

PEDESTRIAN-BICYCLIST SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL
3555 TIMMONS LANE, 2ND FLOOR VIRTUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023, 9:30 AM

INTRODUCTIONS AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTION

Approval of meeting summary for January meeting

Ana Ramirez (TxDOT) will lead the subcommittee through the approval process.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Commute Solutions Spring Activities

Emanuel Andrews (H-GAC) will provide an update on activities including regional bike challenge, commute fest and more.

2. Unified Planning Work Program Active Transportation Status Report

Shirley Li (H-GAC) will provide update on four local active transportation studies

3. Bike and Pedestrian Counts Status Report

Chris Whaley (H-GAC) will provide update on bike network

4. Elections Information

Ana Ramirez will discuss the upcoming officer elections.

ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

Ana Ramirez will lead a discussion to identify completed, ongoing, or upcoming activities by-service area partners. Please bring your list of accomplishments, issues, and best practices for this phenomenal brainstorming session.

UPCOMING PED/BIKE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATES

- Quarterly Subcommittee Meeting July 20th, 2023, 9:30 – 11:00 AM
- GIS Network Working Group Meeting April 24th, 2023, 10-10:50 AM

ADJOURN

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1. Introductions and Certification of Quorum

Quorum was met after introductions and roll call with at least 17 subcommittee members in attendance.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were received prior to or during the meeting.

ACTION

3. Approval of meeting summaries

Ana Ramirez (TxDOT) led the subcommittee through the approval process.

*Roy Lira motion & Peter Eccles second
Unanimous vote*

INFORMATION

4. ConnectSmart Update

Brenda Bustillos (TxDOT) provided an update on ConnectSmart.

Brenda Bustillos presented the Connect Smart app update which connects supply and demand for mobility options. The app has 12,000 registered users and integrates all modes of transportation, including carpooling and cycling. It also includes payment options for transit purchases. The team discussed user feedback and requests for API integration and hosting a forum. There was also a discussion on providing services to areas with high transit demand and ESL populations, with a focus on the Gulfton/SW Houston area. The app is available in Spanish and can be translated to other languages.

5. Ped/Bike Subcommittee Work Groups Summary

Ana Ramirez (Chair - TxDOT) provided a summary on how to get involved, and provide an update on the GIS Network Update, Active Transportation Travel Forecast Modeling, and Project Prioritization/Evaluation workgroups.

During the meeting, the Workgroups were open for participation, and Dexter Handy presented updates on the GIS Network, with concerns raised about the severe need for sidewalks in Houston, and a sub-workgroup recommended to show progress. It was suggested to integrate studies and audit information and coordinate with super neighborhoods for data collection. COH policy on sidewalk funding and resiliency was discussed, and a consultant was working with DF regarding a roadway safety audit class. Additionally, the ability to report sidewalks on residents' properties through 311 was suggested.

6. 2023 Priorities for Ped/Bike Subcommittee

Ana Ramirez (Chair - TxDOT) led the discussion amongst subcommittee members to recommend subcommittee member's priorities to aid in determining the group's top 3 goals for the year.

The subcommittee identified some ideas for 2023 priorities. The ideas discussed in the meeting includes:

- Conduct an annual active transportation survey of local governments to gather information
- Update Bike and Sidewalk GIS layers regarding infrastructure and quality/comfort
- Create and refine performance measures for walkway and bikeway network connectivity.
- Conduct pedestrian and bicycle safety audits at high-frequency crash locations and near schools
- Develop outreach tools to notify residents of new and updated walkways and bikeways constructed in their communities to encourage use and share safety tips

7. Mobile Counter Program Update

Chris Whaley (H-GAC) provided an update on the mobile counter program.

Chris Whaley introduced the new equipment, update to borrower agreement, and the interactive "self-service" site where borrowers can download the counter data directly from the website.

8. Commute Solutions Update

Emanuel Andrews (H-GAC) provided an update on the Commute Solutions program.

Emanuel provided update on the upcoming Bike Engagement Campaign to encourage bicycling. The program is supported by behavioral science. Emanuel also provided an update on the expansion of Emergency Ride Home and other Commute Solutions initiatives.

9. Bike Safety Program Update

Susan Jaworski (H-GAC) provided an update on the adult bike safety program.

Susan Jaworski provided an update on the on-going Bike Safety Program.

