2020 National Planning Conference

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**Friday, April 24**

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**Divisions Joint Day of Service**

Join APA's Divisions for a Day of Service in the Northside of Houston for a community beautification event. Paint a mural, paint a basketball court, and replant a community garden.

April 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Coming Soon
Friday, April 24 | 7:10 p.m.

**Houston Astros vs. Oakland A's Baseball Game**

Come to Minute Maid Park and watch the Houston Astros play the Oakland A's before the conference kicks off. Since 2009, the Astros have been over the .500 mark in seven of nine seasons, and promise another season of stunning offense and shut-down pitching.

April 24, 7:10 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Location: Minute Maid Park, 501 Crawford St, Houston

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $40.00

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Saturday, April 25

Saturday, April 25 | 10 a.m.

**AICP Community Planning Workshop**

As part of the National Planning Conference, the American Institute of Certified Planners sponsors the Community Planning Workshop, a one-day event that engages community leaders, citizens, and guest planners in discussing and proposing specific solutions to urban planning challenges. This year's workshop is in East Houston.

April 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Food Included

**Cost:** $40.00

Ryan Scherzinger, AICP

Saturday, April 25 | 10:30 a.m.

**Orientation Tour (Saturday morning)**

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April 25, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $45.00
Saturday, April 25 | 10:45 a.m.

**Celebrating Diversity Along Brays Bayou Greenway**

Bike along Brays Bayou Greenway and experience the diversity of parks and people that this linear park connects. Participants will stop at Mason Park (nature), Gragg Park (history), Smither Park (art), MacGregor Park (community), and Hermann Park (signature park).

April 25, 10:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
**Cost:** $98.00

Doreen Stoller | Marissa Llosa | Elizabeth White | Chip Place

Saturday, April 25 | 11 a.m.

**Project Row Houses**

Project Row Houses is a community platform that enriches lives through art with an emphasis on cultural identity and its impact on the urban landscape. We engage neighbors and artists in collective creative action to help sustain opportunities in communities.

April 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
**Cost:** $65.00

Eureka Gilkey | Antoine Bryant | Misty Staunton

Saturday, April 25 | 12:15 p.m.

**Engaging Youth in Evolving Metropolitan Environments**

Youth build vibrant communities! Partner with the City of Houston to realize its Texas Children in Nature plan. Participants will learn strategies to engage youth, practical applications through activities with local youth, and actionable steps to inform the strategic plan of the city.

April 25, 12:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
**Cost:** $70.00

Lisbeth Tibbits-Nutt | Jessica Garrow, AICP | Anna Laybourn, AICP | Corrin Hoegen Wendell, AICP | Monica Tibbits-Nutt, AICP
The Beautiful Game's Planning Impacts

Put on your walking shoes (or cleats) as we take a stroll to and through East Downtown and learn about the impact of soccer on local, national, and international development.

April 25, 12:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $45.00
Brian Ching | Chanelle Frazier

NPC20 Data Jam: Explore Housing Data

A Data Jam is an intensive workshop where participants explore problems using open data, technology, and design. Today’s housing challenges demand new tools. Explore housing data from communities around the country, and get technical and design support from local volunteers in Houston’s civic tech community.

April 25, 12:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Location: Coming Soon

Ticket Required
Cost: $0.00

Saturday, April 25 | 12:30 p.m.

METRO’s Rail System and Operations

Look inside METRO’s rail system and operations — a service that provides safe, reliable, and convenient ways to travel to Downtown, the Medical Center, and Houston’s oldest African-American communities, while connecting to Texas Southern University and the University of Houston.

April 25, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $30.00
Kenneth Luebeck | Scott Grogan
Saturday, April 25 | 12:45 p.m.

**Downtown TOD: Capitol/Rusk Corridor**

Opened to the public in 2015, METRO's Green and Purple light rail on Capitol and Rusk Streets has spurred a conglomeration of development along 17 blocks of downtown Houston. This corridor tour will highlight 18 new or renovated buildings.

