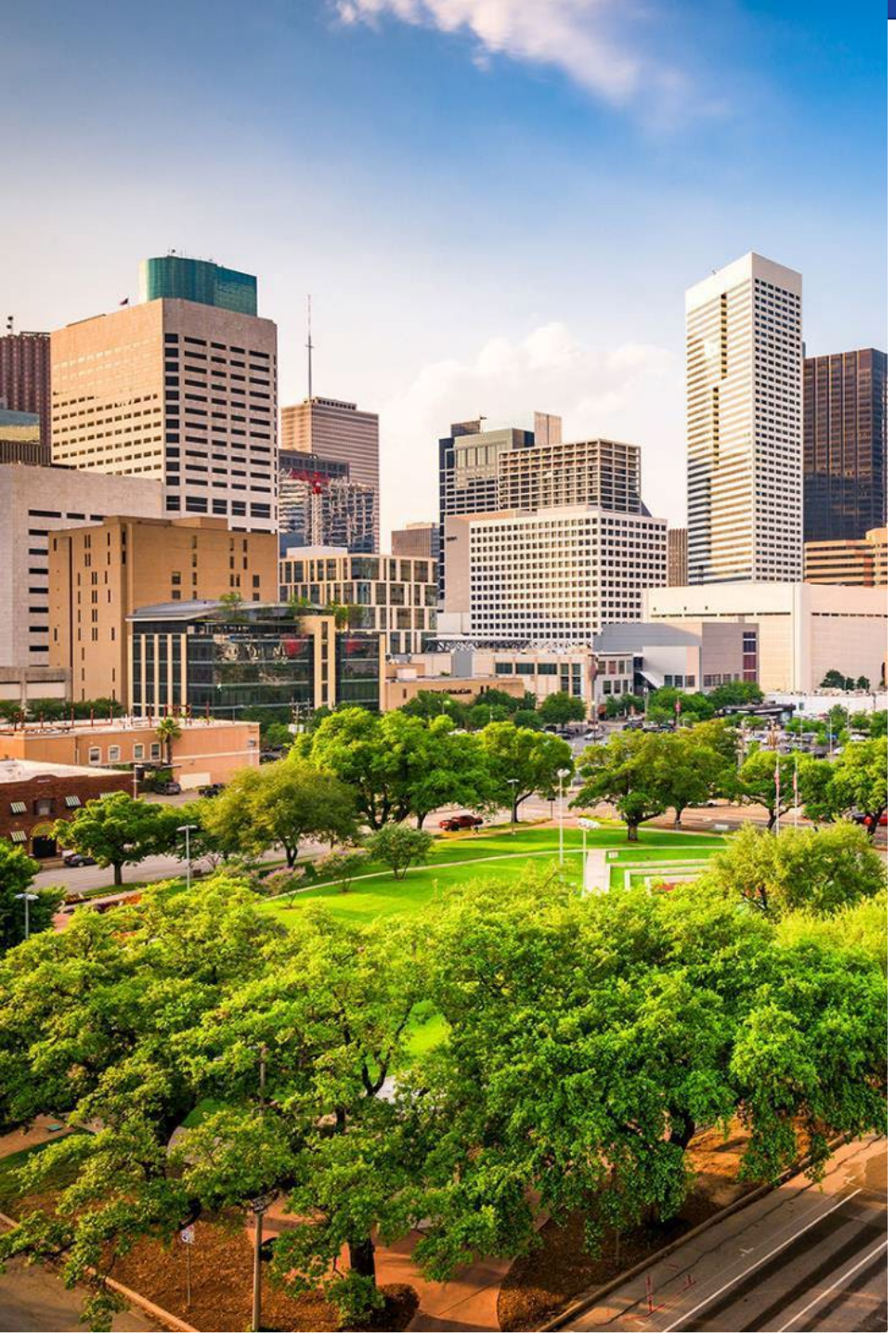


Legal Issues

Open Government requirements.

Ordinance regulates private property.

Planning is well within the City's police powers.

Constitutional considerations:

- Due process
- Equal Protection

Enforcement issues.

Meeting issues—rules of procedure.

- Motions, amendments, voting, abstentions
- Deferrals
- Designing from the dais
- Site visits

Ethics for City Boards and Commissions

Prepared by City of Houston Legal Department--2023



Ethics is defined as:

A set of principles of right or good behavior;

A theory or a system of moral values;

The rules or standards of a person or

The members of a profession

A board or commission member is?

"Public Servant"

A person elected, selected, appointed, employed, or otherwise designated as one of the following, even if he has not yet qualified for office or assumed his duties: an officer, employee, or agent of government. *Texas Penal Code Section 1.07*

"Local Public Official"

- A member of governmental body or another officer appointed that exercises duties beyond that of being advisory in nature.
- Some board or commission members are local public officials, by virtue of the function of their board or commission (known as "officer" boards). *Texas Local Government Code Chapter 171*

"City Officer"

Some board or commission members are "officers" if they perform sovereign functions for the City for the benefit of the public largely independent of the control of others. *Aldine Ind. Sch. Dist. v. Standley,* 154 Tex. 547 (1955).

This means you!

“Local Government Officer”
Local Government Code
Chapter 176

Board or commission members are local government officers as members of a governing body of a local governmental entity (i.e., board to which members are appointed by the Mayor or city Council)

“City Official”
City of Houston Code of Ordinances
Chapter 18

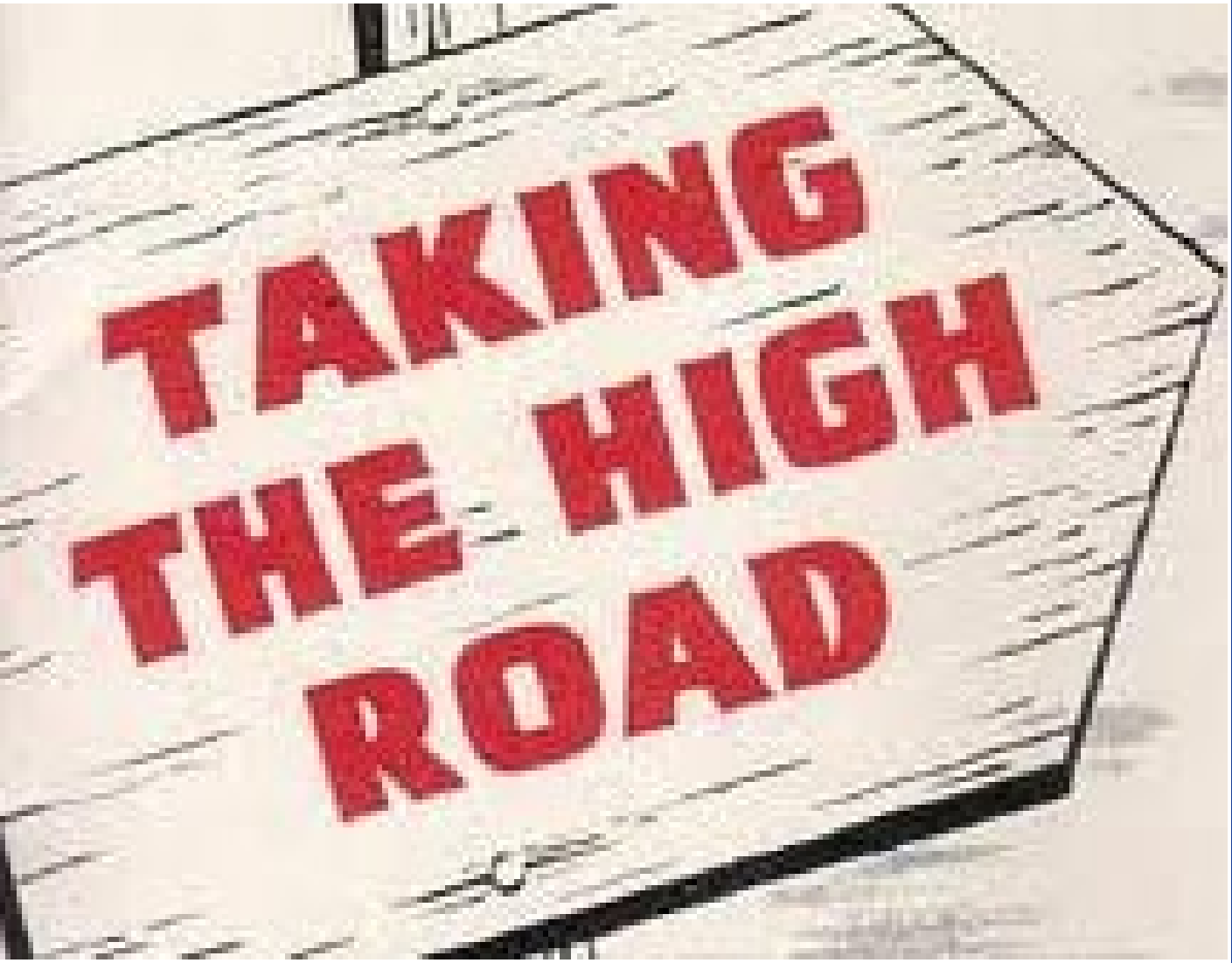
All board and commission members are city “officials,” as defined in Section 18-2 of the Code of Ordinances.’



