

**MEETING OF THE RTP SUBCOMMITTEE  
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL  
TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**April 14, 2021**

**1:30PM**

**Minutes**

**Member Attendance:**

<b>Primary-Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Alternate-Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
Monique Johnson	Yes	Krystal LaStrape	No
Bill Zrioka	No	David Leslie	No
Andrea French	No	Nikki Knight	Yes
Elijah Williams	Yes	Elizabeth Whitton	Yes
Iris Gonzalez	No	Jonathan Brooks	Yes
Adam France	Yes	Chris Bogert	No
Christopher Sims	No	Hon. Chad Tressler	No
Matt Hanks	Yes	Karen McKinnon	No
David Fields	Yes	Katrina Bayer	No
Hon. Jay Knight	No	David Douglas	No
Loyd Smith	No	Bryan Brown	Yes
Morad Kabiri	Yes	Robert Upton	Yes
Nick Woolery	Yes	Frank Simoneaux	No
Yancy Scott	Yes	Jared Chen	No
Katherine Parker	Yes	Carol Lewis	No
Bruce Mann	No	Rohit Saxena	No
Rodger Rees	Yes	Brett Milutin	No
Charles Airiohuodion	Yes	Jeffrey English	Yes
Lisa Collins	No	Scott Ayres	Yes
Ken Fickes	Yes	Vernon Chambers	No
Perri D'Armond	Yes	Stacy Slawinski	No
Kenneth Brown	Yes	Philip Brenner	No
John Tyler	No	Dale Hilliard	Yes

**Others Present:** Andrew Mao, Adam Beckom, Michelle Canton, Darrin Willer, Jim Dickinson, Diane Domagas, Eliza Paul, Carrie Evans, David Fink, Ben Finley, Stephan Gage, Shixin Gao, Brandy George, Thomas Gray, Donte Green, Veronica Green, Sandra Holliday, Allie Isbell, James Koch, Susan Jaworski, Jeffrey English, Ayo Jibowu, Sharon Ju, Megan Kennison, Neely Kim, Sanford Klanfer, Justin Kuzila, Shirley Li, Vishu Lingala, Graciela Lubertino, Jim Mahood, Patrick Mandapaka, Carlene Mullins, Michael Onuogu, Karen Owen, Jamila Owens, Frank Pagliei, Craig Raborn, Cameron Stawicki, Chris Van Slyke, Kathryn Vo, Veronica Waller, Gilbert Washington, Christopher Whaley

**Staff Participating:**

Mike Burns, Alan Rodenstein

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Perri D'Armond called the meeting to order at 1:30PM

Mike B read a statement of how the meeting would be conducted via remote participation and the ground rules for any discussion.

Mike B conducted the roll call for attendance and requested members in attendance provide a brief introduction including their role and interest.

