
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 – 2:30 P.M.
Galveston Area Council of Government Offices
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Tx 77027
Virtual WebEx Teleconference Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Zuber – AAA-Texas
Bennie Boles – LaPorte Police Dept.
Vernon Chambers – Harris County Chambers
Robert Benz, P.E. – Texas A&M Transportation
Institute
Inga Ford – Bike Houston
Kevin Thompson – Fort Bend County Public
Transportation
Bruce Mann – Port Houston
Sean Wright – Seabrook Police Department
Sharon Moses-Burnside – City of Houston
Jeff McKinney – Jetco Delivery
Lisa Minjares Kyle – Texas A&M Transportation
Institute
Ughanaa Ughanzee – TXDOT

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Dana Moore – Texas Trucking Association
James Kenner – TXDOT

STAFF PRESENT

Cassandra Marshall – H-GAC
Stephan Gage – H-GAC

OTHERS PRESENT

Valerie Taylor – TXDOT

ITEM 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:37 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 July 23, 2019, September 24, 2019, & December 10, 2019

Meeting minutes were approved.

ITEM 5. Issue Updates (Stephan Gage)

H-GAC Staff updated members on the following items from the previous meeting:

1. *Regional Safety Campaign* - The committee was informed consultant is narrowing ideas and close to finalizing the campaign. The production work has been completed. The videos have been finalized and TSC received the radio commercial voice overs for review. No date has been set on when the campaign will launch. More details will be given at the next upcoming meeting.

2. *TXDOT Grant Application*- H-GAC is partnering with TXDOT instead of Ford on H-GAC grant funding opportunity. If approved, this grant will help to further develop a safety analysis tool with TTI. Funding determination will be known by April and communicated at the next meeting.

3. *Other Safety Data Analysis Efforts*-The state has hired TTI to do safety analysis. TXDOT Austin applied as well to get federal funding to assist with developing TTI tools. An update will be given on where the project stands.

ITEM 6. Subcommittee Reports

Robert Benz presented the Bicycle Pedestrian implementation action plan.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 7. CMP Exemptions Definitions

Staff presented definitions for safety issue and bottleneck. Committee members asked questions if definitions could be updated if situations changed to meet the current needs. Response was made to acknowledge that definitions can be altered to address the current situation that is needed. A motion was made and approved for adding definitions for safety issue and bottleneck.

ITEM 8. 2018 State of Safety Report

Staff discussed safety report outlining several crash categories. Discussions continued around the added contributing factors for the worst crash types in the region. A motion was made and approved the 2018 State of Safety Report.

ITEM 9. Pedestrian-Bicyclist Implementation Action Plan

Staff presented the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Implementation Action Plan. A motion was made, and the action plan was approved.

WORK ITEMS

ITEM 10. Impaired Implementation Action Plan

Staff solicited interest, if anyone is interested to be on the committee to continue development of the implementation plan for impaired driving, send an email to indicate you would like to join the subcommittee.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM 11. Other Matters/Member Updates

Lisa Minjares-Kyle announced that TTI is in partnership with Memorial Hermann, to focus on driver's safety specifically in the Houston region. The focus is on distractive, speeding, and some collaboration plan to reach out to adult stakeholders, who interact on a regular basis, but may not have traffic safety on the forefront, to try and get them disseminated, as well as teens, and students. It's delayed because of the social distancing.

Next meeting: June 23, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.