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SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 | 9 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL



TODAY'S AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**
Anita Hollmann Matijcio, Principal Planner, Houston-Galveston Area Council
- 9:10 a.m. Performance-Based Planning: Identifying & Developing Projects**
Monisha Khurana, Chief Operations Officer, The Goodman Corporation
- 9:55 a.m. North Houston Sidewalk Kickoff: Post Plan Diversified**
Bart Baker, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, North Houston District
- 10:10 a.m. Houston Resilient Sidewalks: Funding & Critical Paths**
Donald Buaku, Planner Manager & Urban Design Lead, Houston Public Works
Mukul Malhotra, Principal & Director, MIG Company
- 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 11:00 a.m. Mobility Funding & Self-Assessment**
Adam Beckom, Manager, Houston-Galveston Area Council
- 11:10 a.m. Safety Planning Success & Future Call**
David Fink, Manager, Houston-Galveston Area Council
- 11:30 a.m. Mobile Counter Loan Program & ACE Tool and Commuter & Transit Pilot Program**
Susan Jaworski, Senior Planner, Houston-Galveston Area Council
- 12:05 p.m. H-GAC Potential Funding Source**
Allie Isbell, Assistant Director, Houston-Galveston Area Council

TODAY'S PRESENTERS



Monisha Khurana

Monisha Khurana, AICP, is the Chief Operations Officer at The Goodman Corporation. She is a transportation planner with a background in travel demand modeling and has nearly a decade of experience in the transportation industry. Monisha joined The Goodman Corporation in 2017 and serves as a project manager and technical lead on a variety of projects, including mobility strategies and performance-based plans. She is responsible for managing projects to ensure that quality products are delivered on-schedule and on-budget. Her multimodal transportation planning experience includes cost-benefit analyses, statewide plans, regional and Metropolitan Planning Organization projects, corridor studies, transit projects and freight plans. Monisha holds an undergraduate degree from Wellesley College and a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Bart Baker

Bart Baker is the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the North Houston District. In his role, he works with the president to set the direction and strategic plans for all departments. He also oversees the Operations, Planning and Infrastructure department, which includes services and projects related to transportation, mobility, beautification, and the area's public parks and trail system. In 2008, Bart developed the District's *Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan* to guide the area's development of green spaces. Today, the District is home to seven parks totaling more than 36 acres. Prior to joining the District, Bart worked for the City of Beaumont, serving as a senior planner. Bart earned his master's degree in Urban Planning and his bachelor's degree in Environmental Design from Texas A&M University.



Donald Buaku

Donald Buaku, AICP, Associate member of the American Institute of Architects, is a Planner Manager and the Urban Design Lead in the Multimodal Safety & Design Branch of the Transportation & Drainage Operations service line of Houston Public Works. Donald is originally from Ghana where he earned a bachelor's degree in Architecture and a postgraduate diploma in Architecture from KNUST University. He moved to the United States in 2005 and earned two master's degrees in Urban Design and Urban Planning from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. While in Ann Arbor, he also earned a graduate certificate in Museum Studies. He has worked extensively around the country in several communities and capacities, both in the public and private sectors. He pragmatically approaches urban design and planning – balancing creativity with practicality. He has been nicknamed 'Donaldo da Vinci' for his ability to combine art, design, science, and engineering within the built environment.



Mukul Malhotra

Urban Designer Mukul Malhotra develops innovative and equitable solutions for the new American City. As a Principal and Director at MIG, his award-winning designs have created thriving downtowns and historic districts as well as livable new communities and university campuses. His work has inspired urban revitalization, multimodal connectivity, sustainability, community inclusivity, and preservation of historic and neighborhood character. He is co-author of the *Streets Reconsidered: Inclusive Design for the Public Realm*.



Adam Beckom

Adam Beckom, AICP, joined the Houston-Galveston Area Council in May 2018. He manages the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the project selection process, and the environmental justice/Title VI planning efforts. Adam earned a bachelor's degree in Geography from the Texas A&M University in College Station and a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.



David Fink

David Fink, P.E., started with H-GAC in 2017, and prior to that he was at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for 30 years. At H-GAC, David is responsible for the Quick Clearance Tow and Go Program on the Freeway Systems, Transportation System Maintenance and Operations, Safety and Hurricane Evacuation Planning and Preparedness for the region. He is a 1983 graduate of Texas A&M University in Kingsville (Formerly Texas A&I University) with a Mechanical Engineering degree. He is a registered Professional Civil Engineer in the State of Texas. In 2016, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Texas honored him with Wallace Ewell Award in recognition of his contribution for moving ITS forward in Texas.



Susan Jaworski

Susan Jaworski, AICP, holds a master's degree in Environmental Management from UMUC and a bachelor's degree in Life Science from Otterbein University. While she has accumulated a wide range of experience over her 20-plus-year career from national policy development to local project delivery, Susan found her passion in Active Transportation (pedestrian/bicycle planning) and serving the community at the Houston-Galveston Area Council. She can regularly be found bicycling or walking along the regional trail system.



Allie Isbell

Allie Isbell, AICP, is an Assistant Director in the Transportation Department of the Houston-Galveston Area Council. In this role, Allie's responsibilities include coordination among program areas, with a focus on safety, air quality, and resilience. Allie is a transportation planner with experience in both the public and private sectors of planning. She has prepared transportation plans and studies throughout the Houston region, including long-range strategic and facility development plans for ports, airports, and roadway networks, in addition to mobility studies, signal timing coordination, special districts planning, and bicycle facility planning.

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