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Public comment from Joe Cutrufo, member of the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee, former TAC member, and Executive Director of BikeHouston.

This comment pertains to Agenda Item 6, TAC BYLAWS DRAFT RECOMMENDATION proposed by Jason Smith, Perri D'Armond, Catherine McCreight and Ken Fickes.

In the section on *Membership*, the authors have proposed replacing "*TAC membership should reflect the **diversity of transportation modes and interests***" with "*TAC membership should reflect the **major modes of transportation***," without defining which modes of transportation are considered "major," and which are not.

Based on the authors' further edits, such as the attempt to eliminate several positions from TAC eligibility from the active transportation, planning, citizen interests, and environmental categories, it is apparent that the aforementioned "major modes" include motorized vehicles, and nothing else.

This leaves me wondering, why have Jason Smith, Perri D'Armond, Catherine McCreight and Ken Fickes proposed excluding the voices that seek to improve and expand transportation options for people in the Houston region? Why, in a region that is already so heavily dominated by motorized vehicles and the ever-expanding network of roads that carries them, are Jason Smith, Perri D'Armond, Catherine McCreight and Ken Fickes so intent on excluding those who are simply trying to bring some semblance of balance to our region's transportation system?

Our region is already plagued by flooding which is exacerbated by the continual expansion of impervious roads and parking lots. Our region is already plagued by poor air quality, exacerbated by policy decisions that favor gas guzzling trucks and SUVs over more energy efficient modes of transport. Our region is already plagued by deadly traffic crashes, exacerbated by policy decisions that prioritize moving vehicles quickly over moving people safely.

The voices which advocate for less flooding, for less pollution, and for eliminating traffic deaths are the voices that Jason Smith, Perri D'Armond, Catherine McCreight and Ken Fickes are seeking to exclude from the TAC. Don't let them. Reject their proposed changes to the TAC bylaws.

Thank you.

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