

**MEETING OF THE RTP SUBCOMMITTEE
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL
TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
January 19, 2022
1:30PM
Minutes**

Member Attendance:

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

Others Present: Amy Skicki, Caroline Bailey, John Bowen, Daniel Brassil, Andrew DeCandis, Jim Dickinson, Eliza Paul, Carrie Evans, David Fink, Ben Finley, Shixin Gao, James Garland, Brandy George, Donte Green, Veronica Green, Allie Isbell, James Koch, Sharon Ju, Catherine Kato, Stephen Keen, Megan Kennison, Kent McLemore, Justin Kuzila, Vishu Lingala, Graciela Lubertino, Carlos Lugo, Patrick Mandapaka, Carlene Mullins, Natalie G. Lopez, Jamila Owens, Craig Raborn, Alan Rodenstein, Sean Middleton, Tim (Guest), Veronica Waller, Gilbert Washington, Christopher Whaley

Staff Participating:

Mike Burns, Thomas Gray

1. Call to Order
Chair Morad K called the meeting to order at 3:00PM and conducted roll call to ensure a quorum. Morad K confirmed that a quorum was present.
2. Acceptance of Minutes
Bruce M made a motion to approve, Christopher S seconded.
The motion was approved unanimously with a correction to the spelling of Perri D'Armond under item 2.

3. Discussion of the 2045 RTP Updating Strategy

a. Outreach Strategy – Visioning Outreach Update

Mike B briefly mentioned the public survey and outreach meetings for each county will now start in April rather than March 2022.

Elizabeth W asked if the outreach meetings for county-specific meeting will be in-person or virtual.

Mike B responded that meetings will likely be a combination of in-person and virtual.

b. Transportation Assets – High-Capacity Transit (Thomas Gray)

Thomas G provided an overview of the High-Capacity Transit (HCT) and both the fiscally unconstrained vision and fiscally constrained priority networks, including updated to the network for the RTP Update to reflect updated costs, modeled ridership, new services, and subregional study recommendations that are not included in the original network. Future studies that would start in 2022 were also summarized for Outer Westpark corridor, US 90A corridor, Dayton/US90 corridor, and a Regional Connector Bus Network to supplement the high-capacity network for outlying areas.

The RTP Subcommittee members were then polled with the following question with the results:

Please select the most important goal for the regional transit network:

Congestion reduction

39%

Improved access to jobs and services

36%

Improved air quality

6%

Improved safety

11%

Improved equity

8%

Improved community health

0%

Other

0%

36 responses

James K asked if outreach included employer groups to connector workers to outlying areas such as Katy-Brookshire area perhaps using a public-private partnership opportunity.

Thomas G responded that outreach would include employer groups and Chambers of Commerce and potential take advantage of any public-private partnerships.

Monique J asked if local jurisdictions will be included in the outreach and is interested in the US 90A study for Sugar Land.

Thomas G responded that local communities will absolutely be involved.

Katherine P mentioned at interest in the US 90A corridor and that there's a need to look at options for that area and wanted to be involved in the process.

Thomas G responded that Gulf Coast Rail will be consulted during the planning process.

Charles A mentioned TxDOT projects along I-10 west and SH 36 and SH 35 and would appreciate continued review of those corridors with TxDOT staff.

Thomas G responded that TxDOT will have representation on stakeholder and steering committee groups during the planning process.

4. Future Meeting Topics:
 - a. Regional Safety Plan
 - b. Airport/Ferries
 - c. Parking Management
 - d. Continued Freight and Congestion Management Process
 - e. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
 - f. Population projections

Mike B discussed the list of topics for discussion at future meetings, such as regional safety for the next RTP Subcommittee meeting. The RTP Subcommittee members were polled with the following question and results:

Which future meeting topic(s) is of most interest to you (select multiple)?

Regional Safety Planning

13%

Airports / Ferries / Waterways

4%

Parking Management / Park and Rides

9%

Demographics and forecasting (population and employment)

13%

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

18%

Public Transportation (continued discussion)

13%

Active Transportation (continued discussion)

9%

Congestion Management Process (continued discussion)

13%

Freight (continued discussion)

6%

Other

0%

27 responses

Bill Z mentioned that Houston Airport System has been working with H-GAC on a travel survey of airport users. The start of the survey and schedule of sharing results is to be determined.

The RTP Subcommittee members were then asked about preference of meeting frequency with a subsequent poll with the following question and results:

How often would you recommend this Subcommittee meet?

Monthly

39%

Bi-monthly

43%

Quarterly

7%

As needed (no set frequency)

11%

28 responses

Morad K mentioned the potential to meet bi-monthly and will work with H-GAC staff on meeting frequency.

5. Announcements

- a. Next TPC Meeting – January 28, 2021 at 9:30AM (Teleconference)
- b. Next RTP Subcommittee Meeting – February 9, 2021 at 1:30PM (Teleconference)
- c. Next TAC Meeting – February 16, 2021 at 9:30AM (Teleconference)

Morad K mentioned upcoming meetings over the next month.

6. Adjourn

Morad K asked for any other comments. Hearing none, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:46PM.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Burns