10. Planned Ped/Bike Activities in the Region

Ana Ramirez led a discussion to identify completed, ongoing, or upcoming activities by-service area partners. Applicants for the Bicycle Friendly Communities were honored.

11. Upcoming Ped/Bike Subcommittee Meeting Dates:

- Bike Network Update Work Group Meeting – February 20, 2023
- Active Transportation Forecast Modeling Work Group Meeting – February 27, 2023
- Quarterly Subcommittee Meeting April 20, 2023 9:30 – 11:00 AM

12. Adjourn



Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee April 20, 2023



Agenda

1. Introductions and Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of Meeting Summaries
4. Discussion Items
 - a. Commute Solutions Spring Activities
 - b. Unified Planning Work Program Active Transportation Status Report
 - c. Bike and Pedestrian Counts Status Report
 - d. Officer Elections Information
5. Roundtable Updates
6. Upcoming Ped/Bike Subcommittee Meeting Dates
7. Adjourn

1. Introductions and Certification of Quorum

Representing	Primary-Name	Organization	Alternate-Name	Organization
Active Transportation	Patricia Kievlan	Bike The Woodlands Coalition	Todd Stephens	The Woodlands Township
Citizen Advocates	Joe Cutrufo	BikeHouston	Kristina Ronneberg	BikeHouston
Citizen Advocates	Dexter Handy	Greater Houston Coalition for Complete Street	Harrison Humphreys	Air Alliance Houston
Citizen Advocates	Roy Lira	Houston Super Neighborhood Alliance	Kevin Strickland	Super Neighborhood 15
Transit	Yuhayna Mahmud	METRO	Aubin Phillips	METRO
Local Governments	Melanie Beaman	City of Sugar Land	Ethan Cantu	City of Sugar Land
Local Governments	Carry Capers	City of Pearland	Kevin Carter	City of Pearland
Local Governments	Jessica Cohen	Harris County	Fatima Wajahat	Harris County
Local Governments	John McGowan	The Woodlands Township	Chris Nunes	The Woodlands Township
Local Governments	Brandon Mosley	City of Houston	Lauren Grove	City of Houston
Local Governments	Tyson Arnold	City of Galveston	Robert Winiecke	City of Galveston
Local Governments	John Orsag	City of League City	Chien Wei	City of League City
Local Governments	Ameena Padiath, P.	City of Missouri City	Marcus Snell	City of Missouri City
Management Districts	Robert Fiederlein	North Houston District	Nathan Marquez	BikeHouston & EaDo Bike Co
Management Districts	Anibeth Turcios	Greater Northside Management District	Rebecca Reyna	Greater Northside Management District
Management Districts	Louis Jullien	Westchase District	Lupita Talley	Eastex-Jensen Super Neighborhood
Non-Profit	Lisa Graiff	Houston Parks Board	Virginia Lynn	City of Houston
Planning	Sherry Weesner	Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority	vacant	
State	Brenda Bustillos	TxDOT Houston	Stephan Gage	TxDOT Houston
Transit	Thien Cao	Harris County Transit	Robert Anders	Harris County Transit
Transit	Sarah Coulter	Fort Bend County	Sharon Moses-Burnside	City of Houston
Management Districts	Natali Hurtado	International Management District	vacant	
TOTAL: 22				

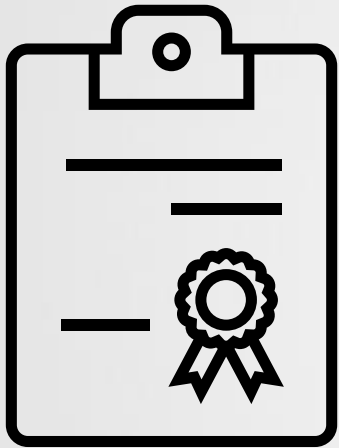
2. Public Comments

- List of Written or Verbal Comments Received Prior to Meeting
- Open to Public Comment



3. Approval of Meeting Summaries

- January 19, 2023 Ped/Bike Subcommittee Meeting Summary



4. Discussion Item

- a. Commute Solutions Spring Activities
- b. Unified Planning Work Program Active Transportation Status Report
- c. Bike and Pedestrian Counts Status Report
- d. Officer Elections Information