Monique Johnson, City of Sugar Land – learning different things from the regional partner. Nikki Knight, Senior Project Manager at SE Management District – role of my work is to support transportation mobility initiatives and working with inter-partners. Elijah Williams, Energy Corridor – want to stay tied in with the regional planning as a big business district impacting the region. Jonathan Brooks, Director of Policy with Link Houston – advocate for equity in and through transportation and was involved in last RTP and TAC Committee. Adam France, City Planner for Conroe – interested in the regional perspective of transportation planning. Matt Hanks, Brazoria County Engineer – regional mobility is important from the commerce standpoint, as well as help people get around the region. David Fields, City of Houston Chief Transportation Planner – incumbent to keep talking to all regional peers and making sure everyone is on the same page and the transportation system is effective for all people. Bryan Brown, Senior Planner with Harris County Engineering – first year on the committee, looking forward to serving. Morad Kabiri, Friendswood City Manager – served two years in the TAC, experience in engineering, looking forward to serving on the subcommittee. Robert Upton, Director of Engineering Capital Projects for Pearland – served on the TIP subcommittee and partnering with Friendswood and Brazoria since traffic mobility projects are vital, looking forward to serving on the committee. Nick Woolery, Baytown Assistant City Manager – passionate about transportation and community engagement. Yancy Scott, Waller County Engineer – learning from others in the region who are experiencing significant growth and increased traffic from goods movement and travel through the county, wants to plan for and manage a transportation system for all. Katherine Parker, Executive Director for Gulf Coast Rail District – background in transportation planning, previously with City of Houston, continue learning and develop partnerships to develop partnerships for freight rail and to improve mobility in all modes. Roger Rees, Galveston Port Director – interested in expanding the role of ports in the region, find out more about the region. Charles Airiohuodion, TxDOT Houston District Senior Planner – bringing regional mobility issues to a cooperative and continuing discussion and wants to work to improve mobility, congestion, and air quality. Jeffery English, Planning with TxDOT Houston – helping Houston to move forward. Scott Ayres, Planning Engineer with TxDOT Beaumont – involved in the mobility and other issues. Ken Fickes, Director of Transit Services with Harris County Transit – has been involved for years to provide a voice from regional transit providers to the regional planning process, keep up to date on what's going on in the region. Perri D'Armond, Fort Bend Director of Transit – served on TAC and in the economic development council development, interested in how we holistically handle congestion issues and how we move people around Fort Bend and efficiently move commuters in and out of the Houston area. Dale Hilliard, Staff Engineer with Harris County Toll Road Authority – served on TAC and interested in working with a regional aspect and bring in long-range elements for the tollway authority and working with other entities on regional planning.

Perri D confirmed a quorum was present.

2. Election of Officers

Perri D called for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Ken Fickes nominated Morad Kabiri as Chair and Perri D'Armond as Vice Chair.

Perri D declared there were no other nominees.

Ken Fickes made a motion to approve by acclamation Morad Kabiri as Chair and Perri D'Armond as Vice Chair, Adam France seconded.

Perri D declared without objection that the nominees are elected by acclamation.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

Morad K asked for a motion to accept the minutes of March 10, 2021.

Ken F made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Perri D.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. RTP Subcommittee Orientation and Survey Responses

Mike B provided a summary of the RTP Subcommittee Orientation presentation, including RTP purpose, goals, updating schedule, plan elements, and stakeholders, and discussed the Subcommittee workgroup survey results.

Charles A asked for clarification about the use of a potential illustrative section and if staff is suggesting a section of projects in the RTP that are unfunded for implementation and still in the planning process.

Mike Burns confirmed the use of an illustrative list of projects that would be included in the implementation schedule if funding becomes available.

There was no action.

5. Legislative Update on Transportation-related Bills

Alan Rodenstein provided an update of bills under consideration related to transportation, freight, and public transportation at the Texas Legislature, and also summarized the proposed American Jobs Plan.

Katherine Parker clarified that the in 87<sup>th</sup> legislature bill concerns land adjacent to rail right of way, not the actual rail right of way.

There was no action.

6. Announcements

a. 2045 RTP Amendment Public Comment Period – March 26, 2021 to April 28, 2021

i. More information at <http://2045rtp.com/default.aspx>

b. Transportation Community Input Series (register at <http://engage.h-gac.com>):

i. Southeast Harris County – April 15, 2021 at 6:00PM (Zoom)

ii. Montgomery County Precinct 2 – April 22, 2021 at 6:00PM (Zoom)

iii. Liberty County – April 29, 2021 at 6:00PM (Zoom)

c. Next RTP Subcommittee Meeting – May 12, 2021 at 1:30PM (Teleconference)

d. Next TAC Meeting – May 19, 2021 at 9:30AM (Teleconference)

e. Next TPC Meeting – May 21, 2021 at 9:30AM (Teleconference)

Morad reviewed the future meetings listed on the agenda.

Mike will coordinate with the Chair in advance if there are future meeting conflicts with the TAC meetings.

7. Adjourn

Morad Kabiri declared the meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Shirley Li and Mike Burns