

MEETING OF THE RTP SUBCOMMITTEE

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

September 11th, 2024

1:30 PM

Minutes

Member Attendance:

Primary-Name	Present	Alternate-Name	Present
Kristina Rossenberg		Michael D. Jackson	
Bill Zrioka	YES	Paul Tollison	
Marlisa Briggs	YES	Nikki Knight	
Peter Eccles	YES	Dexter Handy	YES
Amy Skicki	YES	Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs	YES
Karen McKinnon		Wael Tabara	
Kayla Dohkani	YES	Marcus Snell	
Todd Stephens	YES	Ruthanne Haut	
Jil Arias	YES	Morad Kabiri	
Jeffery Boutte		Patrick Mandapaka	
Luke Fortkamp		Ross McCall	
Perri D'Armond	YES	Pamela LeBrane	YES
Monique Johnson		Brandon Mosley	
Joe Garcia	YES	Jean Mann	
Katherine Parker		Katherine Summerlin	YES
Bruce Mann	YES	Rohit Saxena	
Vacant		Vacant	
Nancy Peron	YES	Carolina Lopez-Herrera	YES
David Gao	YES	Jeffrey English	
Ken Fickes		Vernon Chambers	YES
Sean Middleton		Marcus Alexander	YES
Alberto Lyne	YES	Rachel Die Montenegro	YES
Brian Alcott	YES	Amar Mohite	

Others Present: Veronica Waller, Stephen Keen, Vinny Polignano, Andres Pharr, Jamila Owens, Monique Johnson, Carlene Mullins, Eric Pacheco, Allie Isbell, Christopher Walley, Rodney Sigua, Craig Raborn, Karen Owen, Thomas Gray, Sydni Ligons, Lucinda Martinez, Susan Jaworski, Vishu Lingala, Qun Zhao, Carlos Lugo, Gloria Brown, Maggie Isied, David Waller, Diana Domagas, Callie Barnes

Staff Participating: Stephen Keen, Pharr Andrews

Stephen Keen, Karen Owen

1. Call to Order

- Chair Brian Alcott calls the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.
- Quorum achieved.

2. Meeting Minutes

- Stephen Keen went over the August Meeting Minutes Recap.
- No questions or comments over the August Meeting Minutes.
- Brian motioned to accept Meeting Minutes.

3. What we heard: August RTP Subcommittee Meeting

- Stephen went on overview any questions or comments from the August RTP Subcommittee.
 - Is there a standalone performance measure for transit reliability? – No, but it is something of interest in the future.
 - Where do performance measures come from? – Performance measures are federally mandated.

4. CPRG Call for Projects Selection Process

- Pharr Andres presented Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Online Call for Projects System
 - Created by Section 60114 of the Inflation Reduction Act, the primary goal of the program is to address climate pollution while supporting the creation of jobs, delivering cleaner air, and lowering energy costs for families.
 - EPA will implement CPRG in two phases:
 - Phase I: \$250 Million Non-Competitive Planning Grant
H-GAC was awarded \$1 million for Phase I
 - Phase II: \$4.6 Billion in Competitive Implementation Grant
 - H-GAC Air Quality Policy Team implemented a region wide call to over 150 entities in the region for projects to solicit the most competitive projects to be included in the CPRG Phase II grant application.
- Pharr went through a walk through of the CPRG Online Application Portal on the H-GAC website as well as the Evaluation Criteria
- CPRG Portal was open for one month and received 37 unique project ideas
- H-GAC did not receive Phase II of this grant, EPA received over 300 applications and only 25 awards were made
- Peter Eccles asked if Pharr could provide information about the next opportunity for H-GAC and others in the region to apply for these grants and how we might

improve our application? – Pharr answered that the EPA did allow an opportunity to debrief our application for CPRG and gave feedback comments from reviewers to improve our application in the future. Currently the CPRG does not have any additional implementation dollars associated with it

- Peter also asked if it was possible to share some of the high points of the feedback received? – Pharr answered that H-GAC was very different from some of the recipients of the grant due to the real equitable approach because we wanted to make sure that we included projects across our region and emission sectors.

5. Update on RTP Project Development Process

- Application date closed on Wednesday, August 7th
 - 99 projects submitted
 - 12 project sponsors
 - \$10 Billion in projects were submitted
- Next steps and tentative timeline
 - The RTP-eligible project list will undergo fiscal constraint
 - Fiscal Constraint = Revenues v Expenditures
 - Because RTP is at least 10+ years out, will be based on reasonable financial resources
 - Result: Fiscally Constrained RTP Project List
 - Illustrative List could be developed if expenditures > revenues.
 - After fiscal constraint, staff will contact sponsors to discuss project statuses.
 - Sponsors should expect email notifications late September
 - Staff will offer a Teams or in-person meeting to each sponsor
 - Present to RTP Subcommittee, TAC, and TPC in October
 - Timeline subject to change, but currently on target.

6. Announcements

- Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - Next Meeting: September 18, 2024, at 9:30 am (In-Person).
- Transportation Policy Council (TPC)
 - Next Meeting: September 27, 2024, at 9:30 am (In-Person).
- Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee
 - Next Meeting: October 9, 2024, at 1:30 pm (Virtual).
- Brian Alcott suggested for a presentation over the next steps of the RTP Process presented by the Air Quality Conformity Team at H-GAC.

7. Adjourn

- Chair Brian Alcott calls for adjournment at 2:07 PM.