

Bylaws

Houston-Galveston Area Council

Greater Houston Freight Committee

Background

In 2016, the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) established the Greater Houston Freight Committee (GHFC) to regularly engage and convene freight industry/goods movement partners in the region and around the country to understand how best to maintain an on-going conversation with private sector freight generators, shippers, and other logistics professionals.

Mission

The mission of the Greater Houston Freight Committee (GHFC) of the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Organization is to assure the full incorporation of freight into the transportation planning process.

Purpose

The Greater Houston Freight Committee is a private/public collaborative committee dedicated to the advancement of the freight industry's priorities, strategies and solutions in the Greater Houston area. The committee seeks increase the economic competitiveness while reducing congestion through travel information and technology. The Greater Houston Freight Committee periodically shares information, makes recommendations to and responds to the inquiries of the Transportation Policy Council

Meeting Schedule

- Meetings will be held quarterly in January, April, July and October and on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Meetings dates and times for the following year will be established at the final quarterly meeting of the current year.
- Reminders of each meeting shall be disseminated thirty days prior to the meeting.

Membership

The GHFC is open to all freight interests such as shippers and receivers, Class I and short-line railroads, port operators and agencies, trucking firms and associations, air cargo carriers, third party logistics companies, industrial development organizations,

state departments of transportation, and federal and county agencies. Committee membership is essentially determined through regular meeting attendance and meaningful and constructive contributions.

- The Greater Houston Freight Committee is comprised of two co-chairs one governmental and one industry representative. Committee chairs are elected every two years for a term not to exceed two years.
- The Greater Houston Freight Committee will be guided by the Executive Council, which will be no greater than eight members. The Executive Council will establish focus areas, priorities and agenda items
- Co-chairs for the committee are recommended/appointed by the Transportation Policy Council.
- Membership is open to individuals and organizations that have an interest or expertise in freight planning, supply chain management. The Greater Houston Freight Committee is comprised of transportation industry professionals that reflect a variety of modes of transportation.

Minutes

Minutes of all meetings shall be kept and recorded by H-GAC (MPO) staff furnished to the Greater Houston Freight Committee

Attendance

Chairs are required to attend at least 6 of 8 meetings during their tenure

Notifications

- Electronic reminders of meeting shall be sent two weeks prior to each quarterly meeting
- The agenda shall be disseminated two weeks prior to each quarterly meeting

Amendments