

Transportation Policy Council

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Public Comments

Dear H-GAC TPC,

I'm Zack Hamburg, and I volunteer with StopTXDOT I-45.

As a resident of Houston, a cyclist, and pedestrian, I want to stress that the current paradigm of promoting speed and throughput on our roadways (over safety) is killing people. This year has been a particularly bad year for cyclists, and I just heard about a bicycle crash involving a 7-year-old in Atascocita, TX today. I wish you could walk a day in my shoes and see the complete lack of consideration given to pedestrians and cyclists in this city. I ask the council to reject pointless highway expansions and other measures focusing on speed and instead focus on creating safe, walkable, bikable places in the Houston area that are connected by mass transit. I also ask that the council re-organize itself to better represent the population of its constituency--Houston's share of votes makes no sense considering its share of the population.

-Zack Hamburg