4.a. Commute Solutions Spring Activities



Emanuel Andrews
Pedestrian and Bicyclist Subcommittee
April 20, 2023

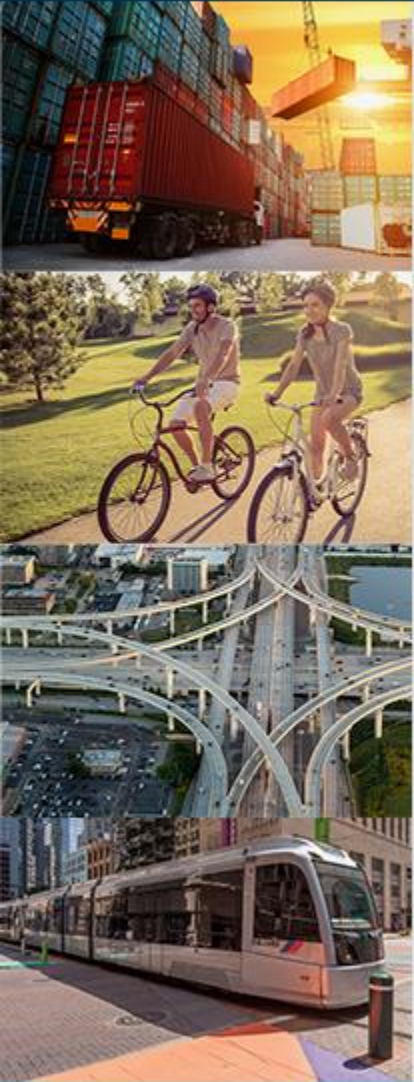
Love to Ride

- Year-round program focused on bike encouragement
- In 7 countries, 142 cities, 14,000 workplaces
- Will work with Commute Solution this year to plan and coordinate two bike campaigns
 - Based in behavioral science
 - Goal is mode shift

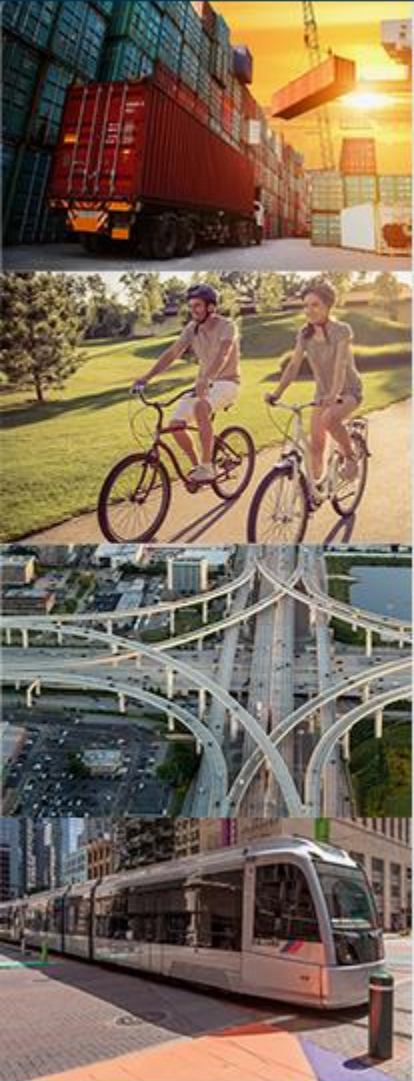


Bike the Gulf Campaigns

- Objective: Get the region moving...on bikes
- Have fun while engaging with community
- Increase ridership
- Promote local resources



Bike the Gulf Campaigns



- Bike Month and Biketober
- Workplace challenges and donated incentives
- Coordinate with bike stakeholders, businesses, and community advocates
- Easy to share promo materials already available!



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LovetoRide.net/BiketheGulf



- Track personal stats, set and share goals, upload photos, and earn badges
- Join workplace or group
- Access tips, courses, and find nearby routes and bike shops
- Registration is open!
- Kick off in May-National Bike Month

