

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. Several organizations and agencies in the Houston-Galveston Region have Bike-to-Work Week activities planned for May 17-21.

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 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 adoption of this resolution recognizes May as Bike Month for the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area. The resolution is part of H-GAC's Pedestrian and Bicyclist Program, and celebrates the efforts of H-GAC and its member governments that are working to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for cyclists of all ages and abilities.

Action Requested

Request adoption of resolution recognizing May as Bike Month for the Houston-Galveston region.