

8. BIKE MONTH RESOLUTION

BACKGROUND

For almost 30 years, the Commute Solutions program has promoted and provided educational resources to encourage the use of transportation alternatives to reduce peak period trips and improve air quality. This work is achieved through partnerships with other organizations that have a shared interest in increasing our region’s use of options like carpooling, vanpooling, transit, teleworking, bicycling, and walking. For many years, the Commute Solutions program has leveraged National Bike Month as an opportunity to shift attention to the options that exist for bicycling in the region.

Last year, during Regional Bike Month, also known as Gulf Coast Bike Month, participants saved over 3,500 lbs. of CO2 by reducing vehicle miles by 38,239.

CURRENT SITUATION

Commute Solutions staff requests that the Transportation Policy Council recognize May 2024 as Gulf Coast Bike Month and May 17, 2024, as Regional Bike to Work Day in the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area.

During this month, staff will engage with regional stakeholders and bicycle advocacy groups to promote bike riding through on-site events, Bike to Work Day engagement and highlighting high-comfort routes and other bike related features in the region’s trip-planning app, ConnectSmart.

ACTION REQUESTED

The Transportation Policy Council approves Resolution 2024-10.



Resolution

NO. 2024-10

AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF MAY 2024 AS GULF COAST BIKE MONTH AND FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024, AS BIKE TO WORK DAY IN THE EIGHT-COUNTY HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Houston - Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law, and;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) is the regional transportation policy body, and;

WHEREAS, the League of America Bicyclists established National Bike Month in 1956 to showcase the transportation and health benefits of bicycling, and;

WHEREAS the Commute Solutions program has promoted bike riding and other sustainable transportation modes since 1992;

WHEREAS, the National Bike to Work Week is May 13 - 17, 2024, and National Bike to Work Day is on Friday, May 17, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA RECOGNIZES MAY 2024 AS THE GULF COAST BIKE MONTH, MAY 13-17, 2024, AS BIKE TO WORK WEEK, AND FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024, AS BIKE TO WORK DAY IN THE EIGHT-COUNTY HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA.


PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of April 2024, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:



Hon. Justin Beckendorff, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

ATTEST:



Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council