

# **TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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## **MEETING SUMMARY**

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – 1:30 P.M  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027  
Virtual WebEx Teleconference Meeting

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### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joshua Zuber – AAA-Texas  
Stacy A. Drake– Texas A & M Forensic Nursing  
Robert Benz, P.E.– Texas A&M Trans. Institute  
Ken Fickes – Harris County Transit  
Sharon Moses-Burnside –City of Houston Planning and Development  
Bruce Mann – Port Houston  
Tom Kuczynski– Fort Bend County Transit  
Ugonna Ughanze. – TXDOT Houston  
David Stanton – Post Terminal Railroad Association  
Jason Miura – Port Freeport

### **ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Lt. Kevin Duggan. – City of Houston  
St. Deleon Huff – Harris County Sheriff Office

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Stephan Gage – H-GAC  
Vishu Lingala – H-GAC  
Alan Rodenstein –H-GAC  
Cassandra Marshall –H-GAC  
Adam Beckom – H-GAC

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Nora Palma– MADD

#### **ITEM 1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

#### **ITEM 2. Introductions**

Members and H-GAC staff introduced themselves.

#### **ITEM 3. Public Comments**

No public comments.

#### **ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes for March 30, 2021**

Meeting minutes were approved.

#### **ITEM 5. Issue Updates (Stephan Gage)**

H-GAC Staff updated members on the following items:

1. *Committee Vacancies*- Commander Stevens with the Houston Police Dept. has retired and will be replaced by Commander Reece Hardy. Fort Bend County Transit announced the resignation of Kevin Thompson. The alternate position for Fort Bend County Transit will remain vacant until Mr. Thompson replacement is hired. Both Commander Hardy and Ms. Palma's, the proposed alternate for MADD, nominations are expected to be approved by TPC at their May meeting.
2. *Intersection Safety Audits*-Staff updated members H-GAC is in the process of negotiating a contract with the consultant to help conduct regional intersection safety audits. A finalized list of initial intersections is being developed and will be share at the next TSC meeting.

3. *Regional Safety Campaign*- The regional safety campaign will launch next month. Discussion continued that media buys are currently taking place. The final designs will be available to share at the next meeting.

**ITEM 6. Subcommittees** (Stephan Gage)

Staff solicited the interest of members to serve on TSC subcommittees. It was noted that to avoid confusion with other agency subcommittees that TSC subcommittee would be referred to as “Workgroups”. Staff pointed out that the name change will not alter the purpose of the subcommittees.

**Action Items**

**ITEM 7. Transit Safety Performance Measure & Targets** (Alan Rodenstein)

Alan Rodenstein discussed the Federal Transit Administration Safety Performance Measures and proposed targets.

Motion was made and approved to endorse Transit Safety Performance Measures & Targets.

**Information Items**

**ITEM 8. Transportation Improvement Plan Safety Funding Set-Aside Program** (Vishu Lingala)

Staff gave an overview of the proposed safety improvement program. The proposed program would solicit, evaluate, and select the small-scale safety projects. It was agreed that the former Traffic Operation Subcommittee would be repurposed as the Safety Improvement Program Workgroup and develop with safety improvement program.

**ITEM 9. Other Committee Priorities and Project for 2021 & 2022**

Staff updated the members that the six secondary safety performance measures that were adopted last year need to be presented to TPC for a formal adoption so that they can officially be used in the MPO transportation planning process.

The Regional Safety Plan needs to be updated. The last update was 2018, and plan is updated on the same cycle as the RTP. The next update will be in 2022. The work must begin this year.

The development for the implementation action plans is still ongoing. Plan must be developed for the remaining focus areas that were identified in the last regional safety plan.

**ITEM 10. Other Matters/ Member Updates** (Stephan Gage)

At the next meeting, the draft for State of Safety report will be approved. A schedule for the Regional Safety Plan update will also be presented.

**Next Meeting:** June 29, 2021

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:56 p.m.**