April 25, 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $25.00

Benjamin Llana | Philip Croker | Christof Spieler

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Saturday, April 25 | 1 p.m.

**Historic Art/Architecture in Houston's Commercial Development**

Learn about Houston's economic history by visiting a collection of early 20th century buildings and New Deal murals, and experience first-hand how historic art and architecture continue to contribute to the vitality and economic health of downtown Houston.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $25.00

Karen Handsfield, AICP | Ruth Kroeger, AICP | Jim Parsons

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Say Yes! Affordable Homes Tour

Join the City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department's second Say Yes! Affordable Homes Tour. Visit award-winning and transit-oriented affordable homes constructed by Avenue in the historic Near Northside neighborhood.

April 25, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $50.00

Sasha Marshall | Mary Itz, AICP | Fatima Wajahat, AICP
Saturday, April 25 | 1:15 p.m.

Explore the New Northside Bike Network

Explore the rapidly expanding bike network in Houston's north side neighborhoods. See new protected bike lanes implemented as part of an innovative county-city partnership and new trails providing access to jobs and greenspace in neighborhoods with limited historic investment.

April 25, 1:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $90.00

Amar Mohite | Lisa Graiff | Tyler Golly | Lauren Grove | Robert Carleton, AICP

Saturday, April 25 | 1:30 p.m.

Wanderlust on Buffalo Bayou

Opened to the public in 2015, Buffalo Bayou Park is a 160-acre, 2.1-mile park immediately west of downtown. The hike and bike trail network, signature bridges, riparian landscapes, wildlife habitats, civic assembly venues, and numerous attractions celebrate Houston’s founding waterway.

April 25, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $45.00

Scott McCready | Lonnie Hoogeboom | Guy Hagstette

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Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $45.00
**Cinco Ranch, Driving and Walking Tour**

Cinco Ranch is a master-planned community of over 10,000 acres located in Katy, Texas. Discover how design concepts, housing products, ordinances, and project ownership affect the long-term development of a master-planned community.

April 25, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $40.00
Kerry Gilbert | Wallace Trocesset | Matthew Stoops

**Partnerships for Healthy Planning**

Tour the brand-new East Aldine Town Center to see how the East Aldine District has taken a multifaceted approach to spur economic development and, in the process, evaluate the health and economic impacts in partnership with Harris County Public Health.

April 25, 1:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $50.00
Aimee Schultze | Veronica Sanches | Parul Pillai | Richard Cantu

**Downtown Houston Dine Around**

This Downtown Houston Dine Around combines a cultural, historical, and architectural walking tour with a progressive meal held at three critically acclaimed local restaurants.

April 25, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Location: Coming Soon

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $80.00
Saturday, April 25 | 8 p.m.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater continues to push the art form into new territory while still honoring signature classics like Ailey’s masterpiece of hope and redemption, Revelations.

April 25, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Location: Jesse H. Jones Hall, 615 Louisiana Street, Houston

Ticket Required
Cost: $35.00

Pure Country — Theater Under the Stars

Theatre Under The Stars presents the world premiere professional production of the new musical, Pure Country.

April 25, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Location: The Hobby Center, 800 Bagby St, Houston

Ticket Required
Cost: $70.00

Sunday, April 26

Sunday, April 26 | 7 a.m.

5k Fun Run and Walk

Join your APA friends for a morning run around Downtown Houston. Please dress in appropriate athletic gear, bring a towel if you prefer, and bring a sweatshirt or jacket.

April 26, 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis

Ticket Required
Cost: $25.00
Sunday, April 26 | 7:30 a.m.

**Houston's Mid-Century Architecture and the Dome**

Take a narrated tour of Houston's mid-century architecture and development patterns culminating in a site visit to the iconic Astrodome. Join in a discussion of how to reimagine an icon, led by the Astrodome Conservancy, a nonprofit working on the preservation of the Dome.

