

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 – 1:30 P.M
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027
Second Floor Conference Room B

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Zuber – AAA-Texas
Robert Benz, P.E.– Texas A&M Trans. Institute
Ugonna Ughanze – TxDOT
Anita Hollman – H-GAC
David Stanton – Post Terminal Railroad Association
Kristen Beckworth – Texas Children’s Hospital
Sean Wright – City of Seabrook

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Tom Kuczynski – Fort Bend County
Vernon Chambers – Harris County
Nora Palma – MADD

STAFF PRESENT

David Fink – H-GAC
Mike Burns– H-GAC
Stephen Keen– H-GAC
Shirley Li– H-GAC
Karen Owen– H-GAC
Sanford Klanfer– H-GAC
Carlene Mullins– H-GAC
Veronica Waller– H-GAC
Carlos Lugo– H-GAC
Carrie Evans– H-GAC
Lucinda Martinez – H-GAC
Cassandra Marshall – H-GAC
Maria Theresa Servillon-Sigua– H-GAC

OTHERS PRESENT

ITEM 1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at **1:35 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 April 26, 2022 and June 28, 2022

- Meeting minutes held for Quorum.

Discussion

ITEM 5. Safety Funding Update on CSJ's 0912-00-584, 0912-00-599, 0912-00-634 (David Fink)

- An update was given to the committee members regarding the two active CSJ's and one that will become active after we get an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) is executed with TxDOT.
- The first active CSJ is 0912-00-584. This is the current funding for Safety. In further discussion the members were informed that the "Teens in the Driver's Seat" program current contract with TTI was extended to May 31, 2023. Additional funds were added to the contract to complete the work. The amount of funds added to the contract was \$39,000.

Next, discussion continued regarding youth traffic safety education and outreach. This contract is with Texas Children's Hospital. It had sufficient funding in this contract due delay because of COVID. It was extended until May 31, 2023. The members were informed that the Regional Safety Campaign has about \$200,000 remaining for additional advertising. It was further discussed that the Bicycle Safety campaign was extended until May 31, 2023. Additional funds were added in the amount Bicycle Safety Campaign in the amount of \$5000.

- Staff discussed CSJ 0912-00-599 Task 4 "Intersection Safety Audits". This task had \$1 million budgeted. Staff informed the member that an action will be going to H-GAC board in November to get approval for an amendment to the Kimley-Horn and Associates LLC. This is necessary since the amount of funds to be added to the contract will be over \$50,000.00. The contract was not extended since it expires on August 2023. Discussion continued to add the following three tasks below with available funds:
 - Evaluation of latest crash data to determine any hot spot interactions
 - Develop and deliver a training class for how to perform roadway safety audits
 - Perform additional intersection safety audits
- **CSJ 0912-00-634**-Staff updated the members that this has already been approved by the Board of Directors back in May. Staff will be working with TxDOT to get an AFA put in place with the budgeted amount \$2.3 million. Discussion continued that work on the CSJ will be over three years.

ITEM 6. 2021 State of Safety Report (David Fink)

- Staff updated the members that it is not published. They just started running numbers on this. They compiled the contents from the last three reports. Discussion continued that 2021 numbers of crashes increased. The information verified from the Crash Records Information System (CRIS).

ITEM 7. Safety Task Force Update (David Fink)

- The members were notified that some people have moved on to other positions and there are vacancies that need to be filled. Discussion continued that if you see something that we are missing, we can add those to the list. H-GAC will be supporting the task force and should have some information by the end of today. The first meeting will be held virtual on November 7, at 1:30 p.m. It will be a total of five meeting to be completed by March 2023. An overview of the program will be sent out by Craig Raborn. Members were encouraged to reach out to David or Craig, if you have any additional questions or concerns.

ITEM 8. Update on Safe Streets and Roads for all Grant Application (SS4A) (David Fink)

- Staff gave an update that development credits can be used. The members will be notified in February or March 2023, if the grant is approved. Discussion continued that the funded request was \$4 million. Staff pointed out the implementation plan is restricted. You must have an implementation plan.

Upcoming Events

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Meeting Adjourned at 2:15 p.m.