

**MEETING OF THE RTP SUBCOMMITTEE
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL
TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
August 17, 2022
1:30PM
Minutes**

Member Attendance:

Primary-Name	Present	Alternate-Name	Present
Morad Kabiri	YES	Jildardo Arias	NO
Perri D'Armond	NO	Stacy Slawinski	NO
Joe Cutrufo	NO	Nikki Knight	NO
Bill Zrioka	YES	Marcel Allen	NO
Elizabeth Whitton	YES	Elijah Williams	NO
Andrea French	NO	Jonathan Brooks	YES
Harrison Humphreys	YES	VACANT	
Todd Stephens	NO	Ruthanne Haut	NO
Karen McKinnon	NO	Matt Hanks	NO
Hon. John Bowen	NO	Christopher Sims	YES
Robert Upton, P.E.	YES	Rajendra Shrestha	YES
David Fields	YES	Peter Eccles	NO
Loyd Smith, P.E.	NO	Brannan Hicks	NO
Monique Johnson	YES	Rick Ramirez	NO
Yancy Scott	NO	Hon. Jay Knight	NO
Katherine Parker	YES	Carol Lewis, PhD	NO
Bruce Mann	YES	Rohit Saxena	NO
Mike Wilson	YES	Rodger Rees	NO
Charles Airiohuodion	YES	Jeffrey English	YES
Lisa Collins	YES	Scott Ayres	YES
VACANT		VACANT	
Ken Fickes	YES	Vernon Chambers	YES
Taylor Marcantel	YES	Jose Pulido	NO

Others Present: Daniel Brassil, Karen Owen, Megan Kennison, Tim (Guest), Lisa Collins, Vishu Lingala, Veronica Waller, Mike Burns, Caroline Bailey, Ben Finley, David Fink, Adam Beckom, Eric Boulet, Thomas Gray, Theodore Ross, Brandy George, Yolci Ramirez, Amy Skicki, Sanford Klanfer, Justin Kuzila, Shirley Li, Christopher Whaley, Gregory Seal, Anita Hollman, Andrew DeCandis, Shixin Gao, Eric Boulet

Staff Participating:

Mike Burns, Karen Owen

1. Call to Order
 - Morad Kabiri called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm and conducted roll call to ensure a quorum.
 - Morad Kabiri confirms there is a quorum.

2. Acceptance of Minutes from July 13, 2022 Meeting
 - Morad Kabiri asks for a motion to approve
 - Motions by Christopher Sims to approve, Ken Fickes second.
 - The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Reliability, Congestion, and Air Quality Performance Measures (Karen Owen)
 - Karen presents on Reliability, Congestion, and Air Quality Performance Measures.
 - She says that reporting on performance measures is based on previous year's data. The pandemic shifted travel patterns and the region's population continues to grow affecting VMT on our roadways. Karen says we considered the 2022 actual performance as an outlier. Staff recommends 70% and 71% in further years. Non-Interstate values have higher reliability targets because they are generally more reliable than Interstate roads. The Truck Travel Time Reliability index (TTTR) benefited during the pandemic, going forward staff recommends future targets at 2.2. Projects that will move the region to better conditions are in the TIP, RTP, Tow and Go Program, TranStar, Commute Solutions, and TxDOT's Connect Smart App.
 - Staff wants peak hour excessive delay to trend downwards. Switching from 4-8 pm period to 3-7 pm and have targets at 16. Targets for the Conroe-Woodlands Urban Area (3-7 pm), with construction affecting these times. Percent of non-single occupant vehicles trips have targets at 21.2 and 22.0 in 2024 and 2026. Percent of non-single occupant vehicle trips in the Conroe-Woodlands area will have 20% targets in 2024 and 2026.
 - CMAQ measures were not met in previous 4-year targets. Methodology will be modified to create 2-year and 4-year targets. Air quality projects and construction projects are being looked at for CMAQ-eligible projects. Staff member Callie Barnes will help as project manager for CMAQ-eligible projects. H-GAC would like to develop a tool to measure the impacts of the projects in terms of performance measures.
 - Karen shows a timeline of the Reliability, Congestion and Air Quality performance measures. The public comment period was from July 15 to August 14. Received four public comments. Comments included asking for mass transit and multi modal opportunities, requesting more performance measures, concern for construction projects taking too long, causing delays and accidents.
 - Questions for Karen
 - No Comments or Questions
 - Motion by Mike Wilson to recommend the reporting and targets be forwarded to the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Policy Council, Charles Airiohuodion second.
 - The motion was approved unanimously.
4. 2045 RTP Update – Visioning Survey Update (Mike Burns)
 - Mike Burns presented on some visioning survey results. A little over 2000 responses (those outside of the region unincluded). A final dashboard will display mapping and cross tabulation for subcommittee members, with the link to be provided prior to the September meeting.
 - Graph showing the top 20 zip codes for responses. League City is highly represented. County population relative to survey responses shown. Galveston County outweighed their population. Survey responders versus regional demographics. Gender was fairly representative to the region, as well as age.