BIKE MONTH CHALLENGE **BIKE THE GULF**

HOME ME LEARN SOCIAL PRIZES RESULTS INFO Emanuel Andrews

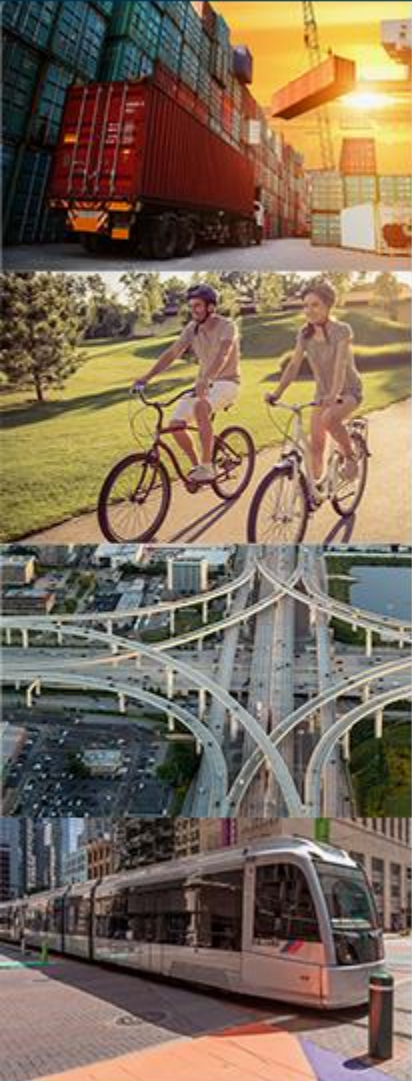
Challenge Where to Ride Commute Solutions Resources About Champions FAQs Bike Shops

BIKE SHOPS — the Greater Houston area [\(Change Location\)](#) [FIND BIKE RENTALS](#)

Map Satellite

Let's get more people riding & smiling! [INVITE PEOPLE TO JOIN!](#)

Love to Ride Demonstration



BIKE MONTH CHALLENGE BIKE THE GULF

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 Shirley Li 



The Bike Month Challenge is coming

From May 1 -31, riders everywhere have one mission - to get more people riding than ever before.

The workplaces with the highest percentage of staff riding will top the leaderboards and individuals will earn chances to win prizes simply by riding their bikes and encouraging others.

It's totally free to take part and everyone is invited to join the fun!

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RIDE FOR 10 MINUTES OR MORE

3



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4



WIN GREAT PRIZES

Thank You

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<http://www.yourcommutesolution.org>

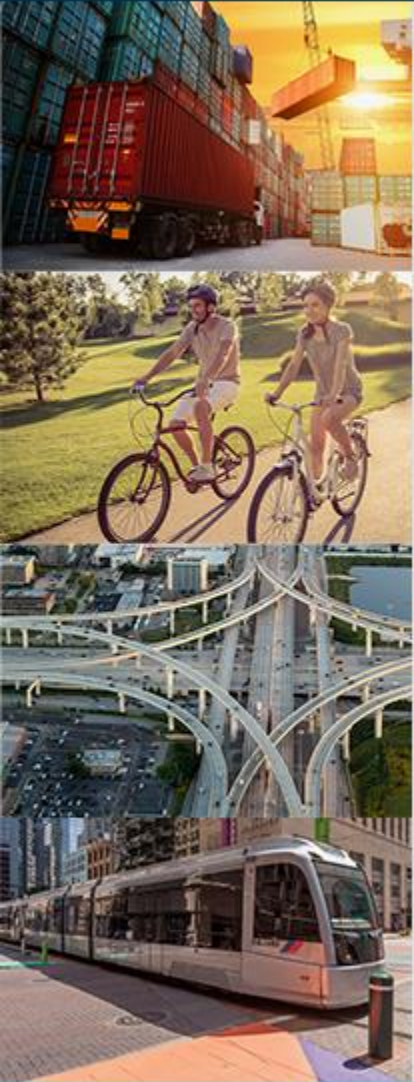


4.b. UPWP Active Transportation Status Report



Shirley Li
Pedestrian Bicycle Special Subcommittee
April 20, 2023

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)



- Describes the transportation plans and programs and the transportation-related air quality planning activities
- Updated every two fiscal years
- Current UPWP 2022 and 2023 (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2023)