City of Houston (COH) Code of Ordinances

- Sec. 2-316 imposes residency requirements, unless the specific adopting ordinance provides otherwise

- **Division 3, Chapter 33, Code of Ordinances creates Bicycle Master Plan and Bicycle Advisory Committee:** creation, membership, qualifications, duties, etc.
- BAC makes recommendations on bicycle safety and plans to Planning Commission and City Council.



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Best and Recommended Practices

Know and Follow the Rules!

- Texas Penal Code
- Texas Government Code
- Texas Local Government Code
- City Charter
- Code of Ordinances

Open Government



Open Meetings Act:

Compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act is required for boards or commissions that make final decisions, issue permits or licenses, or adopt rules regarding public business.

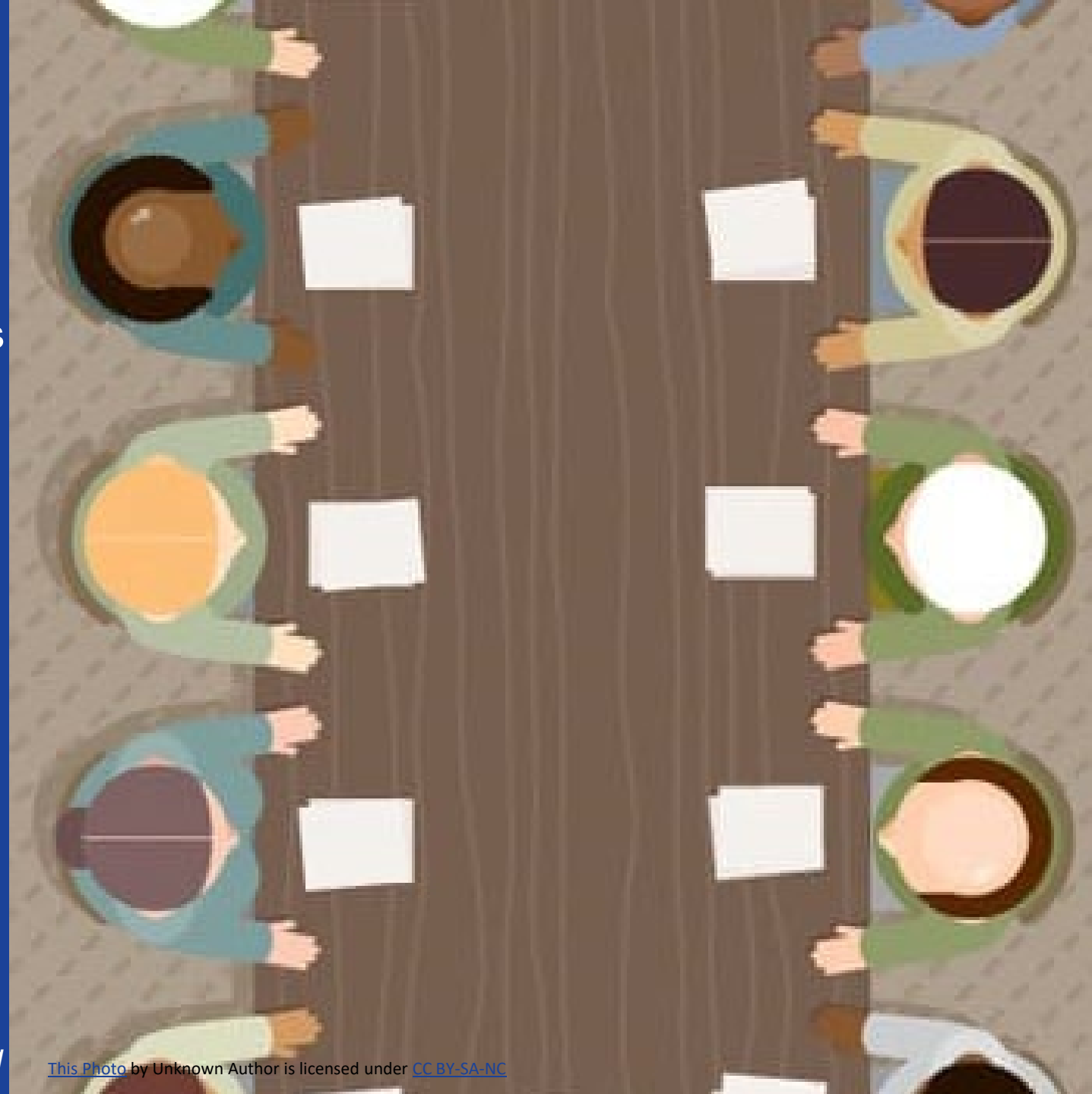
Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Open Government

Open Meetings Act

- If your board or commission typically posts its agenda 72 hours in advance of the meeting and otherwise complies with the Act, be consistent and make sure you comply every meeting.
- Board and commission members must have a minimum of one hour of open meetings training.
- Training is free, online and may be completed by accessing the Texas Attorney General's website at

https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/og/oma-training



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Allowed in cities located in three or more counties.

The Chair must be present in the room.

Room must be open to the public.

Hybrid Meetings

Public may also attend via audio/visual link.

Members may attend in person or via a/v link and must be visible, and audible when speaking or voting. If you need to take a call or step away, announce it.

Must maintain a visible quorum.

Meetings and Ex Parte Contacts

Meeting is a quorum of more of members

OR

Less than a quorum if done to avoid public discussion

Don't "reply all" to emails

Don't talk to, text, email, or telepathically discuss items with other members

Advise not to speak to applicants or opponents

Everyone should hear the same information







Open Government

Texas Public Information Act

- Boards and commission members are required to receive training about the Texas Public Information Act within 90 days of appointment. *Texas Government Code, Chapter 552.*
- You are encouraged to repeat it, but do not have to take it again on reappointment.
- The training is free, and online and may be completed by accessing the Texas Attorney General's website at:

https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/og/pia-training

Open Government

Texas Public Information Act

Just because you are not required to receive training, the laws still apply to you.

