

## **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM BICYCLE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING**

### **THE GREENWAY ON BUFFALO BAYOU (BUFFALO BAYOU – SABINE TO SHEPHERD)**

July 20, 2010

After a brief presentation by Anne Olson and Guy Hagstette, the Advisory Group had the following comments and questions:

#### **Connections to Roadway Network**

- Provide trails that pass under roadway bridges because crossing at grade is too dangerous.
- Include a better connection to Shepherd Drive as part of trail improvements at Shepherd.
- Improve access points from all roadways crossing Buffalo Bayou.
- Provide better signage at freeway entrance ramps to warn cyclists to not enter the freeway before it is too late.

#### **Connectivity to Other Areas**

- The connecting trails to other trails and neighborhoods being built right now are wonderful. More are needed.
- Now that the trail under Shepherd Drive is being built, the rest of the connection to Memorial Park must be improved as well.
- Provide connections to nearby cemeteries, which are green spaces sought out by the public as well.
- Link the Greenway to the rail stations at Smith Street (future) and UH-Downtown (existing) via signage and other means.
- The existing pedestrian/cycling bridge over Memorial at Jackson Hill should be improved with a wider path and less “cage-like” atmosphere to make it more welcoming.

#### **Proposed Secondary Trail Network (footpaths)**

- What material will they be made of? (not yet determined).
- You could wait and let the public tell you where they want the trails by the paths they wear in the landscape. Then build the trails in those locations.

#### **Other**

- The long-awaited hike & bike trail project being implemented by the city and TxDOT is the result of years of careful coordination between those two entities plus considerable community input as well.
- Does any of the bayou have concrete lining? The reach from Sabine Street to the Eleanor Tinsley Overlook has perforated concrete mats along the channel edges that were installed 30 years ago as part of a beautification project. Other than this area, there is no concrete lining the bayou west of Sabine Street. There are sections of the bayou with concrete lining in downtown, but much of it is covered with silt.