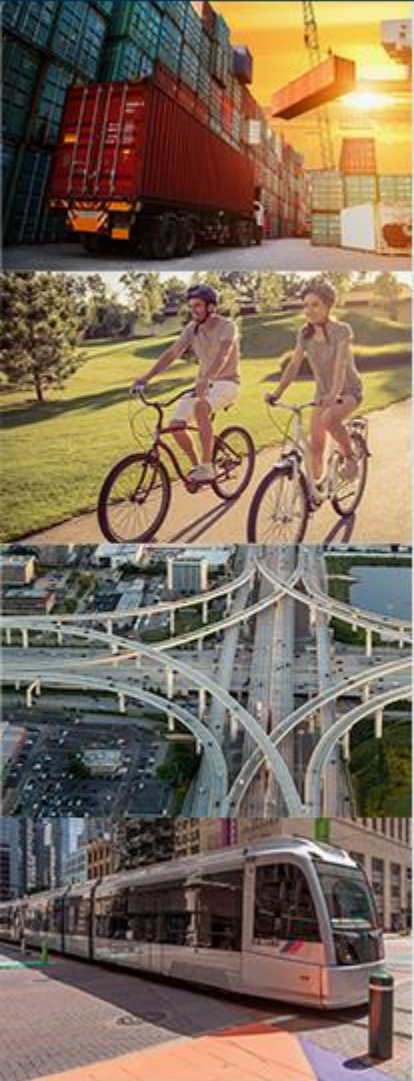
Tasks

■ TASK IV Long-Range Planning

- Subtask 4.6 Travel Demand Management, Transit, Shared and Active Transportation

- 4.6b Pedestrian and Bicycle Planning

1. Data Collection, Mapping, and Reporting
2. Planning
3. Outreach



Data Collection, Mapping, and Reporting

Subtasks	Status
Collect and share data	Implementing
Maintain and purchase bike and pedestrian counters	Completed
Update the Regional Bikeways and Regional Sidewalk maps	Implementing
Extend bike and sidewalk network data to include quality	Implementing
Conduct surveys to document resident feedback	Predevelopment
Work with local governments and others to improve accuracy of mapping tools	Implementing

Planning

Subtasks	Status
Conduct local active transportation studies	Implementing