So, your records during your service on a board or commission may be public, if they were prepared and maintained in performing your duties as board/commission members.

Be careful with email!!



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–YOUR LAWYER

Texas Penal Code

Bribery & Corrupt Influence

A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly offers, confers, or agrees to confer on another, or solicits, accepts or agrees to accept from another any “benefit” in exchange for the recipient’s decision, opinion, recommendation, vote, or other exercise of discretion.

Texas Penal Code, Chapter 36

What is a “benefit?”

A pecuniary gain or advantage (money or in-kind gift) to you or to someone else whose welfare is of interest to you (like a family member).

Texas Penal Code - Honorarium

1

A public servant commits an offense if the public servant solicits, accepts, or agrees to accept an honorarium in consideration for services that the public servant would not have been requested to provide but for the public servant's official position or duties.

Penal Code, Section 36.07.

2

Translation: if the invitation is because of your public office, you cannot accept.

3

EXCEPTION:

You may accept transportation or lodging expenses and meals in connection with public servant rendering services (addressing the audience or engaging in a seminar).



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Texas Penal Code
Gifts

Recommendation:

Don’t ask for ‘em, don’t take ‘em

With some exceptions

but be *very* careful!

Most applicable laws and regulations carry ***criminal*** penalties for violations

Texas Penal Code – Exceptions, Gifts Allowed

A gift/benefit may be accepted if:

It is a gift or benefit from a personal/professional relationship independent of your status as a board/ commission member;

A political contribution under the Election Code;

An item with a value of less than $50, EXCLUDING cash or a negotiable instrument (*i.e., checks, etc.); or

It is food, entertainment, or travel accept as a guest.

**Host/Donor must be present with the public official at the time the gift is used*



Texas Law on Ethics

Conflicts of Interest

If a member of a board or commission has a "substantial interest" in a business entity or real property, before a vote or decision on any matter involving the business entity or real property, that member must file an affidavit describing that interest, and abstain from further participation in the matter.

Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 171.

Conflicts of Interest

- **A person has a substantial interest in a business entity or real property if he or she:**
  - Owns 10 percent or more of stock in the business entity or 10 percent or more or $15,000 or more of the fair market value (FMV) of the business entity;
  - Receives funds from business entity > 10 percent of the person's gross income for the previous year; or
  - Has equitable or legal ownership in real property with FMV of $2,500 or more.
- **A local public official is also considered to have a substantial interest if the official or a person related to the official in the first degree of consanguinity or affinity has a substantial interest.**



Disclosure of Vendor Conflicts

Local Government Code Chapter 176

Local government officer must file a "conflicts disclosure statement" with City Secretary to disclose information relating to vendors or potential vendors with whom the officer or family member of the officer has:

1. An employment or business relationship that results in taxable income of more than $2,500 in a 12-month period;
2. A family relationship; or
3. Received gifts that total more than $100 in a 12-month period.

"Family Member"

Person within first degree by consanguinity or affinity

"Family Relationship"

Relationship within 3rd degree by consanguinity or 2nd degree by affinity

Disclosure of Interest in Property

Government Code Section 553.002

"Public Servant"

"Public servant" who has a legal or equitable interest in property that is to be acquired with public funds must file disclosure affidavit with the county clerk "within 10 days before the date on which the property is to be acquired by purchase or condemnation."

"Public Servant"

"Public servant" means a person who is elected, appointed, employed, or designated, even if not yet qualified for or having assumed the duties of office as an *officer* of government.

"Officer"

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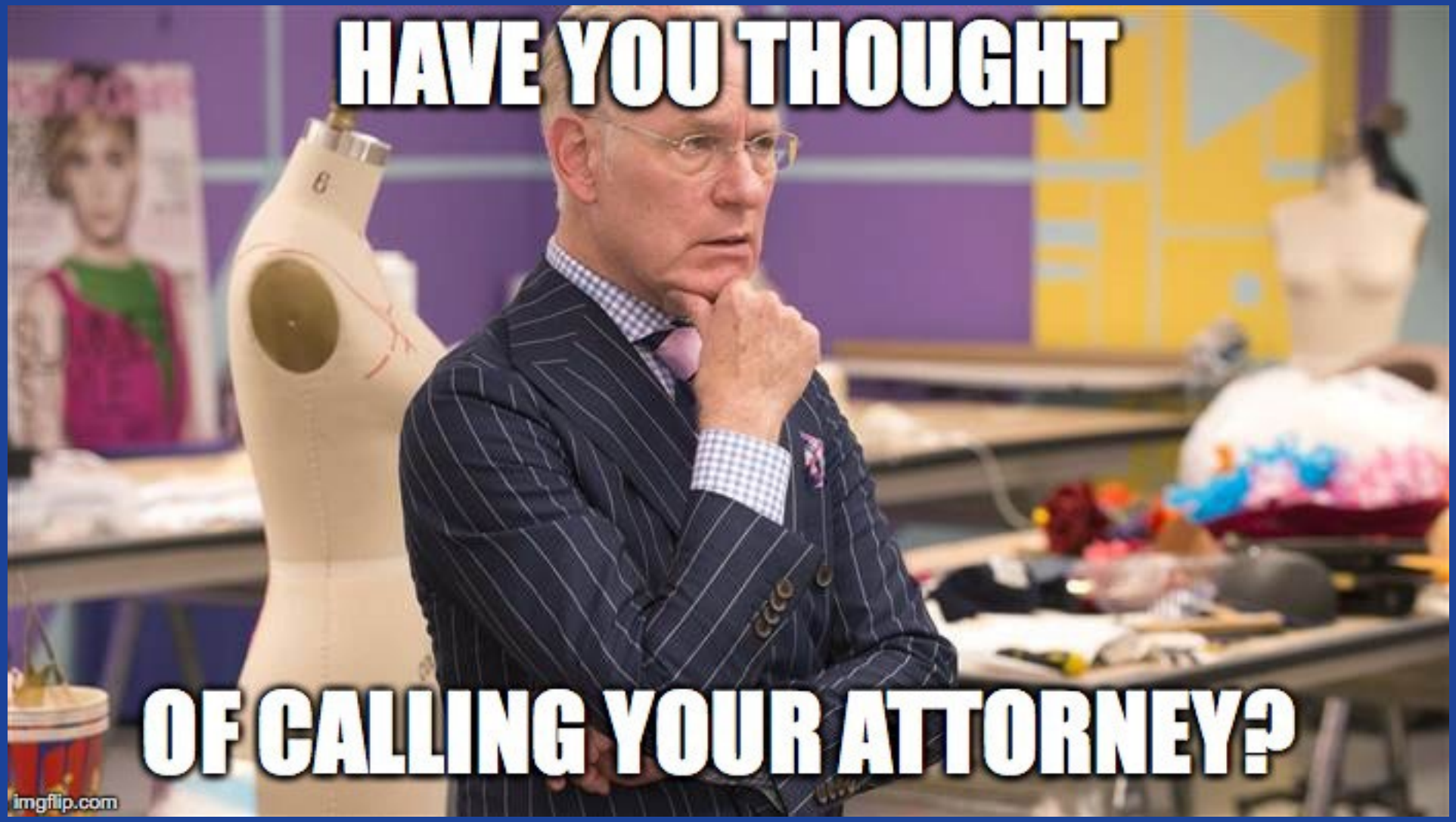
"Officer" includes members of some city boards and commissions. Refer to definition of City officer in earlier slide.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City Charter

In no case shall the City Council or any member of the City Council, or any other officer of the City of Houston…hold any position, office or employment who is an arrears, or due and owing to the City any sum of money for taxes or otherwise.

