

**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Subcommittee Meeting**

Houston-Galveston Area Council
Online Meeting\Conference Call
Wednesday October 6, 2021
1:30 PM

AGENDA

- 1. Subcommittee Roll Call**
- 2. Previous Meeting Summary** (*September 1, 2021 Meeting Summary is Posted on H-GAC Website*)
- 3. Call for Project Development Update and Active Transportation Recommendations**
Staff will continue the update on the development of the next call for projects with a demonstration of the benefit/cost template. Additionally, staff will update the Subcommittee on the call for projects schedule and process.
- 4. Comments and Discussion.**
- 5. Announcements**
 - TAC Meeting – November 10, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Teleconference (Zoom)
 - TPC Meeting – November 24, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Teleconference (Zoom)
 - TIP Subcommittee Meeting – November 3, 2021, 1:30 p.m., Teleconference (Teams)
- 6. Adjourn**

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 – 1:30pm
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Online Meeting (Teams Platform)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński – East End District
Christopher Sims – City of League City
Billy Combs – Chambers County
Frank Simoneaux – City of Baytown
Lloyd Smith – Harris County
Matt Hanks – Brazoria County
Stacy Slawinski – Fort Bend County
Veronica Davis – City of Houston-PW
Yancy Scott – Waller County
Sherry Weesner – TIRZ 5/Memorial Heights
Mike Wilson – Port Freeport
Andy Mao – TxDOT-HOU
Scott Ayres – TxDOT-BMT
Ruthanne Haut – The Woodlands Township
Ken Fickes – Harris County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Todd Hoover – City of Missouri City
David Wurdlow – City of Houston-PW
Catherine McCreight – TxDOT-HOU
Alan Clark – METRO
Vernon Chambers – Harris County

Item 1 – Subcommittee Roll Call

The meeting started with a roll call to determine the members and/or alternatives present.

Item 2 – Previous Meeting Summary

Members were referred to the September 1, 2021 meeting summary posted on the H-GAC Website and asked to forward any amendments to staff as necessary.

Item 3 – Call for Projects Development Update

1. Vishu Lingala's gave a detailed synopsis on the 'Call for Projects' process. He noted that projects submitted in the call would initially go through a 'Phase I' evaluation to examine their consistency with the regional vision and to assess their project readiness. The Phase I evaluation would determine whether the project could be assigned to the short-range program (TIP) or would be more appropriately placed in the medium-range program (10-Year Plan), or in the long-range program (RTP). Projects assigned to the short range and medium range programs would also go through a 'Phase II' evaluation which consists of the benefit\cost analysis and the evaluation of planning factors related to the 5 investment categories established for the call.

Vishu observed that projects programmed in the 10-year plan but outside the TIP were permitted to seek federal assistance for any needed preparatory project development. In such cases, the preparatory activity could be programmed within the TIP while the construction phase for the project would remain programmed in the latter half of the 10-year plan.

The Call for Projects presentation ended with a review of the anticipated timeline.

2. Vishu revisited the urban-suburban-rural area boundary delineation discussion and presented a pdf map document created based on the currently proposed threshold ranges. He invited subcommittee members to reproduce the map using H-GAC's online Activity Connectivity Explorer (ACE) tool or by GIS, and to provide suggestions for a more workable basemap.
3. Vishu also highlighted developments with regards to the Safety templates. Notably, H-GAC will provide project sponsors with preventable crash data before the second phase of the bi-furcated call. Slight changes have been made to the safety templates to make them more user friendly. The Active Transportation safety template is now complete and will be presented to the TIP subcommittee after it is previewed by the Active Transportation Subcommittee.

Item 4. Comments and Discussion

Comments were proffered on the different topics presented. Action items include:

- a recommendation that the TIP timeline be reassessed to ensure it includes sufficient time for the conformity process and can accommodate delays in obtaining USACE permits and railroad agreements;
- a review of the rural\suburban\urban area boundary delineation process in light of an interest in promoting equity and participation for rural communities.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.