<i>Bay Area Bike and Pedestrian Safety Plan</i>	Predevelopment
<i>Connecting Buffalo Bayou East Design Concept</i>	Predevelopment
<i>Memorial Drive Bike and Pedestrian Study</i>	Predevelopment
<i>Friendswood Master Trail Plan</i>	Predevelopment
Provide consultant contract management and oversight activities.	Predevelopment
Update the regional active transportation plan	Implementing

Planning

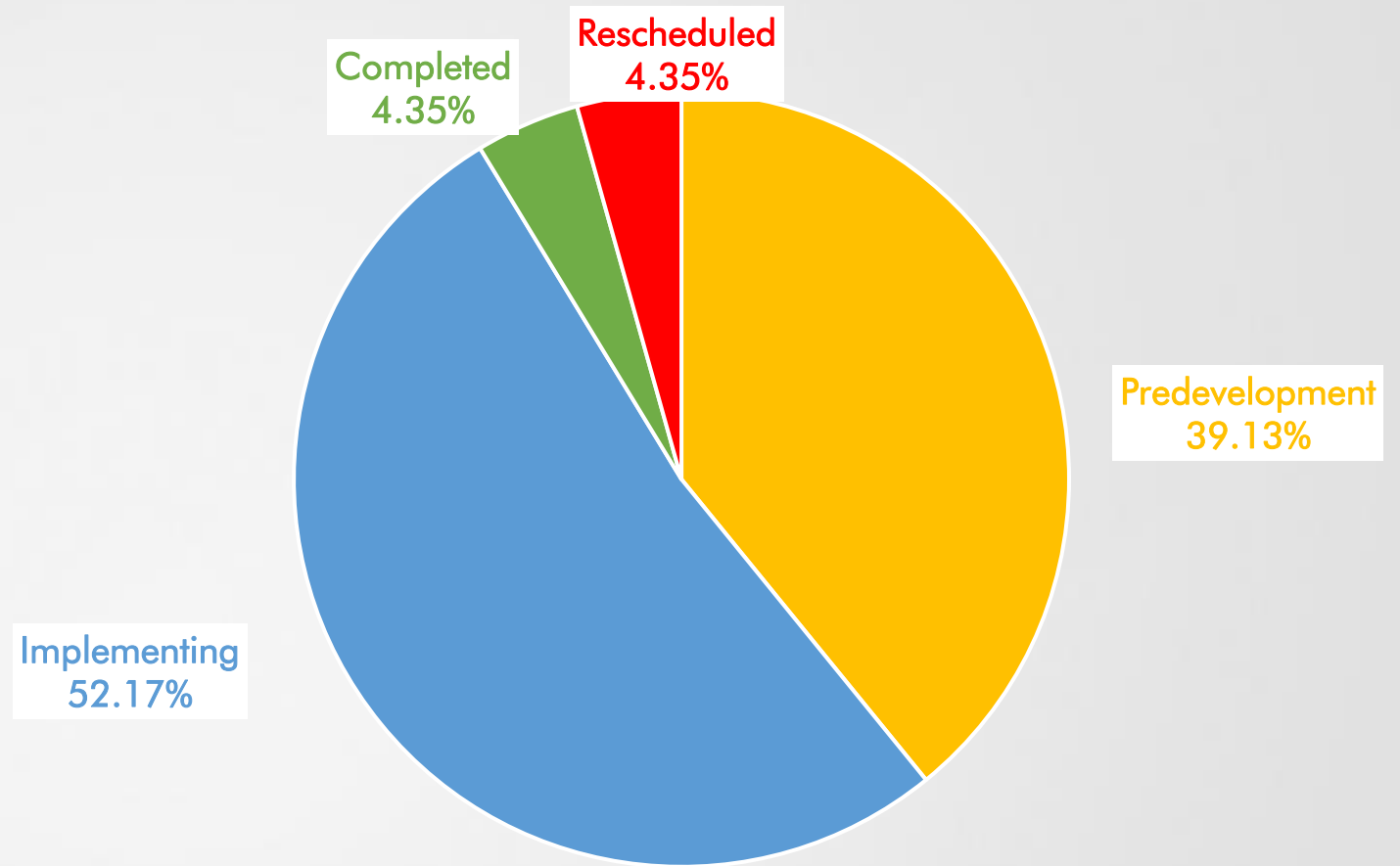
Subtasks	Status
Create a toolbox	Predevelopment
Conduct a needs assessment and feasibility study for a regional bicycle highway	Rescheduled
Conduct a literature review and best practices study of Safe Routes to School (SRTS)	Predevelopment
Provide active transportation planning support for regional and local transportation studies	Implementing
Online engagement tools/platforms/software	Implementing

