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Peter Wang  
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Dear Mr. Wang:

Thank you for your comments regarding the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria 8-Hour Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP). Your comments about the cost effectiveness for bicycle-pedestrian projects are greatly appreciated. Our consultant's figures were taken from data in the Regional Transportation Plan for our region, based on the project cost for building additional bike and pedestrian projects. We agree with you that additional education and encouragement as well as additional enforcement of safety rules already in place will promote increased bicycle and pedestrian activities and bring further emission reductions due to increased usage of already existing facilities. Unfortunately, the measures that you mention in your letter do not meet all of the EPA criteria necessary to be included in the SIP (permanent, surplus, quantifiable and enforceable) and were not able to be added to the short list of control measures.

We do value your input and we encourage you and the whole bike community to become involved in our Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) which will be updated this year. Please go to [2035plan.org](http://2035plan.org) for more information.

You can follow the progress and see a more detailed summary of the SIP process, the timetable for the rest of the process and the on- and non-road control measures at the H-GAC SIP website: <http://www.h-gac.com/taq/airquality/sip/>.

Sincerely,

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