Race distribution, income, and county distribution were not representative to the region. Vehicle ownership was slightly unrepresentative.

- Questions from Survey with graphed responses: How often do you use the following modes of transportation, what do you LIKE about traveling around the region, what CONCERNS you about traveling around the region, What is important to you (Safety), Given limited resources, which option do you prefer (Road Condition), Which do you prefer (Mobility), Which do you prefer (Economy), Which option do you prefer (Environment), What concerns impact your housing choice? Is there anything else...?
- Questions/Comments
 - Christopher Sims asks about the tradeoff questions, particularly Mobility. League City has traditionally voted opposite of this. How is this data going to be used long term/extrapolated to the region?
 - In terms of geographic issues, Mike Burns said he cannot speak on that just yet and will be addressed in the future. However, he emphasized complete streets projects.
 - Christopher Sims would have concerns regarding the implementation of region wide responses to the part of the region he represents.
 - Harrison Humphreys says these survey responses show that the City of Houston and Harris County holds the most responses. Does not want to see a shift in priorities because of region specific differences in survey responses.
 - Jonathan Brooks says these responses may be region-wide implemented. Warns against bias and presumptions and supports strength of surveys.
 - Monique Johnson asks if Mike Burns has looked at what surveys other cities and counties have done and see if there are supporting or different statistics. Mike says this is a good way to validate the RTP survey responses.
 - Mike Wilson asks if there is a way we can sort the responses by zip code.
 - Mike says yes, tentatively. He will have to double check. County and regional sectors are available. If it isn't functional now, we can make it functional going forward.
 - Charles Airiohuodion says we may want to coordinate with TxDOT on a household survey for H-GAC. It may help in receiving responses from areas where H-GAC didn't receive quality responses. He also asks about congestion as an area of concern in the region. If we want to look at the vision statement, maybe incorporate congestion so we can develop a mitigation strategy.
 - Mike Burns tells Morad Kabiri that congestion and reliability are required to be tracked and strategies need to be further identified. Focus more on CMAQ. The RTP needs to align strategies with public responses.
 - Jonathan Brooks says that there could be an issue with fact versus opinion surveys. How they travel now versus how they prefer to travel could have different responses. He thought the survey responses were good and appreciates them.
 - David Fields thinks we are on the right track with 2000 responses and gives staff credit and thinks it's fairly reflective of the community.
 - No further discussion

5. RTP Update – Phase Two Outreach
 - Mike Burns presents that we should focus on presenting the data, strategies, a visioning map, and needs, desired outcomes, and future tasks. Timeframe suggested is from October 3 to December 1, with online participation and up to 8-in person meetings, though could change.
 - Questions/Comments?
 - None
 - No further discussion
6. Announcements
 - Chairman Morad Kabiri says our next TPC Meeting is August 26th, next TAC on September 14th, and next RTP Subcommittee Meeting will be September 21
7. Adjourn
 - Chairman Morad Kabiri declares the meeting adjourned at 2:31 pm

Minutes submitted by: Stephen Keen