Outreach

Subtasks	Status
Support for regional bike month activities	Implementing
Conduct and support the Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee of the TAC.	Implementing
Coordinate with the internal and external agencies to improve access and mobility	Implementing
Provide training for staff and community on mobile counters data collection	Predevelopment
Share resources on best practices	Implementing

Summary

Predevelopment	9	39.1%
Implementing	12	52.2%
Completed	1	4.3%
Rescheduled	1	4.3%
Total	23	



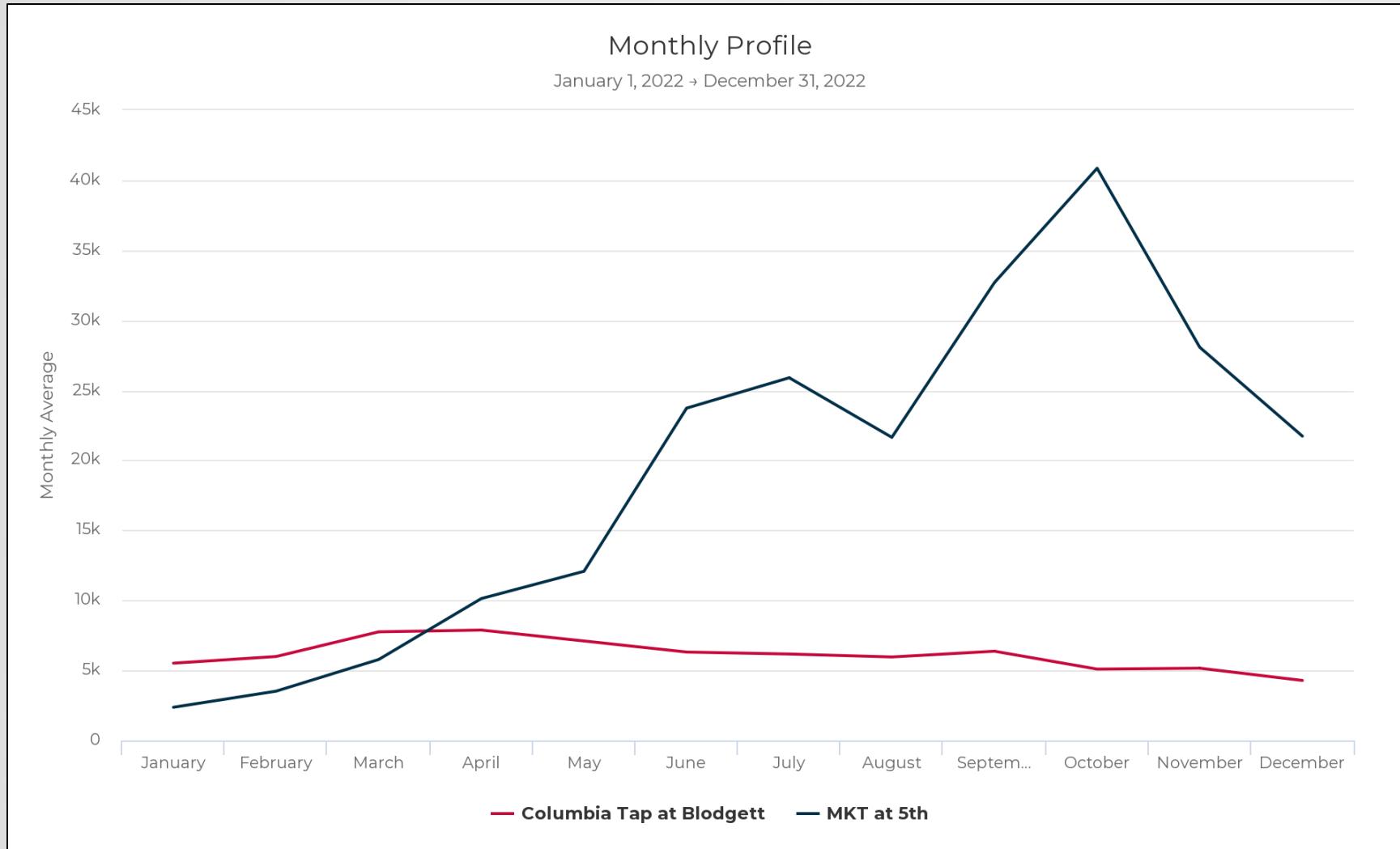


4.c Bike and Pedestrian Counts Status Report



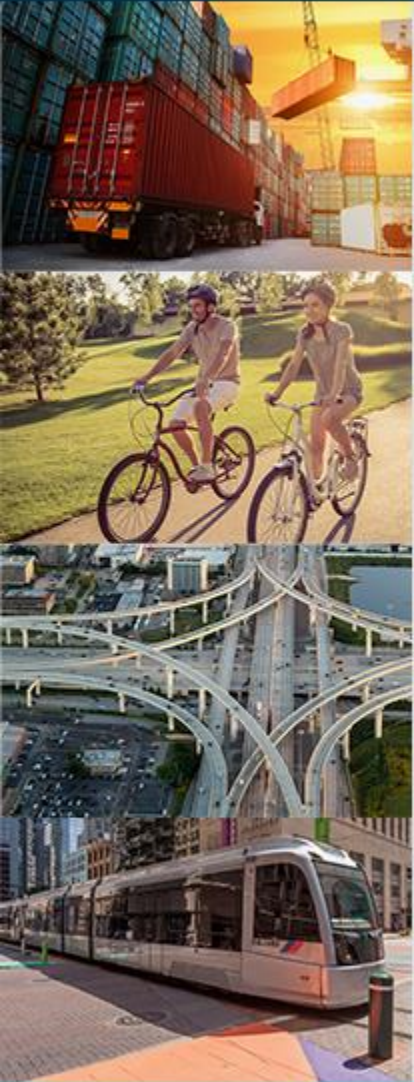
Chris Whaley
Pedestrian Bicycle Special Subcommittee
April 20, 2023

2022 Counter Highlights



Site	<i>Columbia Tap at Blodgett</i>	<i>MKT at 5th</i>
Total	73,312	191,336
Daily Average	201	596
Average weekdays	190	543
Average weekend traffic	228	728
Peak Day	3/19/2022	10/2/2022
Peak Count	453	2,301
Peak day of the week	Saturday	Saturday

Counter Inventory



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Permanent



5
Mobile MULTI



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TRAFx

Let's Count!



