

## **NATIONAL BIKE MONTH**

### **Background**

The League of American Bicyclists established May as National Bike Month in 1956 to increase public awareness for bicycle safety and to promote the benefits of cycling. The third week in May is Bike-to-Work Week, which encourages people to try bike commuting through organized rides and events that show appreciation to commuter cyclists.

The Houston-Galveston region has an active bicycling population ranging from recreational riders, to youth, to those for whom bicycling is their primary means of transportation. To accommodate the needs of all cyclists, local governments and transportation agencies have made significant investments in the regional bikeway network. This includes an extensive network of on-street bike lanes, wide shoulders on rural roadways, and off-street shared use paths. Many local governments in the region are actively planning for future bikeways through initiatives such as master parks and trails plans and H-GAC sponsored bicycle and pedestrian Special District Studies.

### **Current Situation**

The H-GAC Board of Directors and Transportation Policy Council have both adopted resolutions proclaiming May as Bike Month in the H-GAC Region. Several organizations and agencies in the Houston-Galveston Region have Bike-to-Work Week activities scheduled during the week of May 17-21. Bike Month provides an opportunity to recognize the efforts of agencies in the H-GAC region that are working to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for cyclists of all ages and abilities.

### **Action Requested**

For information only.