Charter, Art. III, Sec. 2.





Code of Ordinances – Residence Requirement:

Section 2-316(a)
of the Houston Code of Ordinances requires a person appointed to aboard or commission to maintain his or her residence within the city limits, during his or her term of service:

<u>Exception:</u>

- the ordinance designating the composition of a board or commission specifically provides otherwise; or
- the person is a full-time salaried city employee.

A person who moves outside the city limits during his or her appointment term is automatically disqualified from continuing to serve.

Code of Ordinances
Chapter 18 – Standards of Conduct

1

(Don't) Use your official capacity to gain future employment opportunities.

2

(Don't) Represent an individual or interest in front of the body of which you are a member.

3

(Don't) Use the official's position to harass or discriminate against any person.

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Campaign Season Reminders



Limitation on solicitations and contributions

Candidates for elected city office may not accept campaign contributions that are solicited by:

- a member of the ethics commission;
- a member of the planning commission;
- a member of the sports authority board appointed by the city;
- a member of the port authority board appointed by the city; or
- a member of the metropolitan transit authority board appointed by the city.

NOTE: This does NOT mean members of these boards or commissions cannot make contributions themselves.



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Thank You

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Bikeway Fatalities and Serious Injuries Year-to-Date

Brandon Mosley, COH Staff on behalf of
Commander Kristine Anthony-Miller
Houston Police Department
BAC

Decedent Type	YTD 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2023	2021-2023 % Change	2022-2023 % Change
Bicyclist	5	9	9	80%	0%
E-Bike	1	0	1	0%	100%

2



8

(incl e-bike)

2023 FATALITY REPORT

(AS OF MONDAY, 7/17/23)

Division	#	Major	Minor	FATAL*	DWI	FSRA	FSGI
Downtown	12	6	6			2	2
Central	27	24	3	1-E		8	
North	22	16	6	2		3	1
Northwest	13	12	1			2	
Northeast	21	18	3	3	2	3	2
Kingwood	13	9	4			2	2
South Central	21	16	5	1		3	2
Eastside	7	5	2	1		1	1
Clear Lake	12	8	4			2	2
Southeast	13	11	2			4	2
Southwest	18	13	5			4	
South Gessner	12	12	0			3	
Midwest	8	6	0	1		2	
Westside	6	5	3	1		4	
North Belt	5	5	0			4	
Totals	**216**	**170**	**46**	**10**	**2**	**46**	**15**

- YTD stats (as of 6/30/23)
- 216 total crashes involving a pedalcyclist as one of the units
- Intersections with multiple crashes = 1

CRASHES (PEDALCYCLIST) YTD 2023

- [Vision Zero (houstontx.gov)]



HIGH INJURY NETWORK

The High Injury Network represents 60% of traffic deaths and serious injuries occurring on 6% of Houston streets. This subset of streets helps the City and its partners identify solutions to prevent future severe crashes.

- View the High Injury Map
- Download the High Injury Network GIS data (compressed)

https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=20ce5ce400ff421cb28c09e96815dd2b&extent=-10691326.9655%2C3438738.5232%2C-10577512.2304%2C3516092.7958%2C102100

Vision Zero Houston High Injury Network with ArcGIS Web AppBuilder Vision Zero Houston

The High Injury Network (HIN) represents 6% of Houston streets which account for 60% of traffic deaths and serious injuries [shown as bright red line segments].

A majority of High Injury Network corridors are in communities with socially vulnerable populations who are more likely to need support before, during and after a natural disaster or public health crisis [shown as orange Census Tracts].

Priority HIN segments are half-mile segments with two or more traffic deaths, five or more severe crashes (deaths or serious injuries), and at least one pedestrian severe crash [shown as dark red line segments].

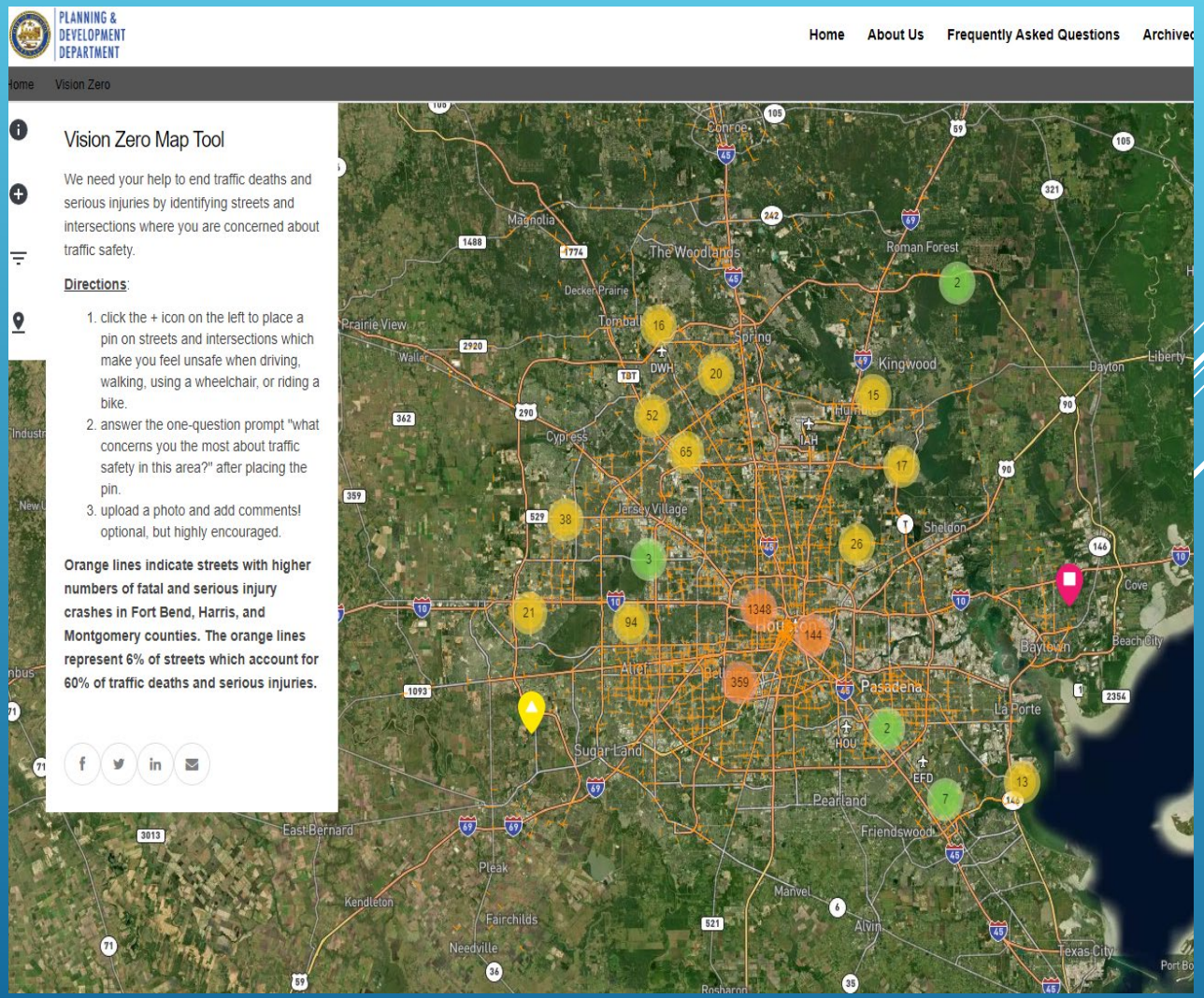
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

High Injury Network corridors: Traffic deaths and serious injuries occurring on Houston streets in a 5-year timeframe between 2014-2018. Crash data extracted from the Texas Department of Transportation Crash Record Information System (TxDOT CRIS) and geocoded based on crash location (latitude and longitude). Streets segmented in 1/2-mile lengths and crash points within 50-ft of a street are spatially joined. Includes corridors with a minimum crash rate (severe crashes per 1/2-mile) of 4.5. Excludes most freeway/highway crashes.

