

**WORKGROUP MEETING TO DEVELOP A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR
THE NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Background

At the meeting in June, the Transportation Policy Council has approved to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between various agencies on the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP). In July, the Transportation Policy Council has approved the following Workgroup membership to assist with the development of the MOU:

1. Adrian Garcia, Harris County Commissioner, Pct. 2
2. Dr. Carol Lewis, Chairman, Gulf Coast Rail District
3. Carrin Patman, Chair, Board of Directors, METRO
4. Chuck Wemple, Executive Director, H-GAC
5. David Douglas, Liberty County
6. David Robinson, Council Member, City of Houston
7. Eliza Paul, District Engineer, TxDOT Houston District
8. Grady Prestage, Fort Bend County Commissioner, Pct. 2
9. Joe Zimmerman, Mayor, City of Sugar Land
10. Justin Beckendorff, Waller County Commissioner, Pct. 4
11. Larry Millican, Council Member - City of League City
12. Mark Keough, Montgomery County Judge
13. Nancy Arnold, Council Member, City of Waller
14. Roger Guenther, Executive Director, Port Houston
15. Russ Poppe, Harris County Flood Control District
16. Ex-Officio: Texas House of Representatives Ed Thompson, District 29

Current Situation

The purpose of the MOU is to articulate the understanding that multiple agencies, including H-GAC's Transportation Policy Council, Texas Department of Transportation, City of Houston, Harris County, and Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO), will work cooperatively in the planning and implementation of the NHHIP, and address concerns on community impacts. The MOU can also provide a description of responsibilities or commitments from each agency.

Staff has created an initial working draft of the MOU to begin discussions on the concepts to be included in the document. Though the Workgroup meetings, the MOU will be developed and anticipated to be recommended to the approval of the Transportation Policy Council. Please see the attached agenda and working draft of the MOU. More information on the NHHIP and the meeting materials are available at the website: <http://www.h-gac.com/north-houston-highway-improvement-project/default.aspx>

Action Requested

Information and discussion only.