

**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**February 27, 2024 – 1:30 P.M**

**Houston-Galveston Area Council**

**3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027**

**Virtual**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brian Mansfield – City of Friendswood  
Robert Benz, P.E.– Texas A&M Trans. Institute  
Jack Hannagriff– City of Houston  
Ugonna Ughanze– TxDOT  
Jildard Arias– City of Friendswood  
Jason Smith– City of Houston  
Jason Milsaps–City of Houston  
Ken Fickes– Harris County Transit

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Ali Syed– City of Houston  
Melody Galland– TxDOT

**STAFF PRESENT**

Cassandra Marshall – H-GAC  
Stephen Keen– H-GAC  
David Fink– H-GAC  
Sanford Klanfer– H-GAC

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kimley Horn  
Payton Arens-PE RSP

**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 June 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes Summary**

- Quorum not met.

### **Discussion**

#### **ITEM 5. Bay Area Bikes Ped Safety Plan (Sanford Klanfer)**

Sanford Klanfer gave an update on the next steps for this project. This is an H-GAC project, Harris County Precinct 2 is serving as the local sponsor for the project. Consultants are assisting with the planning work. Details were provided on the timeline for completion with the existing conditions of the assessment piece and identifying needs. They are moving toward the recommendation phase, which is considered the middle of the project. The surrounding idea for the project comes from the National Association of City and Town, NACTO.

#### **ITEM 6. Safe Streets for all (SS4A) Grant Update (Stephen Keen)**

Stephen Keen updated the members regarding Safe Streets for all action plan grant program. Discussion continued with funds in the amount of \$4 million (with \$1 million local match) that will be used to update the Regional Safety Action Plan and develop eleven local Safety Action Plans. This would help to improve Safety and prevent transportation fatalities and serious injuries.

#### **ITEM 7. Safety Performance Measures (Stephen Keen)**

Staff provided an overview of the recommendations for safety performance measures by FHWA. Discussion continued that H-GAC has chosen to do vision zero fatalities by 2050. A suggestion was made to take the last five years of useful information and use the historical crash information and fatality records as a report card to see where we are. In further discussion members questioned whether the targets were realistic. Discussion concluded that the committee and others can be a reliable source to gather more information and give a different perspective.

#### **ITEM 8. 2022 State of Transportation Safety Report (Stephen Keen)**

Staff gave an update on the State of Safety report for 2022 total crash fatalities, and serious injuries. Intersection related speeding and distracted driving were recorded as contributing factors for 80% of crashes. Three percent of crashes counted for impaired driving with thirty one percent being related to speeding. Discussion continued that staff would complete the final report and distribute to committee members.

### **Announcements**

1. Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC)-March 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. (in person)
2. Transportation Policy Council (TPC)-March 22, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. (in-person)

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:36 p.m.**