

# TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

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## MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 – 1:30 P.M  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027  
Virtual WebEx Teleconference Meeting

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### MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Zuber – AAA-Texas  
Kristen Beckworth – Texas Children’s Hospital  
St. Bennie Boles – City of LaPorte  
Cedric Collier – Harris County Sheriff’s office  
Stacy A. Drake – Texas A & M Forensic Nursing  
Robert Benz, P.E. – Texas A&M Trans. Institute  
Brannan Hicks – Harris County  
Sharon Moses-Burnside – City of Houston Planning and Development  
Jeff McKinney – Jetco Delivery  
Tom Kuczynski – Fort Bend County Transit  
Ugonna Ughanze. – TXDOT Houston  
David Stanton – Post Terminal Railroad Association  
Juan Miura – Port Freeport  
Sean Wright – City of Seabrook

### ALTERNATES PRESENT

James Kenner. – TXDOT  
Heng Wang – TXDOT  
Austin Seth – Port Freeport

### STAFF PRESENT

Diane Domagas – H-GAC  
Stephan Gage – H-GAC  
David Fink – H-GAC  
Brandy George – H-GAC  
Cassandra Marshall – H-GAC  
Cameron Stawicki – H-GAC  
Gilbert Washington – H-GAC

### OTHERS PRESENT

Reece Hardy – MADD  
281-830-1946

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 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 April 27, 2021**

Meeting minutes were approved.

### **ITEM 5. Issue Updates (Stephan Gage)**

H-GAC Staff updated members on the following items from the previous meeting:

1. *Intersection Safety Audits*-Staff updated members H-GAC is in the process of finalizing the contract with Kimberly Horn. A tentative meeting has been set for July 7, 2021, provided the contract has been fully executed. Staff mentioned every county is now represented. The list of locations is being finalized and will be sent out to the members.

2. *Regional Safety Campaign*- Members were updated that the campaign has launched. Discussion continued that the information packet sent out included information on the nine locations where the billboards will be placed. As well as how long the billboards will be there and what county they are in. Discussion concluded that the campaign is expected to go on through August.

#### **ITEM 6. Work Group Reports (Stephan Gage)**

Report on status of Subcommittee assignments:

- *Freight Workgroup*-Staff discussed that the members were given an overview on the state of safety. They want to do some crash analysis on trucks and separate that by vehicle classes. It was mentioned that they will begin to gather information in regard to truck parking and provide that for the next upcoming meeting.
- *Policy & Regulation Workgroup*-The members were informed they invited Michael Schone from TXDOT - Austin to discuss DCR3. Discussion continued that a lot of question were raised that need clarification on person types and secondary accidents. In further discussion they were informed that they are in the process of a three-year update, which will take place over the next six months. In conclusion, members were informed their will be a check box added for secondary accidents as well as a list of items that we recommended for them to add to the list.
- *Action Plan Implementation Workgroup*-The committee was notified that a schedule has been completed for the focus group to work on all the implementation action plan for the focus areas in the current regional safety plan.
- *Safety Improvement Program Workgroup*-Staff discussed that a twenty-one-question survey was completed. They had a lot of program structural question that needed to be talked about in order to move forward. Discussion concluded that everyone completed the survey, and the meeting went well.

#### **Action Items**

##### **ITEM 7. Endorsement of 2020 State of Safety Report**

###### **Review & endorsement of the latest regional State of Safety Report:**

Staff gave an overview that 2020 crashes went down 15%, but fatalities went up 11%. As well as bicycle crashes went down, and the pedestrian crashes went up. Discussion continued that drinking and driving did not show any major decrease in numbers because speeding was the culprit in its' fluctuation.

In further discussion the committee was asked to endorse the Safety Report. It will then be presented to TAC and TPC as information items.

Motion was made and approved to endorse the 2020 State of Safety Report

#### **Information Items**

##### **ITEM 8. Other Matters/Member Updates**

- LaPorte is doing a no refusal operation this weekend. All agencies are included. The operation will begin on Friday 10-6pm through Sunday 2-6pm.
- TTI will be sponsoring a traffic safety virtual conference on July 14-16. If interested sign up on TTI website.

**Next Meeting:** August 25, 2021

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:03 p.m.**