

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 – 1:30 P.M
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027
Virtual WebEx Teleconference Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stacey Drake–Texas A&M Forensic Nursing
Joshua Zuber – AAA-Texas
Cedric Collier – Harris County Sheriff's office
Robert Benz, P.E.– Texas A&M Trans. Institute
Tom Kuczynski – Fort Bend County Transportation
Bruce Mann – Port of Houston
Ken Fickes – Harris County Transit
David Stanton – Post Terminal Railroad Association

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Deleon Huff – TXDOT Houston
Tina Liu – Harris County
Eric Pacheco – MADD
Heng Wang – TXDOT

STAFF PRESENT

David Fink – H-GAC
Cassandra Marshall – H-GAC
Patrick Mandapaka– H-GAC
James Garland– H-GAC
Veronica Waller– H-GAC
Karen Owen– H-GAC
Brandy George– H-GAC
Diane Domagas– H-GAC
Maria-Theresa Servile Sequa– H-GAC
Craig Raborn– H-GAC
Greg Seal– H-GAC

OTHERS PRESENT

Dominic Mazoch–Private Citizen
HITA–Houston Interpreters & Translation Association

ITEM 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

ITEM 2. Introductions

Members and H-GAC staff introduced themselves.

ITEM 3. Public Comments

One public comment from Dominic Mazoch.

ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes for February 22, 2022

Meeting minutes were approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 5. Safety Performance Measures and Targets (David Fink)

Staff gave an overview of the recommendations for safety performance measures by FHWA. The discussion continued that H-GAC has an aspirational goal of zero fatalities by 2050. It was discussed that in 2022 the target level would be based on that linear line going to zero by 2050. A suggestion was made to take the last five years of useful information and use the historical crash information and fatality records as a report card to see where we are with our target.

In further discussion, members questioned whether the targets were realistic. Discussion concluded that the committee and others can be a reliable source to gather more information and give a different perspective.

ITEM 6. Transportation Safety Task Force (David Fink)

H-GAC Staff updated members on the following:

Staff discussed with the members that we need to have better representation from law enforcement. In further discussion, they will try to get this committee approved by May 20, 2022. A recommendation was made for the Department of Public Safety to cover the outer regions. A request was made for Cedrick Collier from Harris County Sheriff's office to recommend someone to get different perspectives on how to cover the outer regions.

Information Items

- **Intersection Safety Audits Update (David Fink)**

David updated the members regarding the progress with intersection safety audits in the region. Discussion continued that Montgomery county field reviews are completed. They are working to confirm a date for Brazoria county. Recommendations were made to refine safety audits as well as roadway audits. They are ahead of schedule with the safety audits.

- **Federal Railroad Administration Railroad Trespass Prevention Summit (David Fink)**

David updated the committee they would like to have a summit in Houston. Right now, they are proposing the Spring of 2023. They are looking to cover the following topics:

1. Best practices
2. Strategies to reduce right of way
3. The effects of trespassing have on their community
4. Root causes of trespassing
5. Recommendations for future action to reduce incidents
6. Solutions for implementing railroad trespassing mitigation strategies

- **Texas Vision Zero Summit**-In person at the Midtown Arts & Theater Center Houston (MATCH) in Midtown, Houston, Texas. May 23 & 24 2022 (Monday, & Tuesday) Cost is \$55.00. Registration is open. Some free attendance is available.

- **H-GAC Complete Streets Workshop**-H-GAC 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027-Conference Rooms A, B, & C-8:00am to 12:00noon Wednesday, May 25, 2022- Free -Subject-Complete Streets

Upcoming Events

- Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)-May 18, 2022, 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
- Transportation Policy Council (TPC)-May 20, 2022, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Meeting Adjourned at 2:43 p.m.