April 26, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $70.00

Stephen Fox | Anna Mod | Beth Wiedower Jackson

Sunday, April 26 | 7:45 a.m.

**Optimizing the Transit Experience Through BOOST**

Take a ride on a Houston bus route and learn about BOOST. To prevent future gridlock due to Houston's growing population, Houston METRO is implementing Bus Operation Optimized System Treatments (BOOST). BOOST is a process designed to make transit faster and more reliable in high traveled areas.

April 26, 7:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $30.00

Yuhayna Mahmud, AICP | Kelsey Walker | Clint Harbert, AICP | Amar Mohite

Sunday, April 26 | 8 a.m.

**Tour of Houston Biodiversity Conservation Initiatives**

Tour several sites of Houston region biodiversity conservation plans and initiatives showing how challenges were met and lessons were learned on integrating urban and regional planning and reconciling conflicts between urban growth and biodiversity conservation.

April 26, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Food Included

**Cost:** $75.00

Timothy Van Epp, FAICP | Jaime Gonzales | Kyle Shelton
Sunday, April 26 | 8:15 a.m.

**Getting Around Sugar Land by Bike**

The desire for communities to become bicycle-friendly is growing nationwide. Experience what it is like to bike to popular destinations in Sugar Land, Texas. Participants will learn about challenges faced when building bicycle projects in an established suburban community.

April 26, 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $97.00

Kimberly Terrell | Patrick Owens | Adam McGovern | Monique Johnson, AICP | Keehren Baah | Abigail Martinez

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Sunday, April 26 | 8:30 a.m.

**Bienvenidos to East End Houston!**

Tour Houston's historic East End neighborhood aboard Mister McKinney's Houston History Bus to experience one of Houston's oldest Hispanic neighborhoods and one of the city's five cultural districts. Engage with public art, historic preservation, and adaptive reuse.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Food Included

**Cost:** $75.00

Veronica Chapa Gorczynski | Dan Joyce | Sasha Marshall

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**Montrose, an APA Great Neighborhood in America**

Visit one of Houston’s original streetcar suburbs. Eclectic and urbane, Montrose is a fusion of architectural styles, land uses, and people and has been the center of Houston’s LGBTQ+ community since the 1970s.

April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Food Included

**Cost:** $65.00

Doug McDonald, AICP | David Manuel, AICP | Robert Guthart, AICP | Kathleen Coyne, AICP
Sunday, April 26 | 9 a.m.

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Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $45.00

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Sunday, April 26 | 10:45 a.m.

**The Woodlands: Planning and Sustainability Success**

The Woodlands is arguably the most successful master-planned community in the U.S., a place where residents can truly “live, work, play, and learn.” Take an extensive tour and learn about the community's planning, development, unique environmental approach, and successes and challenges.

April 26, 10:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Food Included

Cost: $65.00

JJ Hollie | Gil Staley | Robert Heineman | Jennifer Lindbom, AICP | Mustapha Beydoun

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**Toxic Houston: Environmental Justice Workshop**

Join Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (TEJAS), a Houston-based nonprofit, on a tour of the Houston Ship Channel to learn how low-income communities of color continue to shoulder the burden of legacy contamination.

April 26, 10:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Food Included

Cost: $65.00

Juan Parras | Yvette Arellano | Collin Cox | Nalleli Hidalgo | Ana Parras
Sunday, April 26 | noon

**Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Recovery Workshop**

Participate in a simulated “incident” that is used to prepare local, state, and federal crisis and disaster response staff for real-time crises in coordination with private sector partners.

April 26, noon to 5 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required  
Food Included  
**Cost:** $75.00  
Kimberly Adams | Jason Smith | Jonathan Sawicki

Sunday, April 26 | 12:30 p.m.

