

**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Subcommittee Meeting**
Houston-Galveston Area Council Online
Meeting/Conference Call
Wednesday May 5, 2021
1:30 PM

AGENDA

1. Subcommittee Roll Call

2. Previous Meeting Summary (*Posted on H-GAC Website*)

3. Performance Measures Transit Safety Targets

Staff will update the subcommittee on the development of Transit Safety Performance Targets and seek a recommendation for Transportation Advisory Committee review and action. Additional information on the methodology used to develop the transit safety targets is attached. Also, the draft update to the Performance Measures Appendix (B) of the 2021-2024 TIP is available at the link below

<https://www.h-gac.com/getmedia/9dfaac73-6cfa-455d-b75d-1eb19e1fb605/Appendix-B-FAST-ActCompliance-Performance-Measures-June-2021>.

4. Quarterly TIP Report

Staff will update the Subcommittee on the status of project slated for construction or implementation in FY 2021.

5. Call for Project Development Update

Staff will continue the update on the development of the next call for projects. The draft planning criteria for the next call for projects is attached for review.

6. Announcements

- TAC Meeting – May 19, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Teleconference (Zoom)
- TPC Meeting – May 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Teleconference (Zoom)
- TIP Subcommittee Meeting – June 2, 2021, 1:30 p.m., Teleconference (Teams)

7. Upcoming TIP Topics

- FY2022 Unified Transportation Program
- 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Development
- H-GAC 10 Year Plan Update
- Regional Strategic Transportation Fund Program Development

8. Adjourn

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 – 1:30pm
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Online Meeting (Teams Platform)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński – East End District
Adam France – City of Conroe
Loyd Smith – Harris County
Monique Johnson – City of Sugarland
Veronica Davis – City of Houston-PW
Sherry Weesner – TIRZ 5/Memorial Heights
Bruce Mann – Port Houston
Mike Wilson – Port Freeport
Andy Mao – TxDOT-HOU
Scott Ayres – TxDOT-BMT
Ruthanne Haut – The Woodlands Township
Ken Fickes – Harris County

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Billy Combs – Chambers County
Ricardo Villagrand – City of Mont Belvieu
Trent Epperson – City of Pearland
Perri D'Armond – Fort Bend County
David Wurdlow – City of Houston-PW
Priya Zachariah – METRO

BRIEFING

The meeting started with a roll call to determine the members and/or alternatives present and a welcome from the Subcommittee Chair, Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented to the subcommittee.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 2 – Previous Meeting Summary

Members were referred to the meeting summary posted on the H-GAC Website and asked to forward any corrections to Adam Beckom.

Item 3 – Performance Measures Transit Safety Targets

Alan Rodenstein gave a presentation on the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) performance measures for the regional public transportation targets. The regional benchmarks and safety targets presented were developed in coordination with the transit agencies and have been reviewed and approved by the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Subcommittee and the Transportation Safety Committee.

The transit safety targets are classified into two groups: (1) **Tier One** (for metro regions with over 1 million population and transit operations with more than 75 vehicles), and (2) **Tier Two** (for providers with fewer than 75 vehicles). The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) is the largest transit provider in the Houston metropolitan region and the Tier One metrics reflect METRO's benchmark and target numbers. Weighted averages were applied to the Tier Two metrics to adjust for the wide range in the vehicle revenue miles for fixed route commuter and demand response services of the Tier Two providers.

Staff requested a recommendation from the TIP Subcommittee for the PTASP benchmarks and targets to be forwarded to the Transportation Advisory Council (TAC). Next steps would be to present the PTASP to the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) for action in June, 2021, and then to submit them to the FTA.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 4 – Quarterly TIP Status

The quarterly TIP status report examined the level of the “spend down” on projects scheduled for implementation within the current TIP. The report focused on the expenditure of Categories 5, 7 and 9 funds for which the TPC has project selection authority. The numbers reveal a pattern of delay.

The following statistics represent the status as of April 2021:

- **Category 5 (CMAQ) Funds** – (15% obligated)
 - The total available federal funding was about \$339.6 million, of which about \$252.2 million was carried over from FY 2020.
 - Although about \$69.7 million total Federal funds were programmed into the TIP for implementation in FY 2021, only about \$10.3 million has been obligated.

- While 13 projects were programmed for FY 2021, only 2 projects have been obligated and 4 projects are past their estimated start dates.
- **Category 7 (STBG) Funds – (3% obligated)**
 - The total available federal funding was about \$304.8 million, of which about \$167.5 million was carried over from FY 2020.
 - Although about \$100.6 million total Federal funds were programmed into the TIP for implementation in FY 2021, only about \$3.2 million has been obligated.
 - While 14 projects were programmed for FY 2021, only 2 projects have been obligated and as many as 12 projects are past their estimated start dates.
- **Category 9 (TASA) Funds– (0% obligated)**
 - The total available federal funding was about \$23.5 million, of which about \$14.1 million was carried over from FY 2020.
 - Although about \$7.9 million total Federal funds were programmed into the TIP for implementation in FY 2021, \$0.0 have so far been obligated.
 - While 6 projects were programmed for FY 2021, no projects have been obligated and as many as 4 projects are past their estimated start dates.

There is a need to address these project delays and reduce the funding carryovers to sustain the authenticity of TIP process and lessen the risk of funding lapses. This includes the evaluation of project readiness.

Item 5 – Call for Project Development Update

Vishu Lingala’s presentation built on presentations and discussions from preceding TIP subcommittee and workgroup meetings and focused on the latest recommendations and decisions on the criteria. Several discrete topics were covered, including

- General Planning Factor Scores and weights
- Active Transportation Planning Factors
- Project Cost Definitions
- Historical Funding Ranges per Project Type

Comments/discussions covered issues like the propriety of giving selection credit to projects with overmatches, the effect of multi-modal scoring percentages on the competitiveness of rural projects, whether proactive planning and responsible budgeting by sponsors should be rewarded, the definition of system vulnerability and the scoring of equity. The presentation concluded with a request for comments on investment category definitions, BCA/planning factor weights, and on planning factor evaluation criteria.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.