TxDOT CRIS: https://cris.dot.state.tx.us/public/Query/app/welcome



- Vision Zero (houstontx.gov)



ORGANIZED CYCLING SOCIAL GROUP RIDES

- These rides are not sanctioned by COH.
- Riders must obey ALL traffic laws, other state laws, municipal ordinances (or be subject to applicable enforcement).
  - Examples include, but are not limited to, stopping at red lights, public intoxication, public nudity, having required safety equipment, etc.
- Ride marshals do NOT have the legal authority to act in a traffic enforcement/mobility capacity (e.g., blocking intersections for groups to proceed against red lights, etc.)
- Drivers encouraged to share the road and practice patience and courtesy.

- Rodney Adkins (1/8/23)
- John Gray (1/26/23) (e-bike)
- Juan Portillo (2/23/23)
- Bryan Nost (2/28/23)*
- Jimmy Lopez (3/1/23)
- Robert Banks (3/12/23)
- Henry Schultz (3/22/23)
- Garland Brown (4/17/23)
- David Hundley (5/7/23)
- Unk (6/15/23)



2023 BICYCLE FATALITIES

Quarterly Updates

Misty Staunton
Planning & Development

Bikeway Project Updates

Misty Staunton
Planning & Development

Bikeway Updates City of Houston CIP

City of Houston					Updated: 7/25/23
Corridor	Mileage	Design	Construction	Bicycle Facility Type	Notes
11th St & Michaux - N Shepherd Dr to Michaux; 11th to Usener St	1.9	Complete	Complete		Substantial completion reached. Future alterations to the Heights floating bus stop to be completed by METRO soon.
Antoine - 290 to W Mt Houston Rd	4.9	Concept Complete			DCR complete. 30% design upcoming.
Antoine/Hammerly Roundabout	0.4	Concept			
Commerce St - St Charles to Velasco	0.4	Concept		On-street protected bike lane	HPW is designing as part of an asphalt mill and overlay project. The rail tracks will be removed.
Dunvale - Westheimer to Westpark	1.25	Concept Complete			Design expected to begin in 2024 with construction in 2025.
Fondren - Braeswood to Airport	1.5	30% Design		Off-street (TBD type)	CIP. Project is currently pending approval from TxDot on the Advance Funding Agreement.
Fulton - Quitman to Hogan	0.9	30% Design			CIP Near Northside Road Improvement Project 2
Glenmont - Westward to Royalton	1.5	Concept Complete			Design expected to begin in 2024 with construction in 2025.
Irvington - 610 to Hardy Toll Road Frontage	3.4	Concept Complete			Design expected to begin in 2024 with construction in 2025.
Lamar - Bagby to Off Street Trail connection	0.14	Concept Complete			Design work began in Winter 2023.
Lawndale - Allen Genoa to Glasgow	1.1	Concept Complete			Design expected to begin in 2024 with construction in 2025.
Lockwood Dr - Harrisburg Blvd to Suburban St	0.5	In Progress		Shared-use Path	CIP. Design underway, coordinating with METRO on the University BRT project.
Lockwood Dr - Suburban St to Crites St	0.17	100% Design		Shared-use Path	CIP. Project is at 100% design completion and construction contract award is anticipated for Fall 2023 (April update).
Mesa - Caddo to Little York	1.2	Concept Complete			Design expected to begin in 2024 with construction in 2025.
North Main - Boundary to Cottage	0.7	95% Design		On-street protected bike lane	Awaiting contract issues with construction company to be resolved before construction can begin.
North Main - Cottage to Airline	0.5	60% Design		On-street protected bike lane	City Council approved funding on 10/11/22. Public Meeting schedule for August 2.
Northline - Parker to Canino	1.3	Concept Complete			Design expected to begin in 2023 with construction in 2024.
Parker Rd - Airline to Exeter	0.5	95% Design		On-street protected bike lane	Finalizing design, including street trees; Awaiting contract issues with construction company to be resolved before construction can begin.
Patterson/Blossom/Jackson Hill - White Oak Bayou to Scotland St	0.9	100% Design		Shared Street/ Neighborhood bikeway	100% Design; Awaiting contract issues with construction company to be resolved before construction can begin.
Polk St - Cullen to S Lockwood Dr	0.5	90% Design		On-street protected bike lane	HPW is designing a facility with mountable curb barrier (to maintain heavy trash pickup) as part of an asphalt mill and overlay project.
Shepherd/Durham - Dickson St to Washington Ave	1.8	Complete	In Progress	On-street protected bike lane	Construction is 90% complete as of April 2023.
Tuam - Main to Crawford	0.4	100% Design		On-street bike lane and Shared/neighborhood bikeway	Bike lane with no protection or buffer between Main and Caroline St. Shared vehicle/bike lane between Caroline St and Crawford St. Incorporated into Capital Project 72" water line project.
W Alabama - Buffalo Speedway to Weslayan	0.7	Complete	In Progress	Shared-use Path	As part of a repaving and drainage project bike lanes and an 8' shared use paths were incorporated into the design. Construction is ongoing.
W Gray - Shepherd to Waugh	0.9	Concept Complete			Design expected to begin in 2024 with construction in 2025.
West Little York - TC Jester to Wheatley	3.4	Concept Complete			Approved for TxDOT 2020 HSIP funding.
Westpark - HCFCD D129-01-00 (near Shardowbriar Dr) to Wilcrest Dr	1.58	Complete	In Progress	Shared-use paths and on-street protected bike lanes	CIP. Shared-use paths from HCFCD D129-01-00 to West Houston Center Blvd. On-street protected lane (east-bound) and shared-use path (west-bound) from West Houston Center Blvd to Royal Oaks Country Club. On-street protected from Royal Oaks Country Club to Wilcrest.
TOTAL MILEAGE	32.44				

Bikeway Updates

PCT 1

- No Update submitted for July reporting.