**Connecting Communities: Alternate Service Vehicles**

METRO’s Alternate Service Vehicles, known as Community Connectors, bring personalized, curb-to-destination services in Houston areas that may not have the density and infrastructure to support regular, fixed-route bus service. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the dispatch unit and vehicles.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required  
**Cost:** $40.00  
Andrew Skabowski | Michael Andrade

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**Levy Park: An Urban Oasis**

Levy Park has been transformed into a world-class space offering opportunities to connect, experience, do, and play. Visitors enjoy a variety of activity areas, a dog park, community garden, creative landscaping, and year-round programs and events.

April 26, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required  
**Cost:** $55.00  
Stephanie Kiouses | Chip Trageser | Travis Younkin | Lata Krishnarao, AICP | Rajesh Tanwani
Sunday, April 26 | 1:30 p.m.

Bike Ride Through Buffalo Bayou Park

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Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $75.00

Scott McCready  |  Robert Carleton, AICP

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Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $45.00

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Sunday, April 26 | 6 p.m.

Downtown Houston Pub Crawl

Tour a variety of bars that follow the history of Downtown Houston. Walk at a leisurely pace and hear the history of the area and its residents. Tour includes one drink at all three stops and appetizers.

April 26, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: Coming Soon

Ticket Required

Food Included

**Cost:** $80.00
Monday, April 27

Yoga Class
Join your fellow NPC attendees at this hour-long, instructor-led yoga session. Dress in appropriate athletic gear and bring a sweatshirt or jacket.

April 27, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.
Location: Marriott Marquis

Ticket Required
Cost: $25.00

Downtown Bryan and Texas A&M University
Visit two east-central Texas marvels, Historic Downtown Bryan and Texas A&M University. These two places with lots of history, tradition, and exceptional character highlight the importance of planning in creating communities of lasting value.

April 27, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $75.00
Randall Haynes, AICP  |  Lindsay Hackett, AICP  |  Catherine Williams, AICP  |  Allison Kay  |  Martin Zimmermann, AICP

2020 Federal Planning Division Student Workshop
For students only, The Federal Planning Division will hold its annual workshop in Houston at the C. Baldwin Hilton Curio Collection hotel from April 27–30, 2020, in conjunction with the National Planning Conference. Our workshop theme this year is Houston, We Have a Problem. Students: Use this link to register.

April 27, 8 a.m. to noon

Ticket Required
Cost: $150.00
2020 Federal Planning Division Workshop

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April 27, 8 a.m. to noon

Ticket Required

Cost: $375.00

Harvest Green: Houston’s First Agrihood

Harvest Green is a 1,300-acre master-planned community in Richmond, Texas, and the first Houston-area development centered around a community farm.

April 27, 8 a.m. to noon

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $40.00

Scott Snodgrass | Jerry Ulke | Matt Baumgarten | Matthew Stoops

Monday, April 27 | 8:15 a.m.

Putting the "Urb" in Suburb

Sixty years after incorporation, Sugar Land finds itself emerging as a once small company town into a thriving destination venue. Learn how the city has navigated this transition through successful public-private partnerships, community involvement, historic preservation, and land use planning.

April 27, 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Food Included

Cost: $60.00

Christopher Steubing, P.E. | Teresa Preza | Jessica Huble | Jennifer May | Lauren Fehr, AICP | Lisa Kocich-Meyer, AICP | Ruth Lohmer, AICP
Monday, April 27 | 8:30 a.m.

Above and Below Downtown: Streets and Tunnels

A six-mile network of tunnels and skywalks connects downtown Houston. While the privatized system provides air-conditioned routes between buildings, it detracts from the public realm. Explore Houston's underground, equal parts hidden gem and bane of walkable urbanism.

April 27, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $55.00

John Mooz | Benjamin Llana | Robert Eury

On Conducting a Cultural Landscape Assessment

Visit downtown's Tranquility Park and learn to inventory and document cultural landscape conditions, determine period(s) of historic significance, evaluate landscape integrity through analyzing contributing features and elements, and develop treatment options.