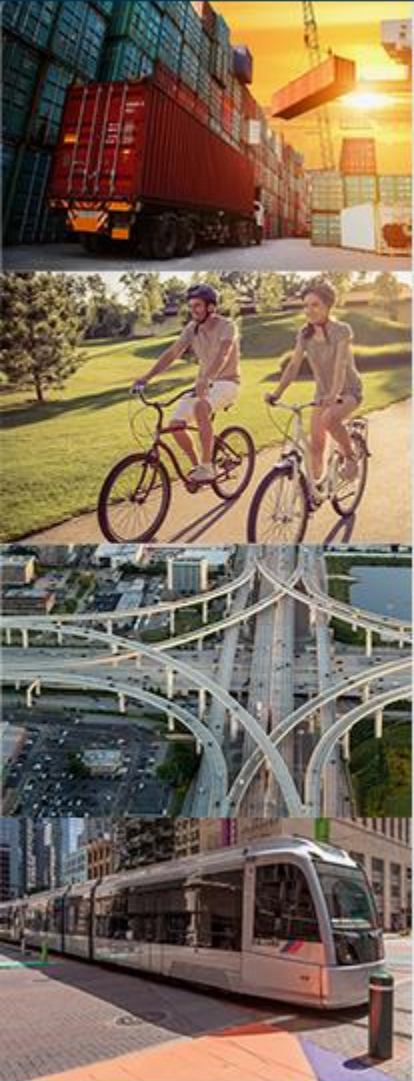
- Mobile counters are available for reservation. <https://www.h-gac.com/pedestrian-bicyclist-planning/counter-equipment-request>
- Mobile MULTI equipment can be used to scout permanent site locations.
- Mark Your Calendars - Mobile Counter training session June 8, 2023 at 10 AM at H-GAC. Details to come.
- Permanent Counter replacements and expansions scheduled to be completed this year.



4.d Election Information



Officers Needed

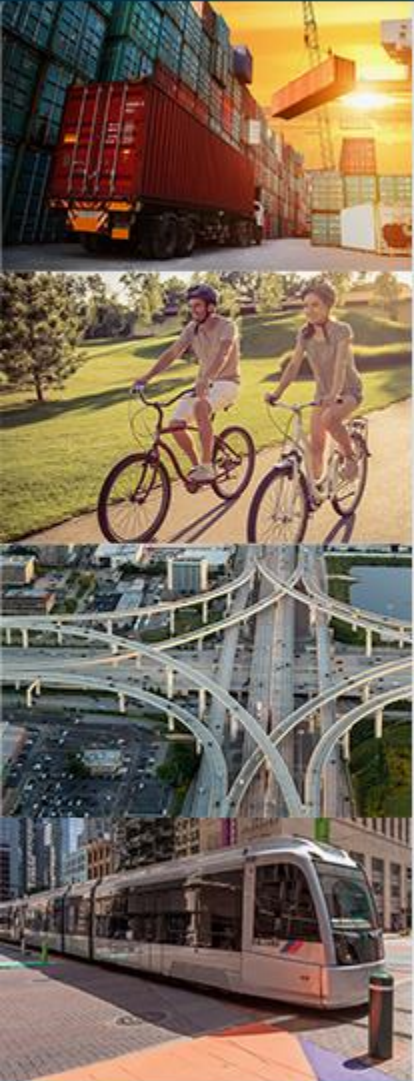


- Chair and Vice Chair
- One Year Term, can be Re-elected for an Additional Year
- Responsibilities:
 - Lead Ped Bike Subcommittee Meetings
 - Help set agenda for the Ped Bike Subcommittee
 - May help lead Workgroup Meetings
 - May present to the Transportation Advisory Committee
- Email – ana.ramirezhuerta@txdot.gov or Shirley.li@h-gac.com, if interested.

5. Roundtable Updates



Subcommittee Staff Contact

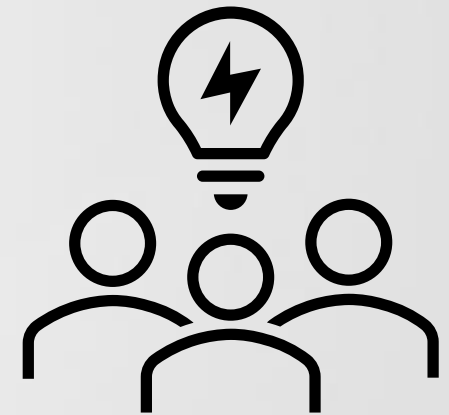


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- Chris Whaley, Planner Christopher.Whaley@h-gac.com
- Jamila Owens, Program Manager Jamila.Owens@h-gac.com



11. Upcoming Meetings

- Next Quarterly Ped/Bike Subcommittee Meeting
 - Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
- Mobile Counter Training Session
 - June 8, 2023 at 10 AM at H-GAC



12. Adjourn

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