Harris County PCT One				Updated: April 2023
Corridor	**Mileag**	**Design**	**Construction**	**Notes**
Future Precinct One				
Southeast/MLK	5.2	Design Ongoing		As of 04/06/23, Project on hold pending community engagement. Segment 1 - 100% Design, pending UH-COH ILA and paving cost share; Segment 2A & 3A 90% Design
Cavalcade/Homestead	9.0	Design Ongoing		As of 04/06/23, Project on hold pending community engagement. Segment 1& 2 - 90%; Segment 3 60% - Design Complete
Hillcroft	3.6	Concept Complete		Conceptual Design Study Complete
Almeda Shared Use Path	0.9	Complete	Substantial Completion	Substantial Completion Inspection complete. Next steps: punchlist completion, TDLR inspection by end May 2023.
El Rio - El Camino	0.5	Complete	Ongoing	Estimated completetion May 2023
Trail Fondren Diversion Channel	0.7	Complete	Substantial Completion	Substantial Completion
Preston Bikeway	1.0	Concept Complete		Conceptual Design Study Complete
CE King Trail	2.3	Design Ongoing		30% Concentual Alignment
Fannin/San Jacinto	5.3	Concept Ongoing		Conceptual Design Study Ongoing
Hill at Sims Phase I	2.6	Design Ongoing		Trail 100 % Design; Hilltop 75%
Hill at Sims Phase II	1	Design Ongoing		Conceptual Design Ongoing
Cullen Blvd - UH	2.1	Complete	In Progress	Partnership with COH and UH
Blodgett/Tierwester - TSU Phase II	1.0	Complete	In Progress	Partnership with COH and TSU
/. Mount Houston - W. Montgomery - TC Jester	2.6	Complete	Substantial Completion	Substantial Completion Inspection complete. Punchlist ongoign.
White Oak Bayou Trail	10.68	Complete	In Progress	Under Construction
Trail to Keegans Bayou	0.3	Complete	Complete	Complete
Deussen Parkway	1.5	Complete	Complete	Complete
Funding Partnership Projects				
Montrose Bikeway & Sidewalk	9.7	Ongoing	In Progress	Feasiblity Completed on 9.7 miles; Waugh-Commonwealth Complete 2.18mi; Hawthorne-Woodhead Under Construction 3.14mi; Mandell-Dallas Concept Complete 1.2mi;
Midtown - Tuam Bikeway	0.5	Complete	Ongoing	Partnership with Midtown TIRZ and COH Waterline Project
54 Scott METRO BOOST	1.8	Design Ongoing		METRO Lead, Design Ongoing; Agreement in process
18 Miles - 2018-2021 Projects	18			
Lyons		Complete	Complete	
Hardy-Elysian		Complete	Complete	
Kelley		Complete	Complete	
Austin/LaBranch/Crawford		Complete	Complete	
Hutchins-Cleburne		Complete	Complete	
Gray		Complete	Complete	
Polk		Complete	Complete	
Cullen		Complete	Complete	
Austin/LaBranch - HCC Realignment		Complete		Design Complete; on Hold

TOTAL MILEAGE	**80.3**
TOTAL COMPLETE	**22.0**
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION	**21.62**
TOTAL IN STUDY / DESIGN	**36.7**

Bikeway Updates

PCT 2

- No Update submitted for July reporting.

Harris County PCT 2 — **Updated: 4/13/23**

Corridor	Mileage	Study/Design	Construction	Notes
Visit projects.hcp2.com for more info				
*Kowis St. (Aldine)	0.5	Complete	In Progress	In construction. Envision certification upcoming
*Freeport St. (Cloverleaf)	2.4	Complete	In Progress	Bid Phase
Armand Bayou Trail (Pasadena)	2	Complete		100% Design
*Fairmont Pkwy Trail Phase I (Pasadena)	0.5	In Progress		Study complete
*Fairmont Pkwy Trail Phase II (Pasadena to Laporte)	6.5	In Progress		Study ongoing
Bay Area Boulevard (Laporte to Clear Lake)	4.5	In Progress		Improvements to existing bike lane.
Partnership Projects				
*Market St (Baytown)	2.3	Complete		Partnership with City of Baytown. 100% design
*Quitman St.	1.4	Complete		Partnership with GNMD, COH, METRO. Bid Phase
Buffalo Bend - Hidalgo Greenway	0.4	In Progress		Partnership with BBP, COH
Navigation Blvd (BBP)	1	In Progress		Partnership with BBP. Study ongoing
Pinckney St . Trail	0.15	Complete		Partnership with TIRZ 21. Bid Phase
Vince Bayou Greenway	1.4	In Progress		Partnership with City of Pasadena, HPB. Permitting Phase
Completed Projects				
Hardy-Elysian		Complete	Complete	Partnership with Pct. 1, COH
Main St. Trail (Galena Park)		Complete	Complete	Partnership with Port Houston and Galena Park
Bay Area Hike and Bike Segment 1 Phase 1		Complete	Complete	
Bay Area Hike and Bike Segment 1 Phase 2		Complete	Complete	
Bay Area Hike and Bike Segment 3		Complete	Complete	
Exploration Green		Complete	Complete	Partnership with CLWA
East End Bike Plan	-	Complete	Complete	Partnership with EED
Carpenter's Bayou Trail (Channelview)	0.8	Complete	Complete	Construction Complete
Vickery St. (Aldine)	1	Complete	Complete	Construction Complete
TOTAL MILEAGE	**24.8**			

Bikeway Updates HPB

Houston Parks Board / Bayous					Updated: 7/21/23
Corridor					
Buffalo Bayou	**Mileage**	**Design**	**Permitting**	**Construction**	**Notes**
Austin to McKee via Commerce Street and Elysian Viaduct	0.3	In Progress			Working towards permit set submittal by end August.
Hunting Bayou					
Maxey Rd to Manitou	4.0	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Partial substantial completion, under US90 pending TxDOT rebuilding erosion under freeway bridge open between Manitou and Wallisville and Herman Brown Park to Maxey
Sims Bayou	**Mileage**	**Design**	**Permitting**	**Construction**	**Notes**
Stuart Park to FM Law Park	3.4	Complete	Complete	Complete	
FM Law Park to MLK	1.2	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Construction through Fall 2023
Scott St to Buffalo Spdwy	5.3	Complete	Complete	Complete/In Progress	Complete except for area under SH288 pending TxDOT work. Detour open through Margaret Jenkins Park, west along Airport and south through Houston Sports Park.
Brays Bayou	**Mileage**	**Design**	**Permitting**	**Construction**	**Notes**
Mason Park under UPRR bridge (north sides)	0.3	Complete	In Progress		
Mason Park under UPRR bridge (south sides)	0.3	In Progress			
Holcombe to Stella Link (south side)	3.7	Complete	In Progress		
Stella Link to S. Rice (south side)	1.1	Complete	In Progress		
S. Rice to Braeburn Glen (south side)	3.3	In Progress			
Chimney Rock to Hillcroft (north side)	1.0	Complete	In Progress		
Braeburn Glen to Eldridge	7.8	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Issues dealing with CenterPoint and TxDOT; estimated completion end of 2023
Halls Bayou	**Mileage**	**Design**	**Permitting**	**Construction**	**Notes**
Tidwell to Bretshire/Hirsh to Jensen	2.4	Complete	In Progress		TxDOT/HPARD Advanced Funding Agreement pending; estimated completion end of 2026
White Oak Bayou	**Mileage**	**Design**	**Permitting**	**Construction**	**Notes**
Extension to Jones Rd (HCFCD Project)		Complete	Complete	In Progress	By HCFCD
Utility Corridors	**Mileage**	**Design**	**Permitting**	**Construction**	**Notes**
Spring Branch Trail - Gessner to Shadowdale Drive	0.6	Complete	In Progress		for Spring Branch Management District on HOLD for CenterPoint work
Spring Branch Trail - Blalock to Existing Emnora Trail	0.9	In Progress			for Spring Branch Management District
Sharpstown Trail - Sands Point to Beechnut	1.8	Complete	Complete		For TIRZ 20 - bidding slated to start in August
Sharpstown Trail - Beechnut to Brays Bayou Greenway	0.8	Complete	In Progress		For TIRZ 20
Law Park Connector - Mykawa to CenterPoint	1.3	Complete	Complete	In Progress	Construction 85% complete.
TOTAL MILEAGE	**39.5**				