April 27, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Food Included

Cost: $45.00

Aaron Tuley, AICP | Mark Dennis, AICP | Laurie Matthews

Monday, April 27 | 8:45 a.m.

Boomtown: Placemaking Among Industry

Visit Baytown, Texas, where industrial development is dominant. With a tremendous economic boom occurring in the city, Baytown answers the challenge of offering a high quality of life to its citizens and visitors in a place where industry is king.

April 27, 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Cost: $55.00

Tiffany Foster, AICP | Christopher Chavis, AICP | Nathan Dietrich
Monday, April 27 | 9 a.m.

**Greens Bayou Wetlands Mitigation Bank**

Wetlands play an important role in mitigating project impacts and natural hazards. Join local staff on a tour of the Greens Bayou Wetlands Mitigation Bank as they explain the benefits of the program and how it promotes climate change resiliency.

April 27, 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $50.00
Aldo Treville  |  Lela Shepherd

**Uptown Houston Transformed**

Combining transportation practicality with urban design, Uptown Houston, METRO, Texas Department of Transportation, and City of Houston joined forces to dramatically improve transit service, while preserving existing auto access and creating a beautifully landscaped pedestrian environment along Post Oak Boulevard.

April 27, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $45.00
Eliza Paul  |  John Breeding  |  Ramesh Gunda  |  Thomas Lambert  |  Barbara Koslov  |  Robert McHaney, AICP, CTP  |  Lata Krishnarao, AICP

**A Freight Rail Tour of Houston**

Loop through Houston's East Side, which is dense with rail. Freight rail is a critical part of national transpiration and local economies, with significant impacts on neighborhoods and local transportation networks. If planners understand how rail works they can work with railroads to benefit everyone.

April 27, 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $40.00
EDWARD EMMETT  |  Bakeyah Nelson  |  Christof Spieler
Monday, April 27 | 9:30 a.m.

**Retrofitting Suburbia in Houston's Westchase District**

Visit one of Houston's major employment centers, Westchase District, in West Houston to see how recent initiatives are reshaping this community's suburban development pattern into one with walkable connections to neighborhoods, parks, and public transit, and shaping future redevelopment.

April 27, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
**Cost:** $60.00
Irma Sanchez | Peter Caldwell | Anita Hollmann | Louis Jullien | Luis Guajardo, AICP

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Monday, April 27 | 9:45 a.m.

**From Disaster to Resilience: Houston Arboretum**

Join lead planner Conners Ladner and conservation director Emily Mandelson on a tour of the beloved Houston Arboretum & Nature Center. Topics include landscape resilience, habitat restoration, educational programming, and creative stormwater management.

April 27, 9:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
**Cost:** $40.00
Conners Ladner | Tarana Hafiz

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Monday, April 27 | 10 a.m.

**Minding the Gap between Bayous and Trains**

Near Northside is completing its bikeway system. Learn how it was done on an east/west bike tour, stopping at community centers, transit stations, parks, schools, and north/south bikeways.

April 27, 10 a.m. to noon
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
**Cost:** $95.00
Yuhayna Mahmud, AICP | Jorge Bustamante | Wei Xiao | Lisa Graiff
Monday, April 27 | 11 a.m.

**Discovery Green: The First Decade**

Opened to the public in 2008, Discovery Green is a 12-acre park constructed over a parking garage, adjacent to the city's Convention Center and two convention hotels. This vibrant landscape has become a regional destination, spurring new development.

April 27, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $40.00
Douglas Oliver  |  Barry Mandel  |  Guy Hagstette

Monday, April 27 | 11:30 a.m.

**Housing for Educators Through Neighborhood Planning**

Tour Houston's Third Ward, a historically black neighborhood fighting gentrification, followed by a design charrette to engage planners, educators, and local stakeholders in a discussion of housing and business development for local teachers and residents.

April 27, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $85.00
Chanelle Frazier  |  Jason Moreno  |  Stephania Alvarez  |  Andret Rayford

Monday, April 27 | 1 p.m.

