

# **TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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## **MEETING SUMMARY**

Tuesday, August 25, 2020 – 1:30 P.M  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027  
Virtual Zoom Teleconference Meeting

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### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joshua Zuber – AAA-Texas  
Kristen Beckworth – Texas Children’s Hospital.  
Robert Benz, P.E. – Texas A&M Trans. Institute  
Kevin Thompson – Fort Bend County Trans.  
Sharon Moses-Burnside – City of Houston Planning and Development  
Bruce Mann – Port Houston  
Buck Russell – Union Pacific  
Brannon Hicks – Harris County Transportation & Planning  
Ian Hlavacek P.E. – City of Houston Public Works  
Lisa Minjares-Kyle – Texas A&M Transportation Institute

### **ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Anne O’ Ryan – AAA Texas  
Jeff Kaufman – Texas AM Transportation Institute  
Sean Cagan – Metro  
Vernon Chambers – Harris County Transit  
Lauren Grove – City of Houston Planning and Development

### **STAFF PRESENT**

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

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

T. Wayne Holcombe – Harris County  
Dena Synder – Harris County

### **ITEM 1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 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 June 23, 2020**

Did not meet quorum.

### **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 consultants have finished their work. The remainder of the campaign will be done in-house. H-GAC communication team will take what the consultants have done and launch a campaign. No date has been set on when the campaign will begin. More details will be given at the next meeting. Question were raised on the remaining balance of project funds and time remaining to complete the campaign. Staff responded that approximately Five Hundred Thousand dollars was left in funds for the campaign and August 20, 2022 is the deadline to complete everything.
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3. *Intersection Safety*- The committee was notified that procurement has been rescheduled. Due to some administrative issues, the project should be back up and running to coordinate the intersection safety audit with TXDOT.

## **ITEM 6. Subcommittee Reports**

1. *Freight Subcommittee*- The Freight Subcommittee held a meeting on July 20, 2020. The focus of the meeting was secondary performance measures for analyzing freight. The subcommittee recommends two measures: Truck Volume and Rail Freight Mode Share as auxiliary freight performance measures.
2. *Policy and Regulation Subcommittee*-The Policy & Regulation Subcommittee met on July 30, 2020. The subcommittee review and recommends the additional safety performance measure up for consideration on today's agenda.
3. *Impaired Action Plan Subcommittee*- The subcommittee held a meeting on July 27, 2020. This was the initial meeting to discuss recommendations to combat impairment. The subcommittee will continue discussions in the coming months to finalize recommendations.

## **Action Items**

### **ITEM 7. Vision Zero Policy Recommendation (Stephan Gage)**

Staff discussed the Vision Zero Policy that will be presented to the TPC for approval. The purpose of the policy is for TPC to support local jurisdictions that adopt vision zero policies or campaigns in our region. This item was presented for information only due to lack of quorum.

### **ITEM 8. Performance Measures (Stephan Gage)**

Staff presented information on the additional safety performance measures the committee will consider for recommendation to TPC. This item was presented for information only due to lack of quorum.

## **Other Items**

### **ITEM 9. Harris County Vision Zero Campaign Update**

Harris County presented an update on its Vision Zero campaign. The Campaign officially launched on August 11, 2020. Harris County's campaign is in parallel with City of Houston's Vision Zero Campaign.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **ITEM 10. Other Matters/ Member Updates (Stephan Gage)**

- Lisa Minjares-Kyle notified the committee of a virtual conference for collegiate college students being held on October 7-9, 2020. The conference will be virtual and recorded. The admission is free to attend.
- Sharon Mosses-Burnside gave an update on City of Houston Vision Zero Open House. The deadline to give feedback on the City's Vision Zero Campaign is Friday, August 25, 2020 @ 5p.m. In order to do so visit the website at [www.visionzerohouston.com](http://www.visionzerohouston.com)
- Vishu Linjala informed the committee that the TIP Subcommittee is working on developing a new evaluation criteria for project selection for the next TIP Call for Projects.
- Stephan proposed that TSC Subcommittee schedule a special meeting in September to approve the two action items that were on the agenda today but could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

**Next Meeting:** October 27, 2020

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:06 p.m.**