Bikeway Updates

TxDOT

TxDOT **7/25/2023**

Corridor	Mileage	Design Status	Construction Status	Notes
*I-610 Feeder (12th to NW Transit Center)	0.5			Design start forthcoming; funding move to FY 2024
Trail Connection (MKT to WOB Trail)		Complete	Awaiting construction	Projected award date: Jul 28
*I-10 (Cohn to Westcott)	0.4	Awaiting Permit		Design/documentation submitted for permit to construct under the railroad; funding late FY 2023
SH 3 (Richey St. to FM 518)	14	Complete	In Progress	This is a buffered bike lane. It goes all the way south to League City.
TOTAL MILEAGE	**14.9**			

Bikeway Updates

METRO

METRO				Updated: 7/25/23
Corridor	**Mileage**	**Design Status**	**Construction Status**	**Notes**
Quitman	1.4	100% Complete		Partnership with COH, Harris County Pct 2. Interlocal Agreement with partners approved by METRO Board in June 2021. METRO, GNMD and Harris County Pct. 2 contributing funds. HC Pct 2 leading design and construction bid. GNMD leading maintenance.
McGowen Bikeway	1.8	Complete		Main St to Scott St; Part of 54 Scott BOOST project which is a METRONext project. Dedicated on-street. construction to begin August 2023
Mainer	1.0	95% Complete		In partnership with Precinct 1. Scott St. to Ardmore (Holly Hall Trail). Dedicated on-street.
TOTAL MILEAGE	**4.2**			

Bikeway Updates

TIRZ

TIRZ **7/25/2023**

Corridor	Mileage	Design Status	Construction Status	Notes
TIRZ 5 (MHRA)				
Shepherd Dr/Durham Dr Ph 1 (15th to I-610)	2.4	Complete	In progress	Bike lanes and sidewalk installation - 15th -20th of both Shepherd and Durham has started. Streetlights with pedestrian/bikeway light installation has also started.
Shepherd Dr/Durham Dr Ph 2 (15th to I-10)	2.8	In Progress		Expected construction start Q4 FY 2024
MKT Improvements (Houston Ave to Shepherd	0.1	Complete	Complete	
Heights (Center to IH-10)	0.4	Complete	Complete	
W Dallas (Dunlavy to Waugh)	0.3	Complete	Complete	
W Dallas (Tirrel to Dunlavy)	0.1	Complete	in Progress	Expected construction Q1-Q2 FY 24
W Dallas (Shepherd to Tirrel)	0.3	Complete	Complete	
WOB Trail to Memorial (Moy St to Kansas St)	0.1	Complete	Construction Complete	
Downtown TIRZ				
Bagby/Dallas	0.7			
TIRZ 27 (Montrose)				
Waugh/Yoakum/Commonwealth/Lovett	2.2	Complete	In Progress	
Hawthorne/Woodhead		In Progress		
Dallas Bikeway		In Progress		Expected construction start FY 2023
Welch Stanford		In Progress		Expected construction start FY 2024
Mandell		In Progress		Expected construction start FY 2024/2025
TIRZ 17				
Briar Branch Trail	1.0	Complete	In Progress	
TIRZ 15 (EDRA)				
Bastrop Trail (McKinney to Polk)		Complete	Complete	
Bastrop Trail (Polk to Bell)	0.1	In Progress		Expected construction: FY 2024
Columbia Tap (St Charles – Ennis)		In Progress		Expected construction late FY 2023/ FY 2024
Walker (Emancipation to St Emanuel)		In Progress		Expected construction: FY 2023/FY 2024
TIRZ 13 (OSWRA)				
Sawyer (Washington to Memorial/Buffalo Bayou Park)	0.2	In Progress		Expected construction FY 2023
Edwards (Silver to Sawyer)	0.3	In Progress		Expected construction FY 2023
Clear Lake Water Authority				
Clear Lake Trails	3.1			
TOTAL MILEAGE	**14.1**			

No Parking in the Bike Lane Updates

Misty Staunton
Planning & Development

No Parking in the Bike Lane

As of July 25, 2023:

- 207 citations issued (+4)
- $12,520 collected (+$1,190)
- 22 completed trainings (no change)

- No new locations added since January 2023's reporting.

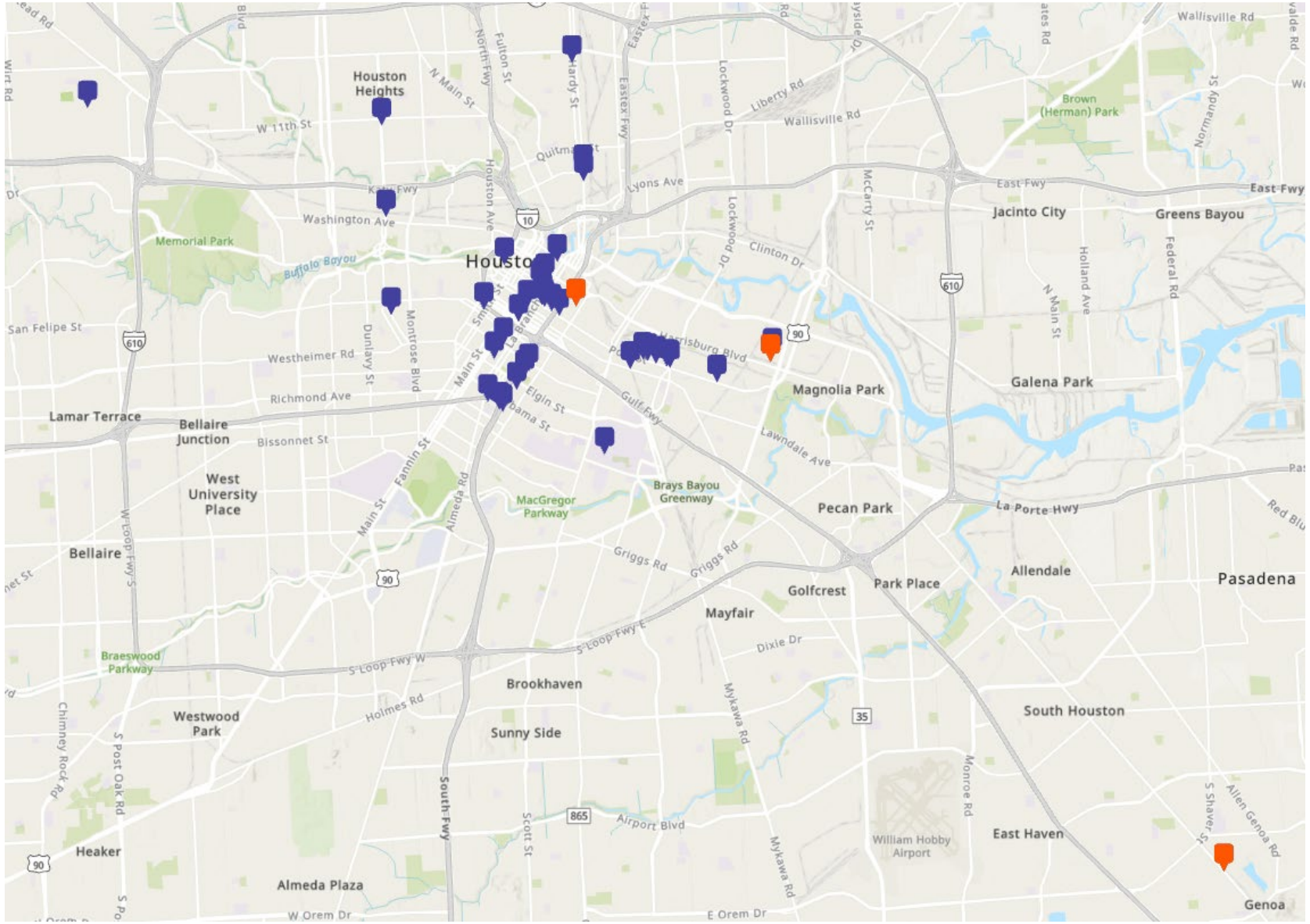
No Parking in the Bike Lane

Top 3 Locations:

