

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MAY AS BIKE MONTH

Background

The League of American Bicyclists established May as National Bike Month in 1956 to promote the benefits of bicycling. To encourage people to try commuting by bike, the organization has designated May 5th as Bike to School Day and May 17th through May 23rd as National Bike to Work Week. Several agencies and organizations within the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area have activities planned during National Bike Month. H-GAC is supporting these activities through coordinating initiatives and marketing and promotion.

Current Situation

H-GAC staff will conduct and support Bike Month activities. Activities include a regional kick-off webinar and a closing ceremony; free online Bicycling Education Safety classes; marketing materials for the employers and others in the region, and more. The adoption of the attached Resolution 2021-13 recognizes May as Bike Month in the Houston-Galveston region. The Resolution celebrates the efforts H-GAC and its member governments have undertaken to make biking safe, convenient, and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities.

Action Requested

TAC recommendation of the TPC approval of Resolution 2021-13 recognizing May 2021 as Bike Month in the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area.



Resolution

NO. 2021-13

RECOGNIZING MAY AS BIKE MONTH IN THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON REGION

WHEREAS, bicycling is an important mode of transportation for many residents of the Houston-Galveston region, improves quality of life for individuals and our community; and serves as a popular recreational and wellness activity; and

WHEREAS, replacing short automobile trips with bicycle trips helps the Houston-Galveston region meet air emission and congestion management goals; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans think the presence of bikeways, shared-use paths, and sidewalks are very important in choosing where to live; and

WHEREAS, The League of American Bicyclists has celebrated May as National Bike Month for over 50 years, promoting the benefits of bicycling nationwide; and

WHEREAS, agencies and organizations in the Houston-Galveston region plan to promote bicycling in May through organized rides and bike-to-work or bike-to-anywhere events during the month of May; and

WHEREAS, The League of American Bicyclists have declared Bike to Work Week as May 17 – 23, 2021 and Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 23rd; and

WHEREAS, agencies, organizations, and school districts in the Houston-Galveston region will host events for Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA HEREBY DECLARES MAY AS BIKE MONTH IN THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON REGION AND ENCOURAGES CITIZENS TO SAFELY EXPERIENCE BICYCLING AND BECOME MORE AWARE OF BICYCLISTS ON OUR STREETS AND IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of April, 2021 by the Transportation Policy Council.

Agenda Item 07
TAC Meeting Packet-04/14/21

APPROVED:

Hon. Kenneth Clark, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

ATTEST:

Hon. Grady Prestage, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council