

## **Letters & Other Correspondence**

## HGAC Public Comments

Candidate transportation projects for state and/or federal funding assistance.

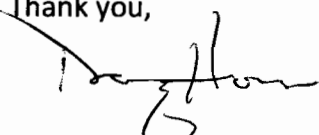
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Project Type Funding in millions of dollars							
	HIGHWAY	Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)	BIKE-PED	TRANSIT	LCI	OTHER	TOTAL
# of project requests	76	21	35	3	1	1	
TOTAL \$\$	3,944.7	151.8	116.9	25.2	2.2	21.2	4,262.0
Average \$\$	51.9	8.0	3.5	8.4	2.2	21.2	
Median \$\$	20.1	6.0	2.6	3.9	2.2	21.2	
% of total request	92.6%	3.6%	2.7%	0.6%	0.1%	0.5%	

### Comments:

1. **Fund ALL Bike-ped projects for the health, safety, productivity, competitiveness, and future of Texas and Texan Families.**
2. Bike-ped projects produce cleaner air, but I have been told that currently, bike-ped projects cannot receive funding from some of the air quality improvement funding mechanisms. Is this TRUE or FALSE and WHY?
3. Highway and ITS (a secondary fund for motorized transportation) eats up 95 cents of every dollar. Bike-ped request is less than 3 cents of requested dollars. **MORE EQUITY IS NEEDED!**

Thank you,



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November 18, 2014

David Wurdlow  
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RE: Letter of Support for Houston Bike Share

Dear Mr. Wurdlow:

I am writing to support the Houston Bike Share application for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project funding that will allow the program to undertake the next phase of its expansion across Houston. Rice University has been monitoring the progress of Houston Bike Share and believes it is making a positive impact on traffic reduction, air quality, and the general health of those who ride the bikes. I can tell you that our students are quite interested in the program and would very much like to see it expanded further south from downtown into the communities surrounding Rice.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council received \$17.9 million in federal funds and Houston Bike Share is applying for a portion of these funds under the Bicycle/Pedestrian category. The TIP funding from Houston-Galveston Area Council will allow Houston Bike Share to expand its network from 29 stations and 230 bikes to 100 stations and 800 bikes over a three-year period beginning in 2015. The expansion will link bike share with METRO's new light rail lines and proposed network of frequent bus routes, creating new opportunities for multimodal mobility.

Rice University believes Houston Bike Share's expansion will prove to be a high-return investment of bike/pedestrian dollars, benefitting increasing numbers of people, businesses and intuitions as the Houston Bike Share program grows.

Rice strongly supports the Houston Bike Share program and hopes that you will fund this initiative.

Sincerely,



Kevin E. Kirby