

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

October 29, 2024 – 1:30 P.M

Houston-Galveston Area Council

3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027

Virtual

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Benz, P.E.– Texas A&M Trans. Institute
Bruce Mann– Port of Houston
Ken Fickes– Harris County
Brian Mansfield– Friendswood
Syed Ali– City of Houston

ALTERNATES PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Cassandra Marshall – H-GAC
Catherine Gray– H-GAC
Ben Finley– H-GAC
Francis Rodriguez– H-GAC
Ayo Jibowu– H-GAC
Gloria Brown– H-GAC
Chris Whaley– H-GAC
Carlene Mullins– H-GAC
Susan Jaworski– H-GAC
Marcus Tucker– H-GAC
Eric Pacheco– H-GAC
Carlos Lugo– H-GAC
Jamila Owens– H-GAC
Allie Isbell– H-GAC
Qun Zhao– H-GAC
Lucinda Martinez– H-GAC

OTHERS PRESENT

Kendall Nunez
Payton Arens
Brian D. Smith
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ITEM 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

ITEM 2. Public Comments

- No public comments.

ITEM 3. Approval of August 27, 2024, Meeting Minutes Summary

- Held for Quorum

Discussion

ITEM 4. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) (Susan Jaworski)

Susan Jaworski provided an update on the Safe Streets for All program, highlighting a grant received by HGAC to enhance a region-wide safety action plan that includes eleven localized plans. A consultant has been selected for the project, which is set to begin in February.

ITEM 5. Safety Committee Activity Report (Robert Benz)

Robert Benz informed the committee members that he will be reporting to TAC and TPC what the committee will be doing regarding safety to get their input and ideas moving forward.

ITEM 6. State of Safety Report: Discussion (Eric Pacheco)

The group discussed the annual safety report produced by the Houston Galveston Area Council, with calls for a revamp to make it more relevant and actionable. Participants emphasized the need to understand crash statistics to develop effective safety solutions and expressed a desire to enhance collaboration, particularly in integrating freight safety considerations into the report. The conversation shifted to the City of Houston's safety initiatives, with Brian Smith discussing the Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP) funding and its relevance to the report. Ali Saeed confirmed ongoing HSIP projects and the annual submission process for project funding. The proposed report structure was discussed, which includes a comprehensive technical report, a five-page synopsis, and a one-page executive summary to cater to various stakeholders.

ITEM 7. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture and Website Update (Francis Rodriguez)

The meeting concluded with discussions on upcoming workshops related to Integrated Transportation Systems (ITS) and strategies to boost committee participation, including the potential for hybrid meeting formats to improve engagement and address attendance challenges.

Announcements

1. Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC)-November 06, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. (In person)
2. Transportation Policy Council (TPC)-November 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. (In-person)

Next Meeting: Monday, December 30, 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 2:16 p.m.