

## **8. BIKE MONTH RESOLUTION**

### **Background**

The League of American Bicyclists established May as National Bike Month in 1956 to promote the benefits of bicycling. To encourage people to try bicycling in general and commuting by bike, the organization has designated May 1, 2022 as National Ride a Bike Day, May 16 through May 22 as National Bike to Work Week, and May 20, 2022 as National Bike to Work Day. Several agencies and organizations within the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area (TMA) have activities planned during National Bike Month. H-GAC is supporting these activities through coordinating initiatives and marketing and promotion.

### **Current Situation**

H-GAC staff and Commute Solutions program will support Bike Month. Activities include a regional push to collect stories of favorite paths and trails, H-GAC presence at events regionwide, in person and online bike safety classes in the eight-county area, and social media and email outreach. The adoption of this resolution recognizes May as Bike Month in the Houston-Galveston region. The resolution celebrates the efforts H-GAC and its member governments have undertaken to make biking safe, convenient, and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities.

### **Action Requested**

TPC Approval of Resolution 2022-16.



# Resolution

NO. 2022-16

**RECOGNIZING MAY AS BIKE MONTH IN THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON REGION**

**WHEREAS**, bicycling is an important mode of transportation for many residents of the Houston-Galveston region, improves quality of life for individuals and our community; and serves as a popular recreational and wellness activity; and

**WHEREAS**, replacing short automobile trips with bicycle trips helps the Houston-Galveston region meet air emission and congestion management goals; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of Americans think the presence of bikeways, shared-use paths, and sidewalks are very important in choosing where to live; and

**WHEREAS**, The League of American Bicyclists has celebrated May as National Bike Month for over 50 years, promoting the benefits of bicycling nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, agencies and organizations in the Houston-Galveston region plan to promote bicycling in May through organized rides and bike-to-work or bike-to-anywhere events during the month of May; and

**WHEREAS**, The League of American Bicyclists have declared National Ride a Bike Day on May 1<sup>st</sup>, Bike to Work Week as May 16 – 22, 2022 and Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA HEREBY DECLARES MAY AS BIKE MONTH IN THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON REGION AND ENCOURAGES CITIZENS TO SAFELY EXPERIENCE BICYCLING AND BECOME MORE AWARE OF BICYCLISTS ON OUR STREETS AND IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of April, 2022 by the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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 Hon. David Robinson, Chairman  
 Transportation Policy Council

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 Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary  
 Transportation Policy Council