- 9100 Galveston Rd (38)
- 2300 Polk (32)
- 900 Bastrop St (24)

New Locations

- none



Open Forum

Announcements and Events

STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

NORTH MAIN ST



August 2, 2023 | 6 PM - 7 PM

Montie Beach Community Center

North Main Street, from Boundary to Airline Dr, is being redesigned to improve street safety for all road users. There are notable traffic safety concerns, including speeding, severe crashes, and difficulty walking and biking. The City of Houston expects to begin construction on these improvements in early 2024.

www.letstalkhouston.org/north-main

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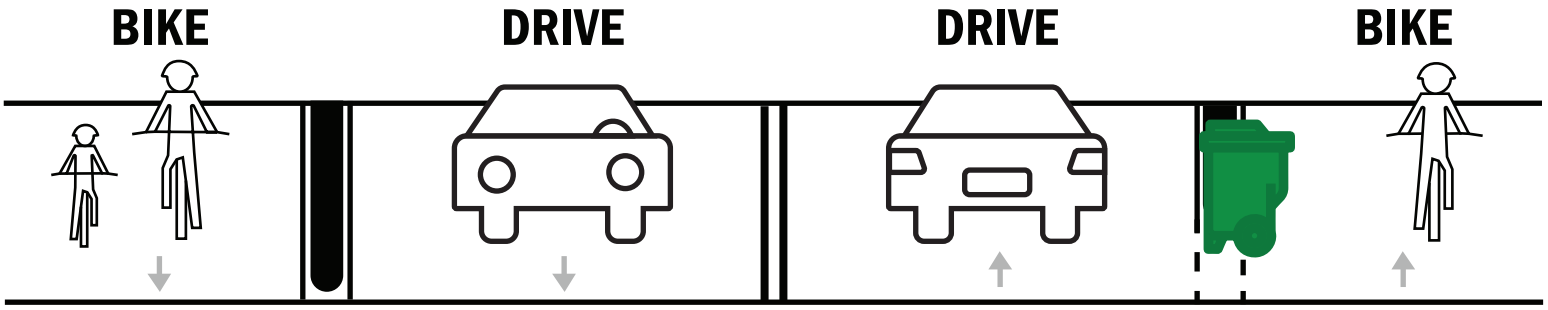
POLK STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Due to poor roadway condition, Polk St, between Cullen Blvd and Lockwood Dr, is getting improvements. These will include: asphalt milling and overlay, mountable barriers to protect the existing on-street bicycle lane, new pavement markings, repaired curb, and accessible curb ramps. Construction is expected to be completed by **Fall 2023**. The on-street curb barriers will be mountable so that roadside heavy trash pickup remains feasible.The City of Houston Dedicated Bicycle Lane Ordinance prohibits on-street parking of motor vehicles in dedicated bicycle lanes.



Mountable curb will be installed to facilitate heavy trash pickup at standard roadway edge location.

Trash cans must be placed in the buffer area as close as possible to the end of the bike lane curb.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS
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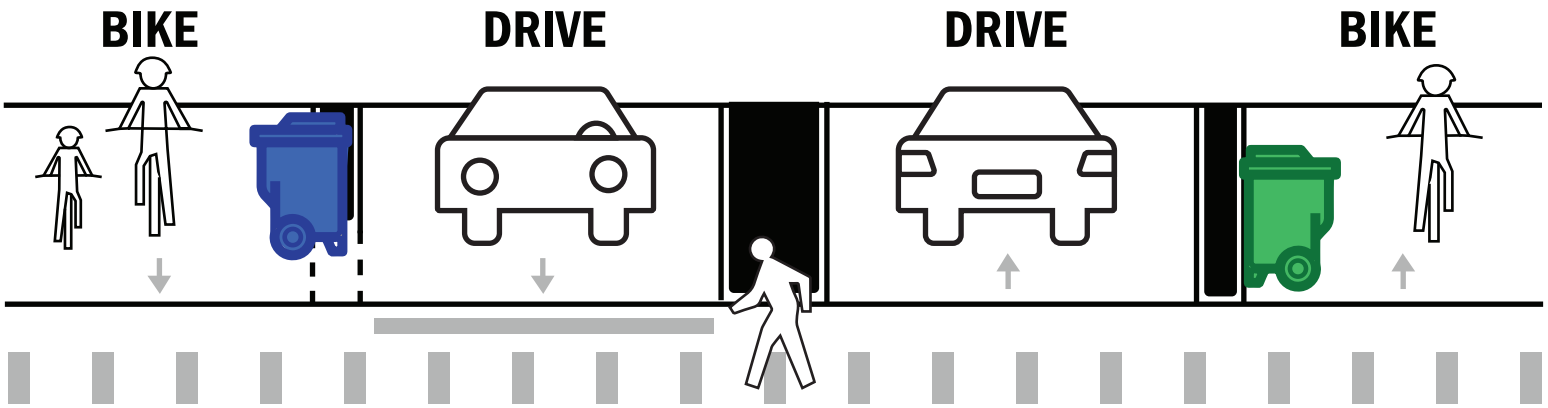
HOW TO USE THE NEW 11TH ST

In addition to the rules of the roadway, please use the following guidance to safely navigate newly redesigned 11th St. Operations, like where to place waste bins, are demonstrated below.



Bike safely and remain aware of your surroundings.

Place trash or recycling bin in the striped buffer next to the bike lane curb without blocking a driveway or bus stop, and with at least 3' between bins.

People driving and using bikes must stop for pedestrians at all marked and unmarked crosswalks.

Never block sidewalks, bike lanes, driveways, or bus stops.

Where there is new curb, place trash or recycling bins in the bike lane as near to the curb as possible.



Where there is no bike lane curb, place waste bins in buffer without blocking driveways, bus stops, or the bike lane.



Where there is a bike lane curb, place waste bins adjacent to curb without blocking the bike lane.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS:

safestreets@houstontx.gov, 832-395-3277

www.letstalkhouston.org/11th-street-bikeway

Announcements

Next Meetings

- **Infrastructure Subcommittee**: August 23, 2:30-4:30pm;
- John B. Raia Conference Room/Microsoft Teams

- **Education Subcommittee**: September 27, 2:30-4:30pm;
- John B. Raia Conference Room/Microsoft Teams

- **Bicycle Advisory Committee**: October 25, 2:30-4:30pm:
- Council Chambers/Microsoft Teams

Thank You

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