**Multicultural Placemaking in Gulfton-Sharpstown**

Tour Houston's Gulfton-Sharpstown neighborhoods to experience placemaking initiatives under way in this multicultural mecca often referred to as America's modern-day Ellis Island. Learn how community leaders are reshaping their Right to the City through strategic partnerships and creative placemaking solutions.

April 27, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $60.00
Dian Nostikasari  |  Lisa Graiff  |  Luis Guajardo, AICP  |  Aisha Siddiqui  |  Anne Whitlock
Monday, April 27 | 1:30 p.m.

**Live and Visit Downtown**

Downtown's recent residential and hospitality growth is staggering — residential units up 138 percent and hotel keys up 52 percent. This seven-year change can be tied to 2011 master planning recommendations that led to a new development policy. Speed tour six new buildings.

April 27, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $50.00

Philip Schneidau | James Borders | Robert Eury

Monday, April 27 | 2 p.m.

**Tour About Tours: Houston's Eco-Tourism Scene**

Houston's investments and cultural shift towards sustainability have opened the door for new ways of exploring and understanding the city. Join this "tour about tours" for an annotated sample of the various outings that compose Houston's eco-tourism scene for tourists and residents alike.

April 27, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $98.00

Peter Eccles

Monday, April 27 | 2:15 p.m.

**Midtown Park: A Sustainable Urban Park**

Tour Midtown Park, a premier destination in the Midtown District of Houston. Slated to be the first SITES certified project in Houston, Midtown Park is a marker of sustainability that provides vital greenspace to the neighborhood and its surrounding communities.

April 27, 2:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $25.00

Marlon Marshall | Alex Ramirez | Tarana Hafiz
Monday, April 27 | 6 p.m.

CANCELED: Houston Brewery Tour

Take a Houston local brewery bus tour combining a historical overview with stops at some of the area’s best local breweries. Enjoy a tour of the brewery, multiple beer tastings, and a pint glass to take home.

April 27, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Ticket Required
Food Included
Cost: $118.00

Tuesday, April 28

Tuesday, April 28 | 7:45 a.m.

Main Street: Rail Line, Innovation Corridor

In 2004 Houston opened a new light rail line, and within a year it was the second busiest in the U.S. This tour shows why, showcasing the educational and cultural destinations the Red Line connects and plans for an innovation corridor.

April 28, 7:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $25.00
Abbey Roberson, AICP | Christof Spieler

Tuesday, April 28 | 8 a.m.

Exploring Houston’s Missing Middle Housing

Houston is a perfect laboratory for a walking tour that explores good historic and newly built examples of missing middle housing types as well as poorly designed examples of infill, what regulations could effectively deliver the good examples, and what aspects does Houston regulate.

April 28, 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required
Cost: $50.00
Daniel Parolek
Tuesday, April 28 | 8:15 a.m.

**Exploring the Central City Bikeway Network**

Bike through Central Houston’s expanding network of high-comfort bike lanes and trails. Learn about how the bikeways and trails were planned and partnerships that enable rapid implementation. Learn some history about downtown, its transportation systems, and the surrounding neighborhoods.

April 28, 8:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

**Cost:** $65.00

Amar Mohite | Peter Eccles | Jessica Wiggins | Robert Carleton, AICP

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Tuesday, April 28 | 10 a.m.

**The Future of Resilient Communities Is Female**

Join APA’s Women and Planning Division and Transportation and Planning Division in a joint workshop capturing Houston's momentum highlighting how women are building the future of sustainable and resilient communities showcasing the transit system, Greater Third Ward, and the Port Authority.

April 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Mobile Workshop Departure Area, Level 2

Ticket Required

Food Included

**Cost:** $85.00

Mackenzie Jarvis, AICP | Corrin Hoegen Wendell, AICP | Caroline Dwyer, AICP | Gabriela Juarez, AICP