

**MEETING OF THE RTP SUBCOMMITTEE
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL
TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

May 12, 2021

1:30PM

Minutes

Member Attendance:

Primary-Name	Present	Alternate-Name	Present
Morad Kabiri, Chair	Yes	Robert Upton	No
Perri D'Armond, Vice Chair	Yes	Stacy Slawinski	No
Monique Johnson	Yes	Krystal LaStrape	Yes
Bill Zrioka	Yes	David Leslie	No
Andrea French	No	Nikki Knight	Yes
Elijah Williams	Yes	Elizabeth Whitton	Yes
Iris Gonzalez	No	Jonathan Brooks	Yes
Adam France	Yes	Chris Bogert	No
Christopher Sims	Yes	Hon. Chad Tressler	No
Matt Hanks	No	Karen McKinnon	No
David Fields	Yes	Katrina Bayer	No
Hon. Jay Knight	No	David Douglas	No
Loyd Smith	Yes	Bryan Brown	Yes
Nick Woolery	Yes	Frank Simoneaux	No
Yancy Scott	Yes	Jared Chen	No
Katherine Parker	Yes	Carol Lewis	No
Bruce Mann	Yes	Rohit Saxena	No
Rodger Rees	No	Brett Milutin	No
Charles Airiohuodion	Yes	Jeffrey English	Yes
Lisa Collins	Yes	Scott Ayres	No
Ken Fickes	Yes	Vernon Chambers	Yes
Kenneth Brown	Yes	Philip Brenner	No
John Tyler	No	Dale Hilliard	No

Others Present: Alan Clark, Adam Beckom, Catherine McCreight, Dale (guest), Jim Dickinson, Diane Domagas, Eliza Paul, David Fink, Ben Finley, Stephan Gage, Shixin Gao, Brandy George, Thomas Gray, Donte Green, Veronica Green, Harrison (guest), Allie Isbell, Jared Chen, Susan Jaworski, Sharon Ju, Catherine Kato, Megan Kennison, Sanford Klanfer, Justin Kuzila, Shirley Li, Graciela Lubertino, Patrick Mandapaka, Carlene Mullins, Karen Owen, Jamila Owens, Frank Pagliei, Ruth Henshall, Ruthanne Haut, Theodore Ross, Chris Van Slyke, Varuna Singh, Kathryn Vo, Veronica Waller, Christopher Whaley

Staff Participating:

Mike Burns, Alan Rodenstein, Craig Raborn, Vishu Lingala

1. Call to Order
Morad K called the meeting to order at 1:30PM
2. Acceptance of Minutes
Ken F made a motion to approve, Perri D seconded.
The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Performance Measures – Transit Safety
Alan R presented Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan. Requested to move forward the safety plan to Transportation Policy Council for approval.
Bruce M made a motion to proceed to TPC for approval approve, Katherine P seconded.
The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on Requested RTP Amendments

Craig R gave an introduction on 2045 RTP Amendments process and comments received and the next steps.

Bruce M asked if this process impacts the projects getting into RTP.

Craig R responded that there will be one month delay. It will be beneficial and allow more time for review the comments. We will also talk with projects sponsors and get feedback from them.

Jonathan B mentioned that the strategy seems to be a good faith effort on behalf of the organization to interpret comments. This effort has been somewhat lacking, so we support this effort and happy to hear it.

Craig R responded that the comments will be reviewed in a structured way and having the process documented is an obligation.

Vishu L summarized the requested amendments, the amendment process, the public comments summary, and the next steps of the RTP amendment process.

Loyd S asked for confirmation of the schedule for approving the amendments.

Vishu L confirmed that action for approval of minor administrative amendments and preview the METRO comments in May for TAC/TPC and then action will be requested on all major amendments in June for TAC/TPC.

Bruce Mann made a motion to approve the staff recommended schedule of next steps for action on the METRO, minor, and major amendments, Morad Kabiri seconded.

Loyd S asked what we are voting on without being provided with the comments.

Craig R clarified that action would support the next steps as described and mentioned a question in the chat from Catherin M asking if those 50 projects that we're talking about from Metro had been included in the public meeting.

Vishu L responded that those amendments were not included in the public process and will be previewed next week in TAC and TPC.

Morad K mentioned a chat question from Alan C asking if the METRO projects are new or are being appended due to changes.

Vishu L responded that some of them are changes to the project timings and some of them are new projects and the new projects are basically the park and ride facilities and these are regular amendments that we see on a regular basis through the tip and RTP amendments.

Craig R also responded that the TPC approved a resolution after the Metro Next ballot question was approved that the Metro Next Projects are consistent with RTP, which accelerates the process for being able to work these in.

Vishu L added that the boost corridor already had a placeholder in the RTP. The request right now is the specific notes for each individual corridor, for example, Park and Ride facilities.

Craig R noted the Metro amendments that will be reviewed at TAC meeting will not trigger air quality conformity to make decision.

Morad K called for a vote on the motion on the table.

Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Discussion of Possible Focus Groups of the RTP Subcommittee

Mike B summarized the RTP Subcommittee work group survey and explained the structure and how the workgroups work.

David Fields suggested that maybe the work groups could be on a volunteer basis instead of mandatory. People might be interested in more than one topic among all categories.

Bruce M was concerned the work group will distribute information unequally, it's better to have a broader group conversation rather than smaller groups.

Morad K noted that the RTP Subcommittee will stick to a big group and have someone speak on each topic.

No action required.

6. Announcements

a. Transportation Community Input Series – April 15, 2021 to May 14, 2021:

i. Southeast Harris County – recorded public meeting: <http://engage.h-gac.com>

ii. Montgomery County Pct. 2 – recorded public meeting: <http://engage.h-gac.com>

iii. Liberty County – recorded public meeting: <http://engage.h-gac.com>

b. Next RTP Subcommittee Meeting – June 9, 2021 at 1:30PM (Teleconference)

c. Next TAC Meeting – May 19, 2021 at 9:30AM (Teleconference)

d. Next TPC Meeting – May 21, 2021 at 9:30AM (Teleconference)

Morad K summarized the future meetings under the announcements and asked that members participate by visiting the outreach sites for the subregional study.

7. Adjourn

Morad K asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Bruce M and seconded by Morad K to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:24PM.

Minutes submitted by: Shirley Li and Mike Burns