

**Transportation Improvement Program
(TIP)**

Subcommittee Meeting

Houston-Galveston Area Council Online

Meeting/Conference Call

Wednesday July 7, 2021

1:30 PM

AGENDA

- 1. Subcommittee Roll Call**
- 2. Previous Meeting Summary** (*May 2021 Meeting Summary is Posted on H-GAC Website*)
- 3. Development of the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Overview**
Staff will provide a schedule for the development of the 2023-2026 TIP document and highlight some emphasis areas that will be touched on during the development process.
- 4. Call for Project Development Update and Active Transportation Recommendations**
Staff will continue the update on the development of the next call for projects. Additionally, the recommendations for the Active Transportation Subcommittee will be presented to initiate discussions on integrating recommendations into the call for projects.
- 5. FY 2022 Unified Transportation Program**
Staff will update the Subcommittee on the development of the FY 2022 Unified Transportation Program led by the Texas Department of Transportation.
- 6. Announcements**
 - TAC Meeting – July 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Teleconference (Zoom)
 - TPC Meeting – July 23, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Teleconference (Zoom)
 - TIP Subcommittee Meeting – August 4, 2021, 1:30 p.m., Teleconference (Teams)
- 7. Upcoming TIP Topics for future Meetings**
 - FY 2022 Unified Transportation Program (UTP)
 - H-GAC 10 Year Plan Update
- 8. Adjourn**

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 – 1:30pm
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Online Meeting (Teams Platform)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński – East End District
Adam France – City of Conroe
Christopher Sims – City of League City
David Douglas– Liberty County
Frank Simoneaux – City of Baytown
Lloyd Smith – Harris County
Matt Hanks – Brazoria County
Monique Johnson – City of Sugarland
Robert Upton PE – City of Pearland
Shashi Kumar– City of Missouri City
Yancy Scott – Waller County
Sherry Weesner – TIRZ 5/Memorial Heights
Bruce Mann – Port Houston
Mike Wilson – Port Freeport
Scott Ayres – TxDOT-BMT
Ruthanne Haut – The Woodlands Township

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jonathan Brooks – LINK Houston
Billy Combs – Chambers County
Perri D'Armond– Fort Bend County
David Wurdlow – City of Houston-PW
Catherine McCreight – TxDOT-HOU
Priya Zachariah – METRO
Vernon Chambers – Harris County

BRIEFING

The meeting started with a roll call to determine the members and/or alternatives present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented to the subcommittee.

ACTION ITEMS

Item 2 – Previous Meeting Summary

The last TIP Subcommittee meeting was the meeting held on May 5, 2021 as the meeting scheduled for June 2021 was cancelled. Members were referred to the May meeting summary posted on the H-GAC Website and asked to forward any corrections to Adam Beckom.

Item 3 – Development of the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Overview

Adam Beckom provided a brief report on the development of the 2023-2026 TIP document. This included an account of the background of the TIP program and a preview of the process and timeline for the completion of the new program.

Item 4. – Call for Project Development Update and Active Transportation Recommendations

Two members of staff gave presentations on this item. Vishu Lingala discussed comments on the call for projects that were received over the last month, while Susan Jaworski reported on the evaluation criteria for Active Transportation projects as proposed by the Bike-Ped Subcommittee.

(a) **Vishu Lingala:** The comments received are being reviewed by staff. Furthermore, comments that have policy implications will need to be referred back to the TPC for guidance. Responses to the comments will be provided to the Subcommittee in the August 2021 meeting.

The comments received touched on topics such as:

- Shifting funds from undersubscribed investment categories to Active Transportation.
- Adjusting evaluation criteria to permit rural projects compete better against urban projects.
- Change to score weights given to multi-modal project criteria.
- Applying safety criteria to reflect severity and not just total numbers.
- How connectivity to jobs applies to rural areas?
- How to define transitions between rural, suburban, and urban areas
- Potential benefit of changing the threshold definition of a major project.
- Transit reliability and the Expand project category.
- The Resiliency Matrix.

(b) **Susan Jaworski:** The Bike-Ped Subcommittee recommends a split of 80% for Planning Factors and 20% for the BCA. Other recommendations include incorporating a sliding scale for the planning factors and the consistent use of the H-GAC ACE tool and the Regional Crash data for qualifying measurements.

Planning Factors: Broken up to 5 categories:

- Connectivity – 39% (Max Score 62 points)
- Safety – 25% (Max Score 40 points)
- Equity – 24% (Max Score 39 points)
- Barrier Elimination – 8% (Max Score 13 points)
- Innovation – 4% (Max Score 6 points)

Each category was described in detail and supported by the rationale for recommended scoring plan.

Benefit Cost Analysis – The 2018 Call for Projects had 3 CBA Templates. Recommendations by the Ped-Bike Subcommittee are:

- Remove (discard) the delay benefits template;
- Revise the 2018 safety benefits template;
- Replace the 2018 emissions benefits template with improved version

Item 5. – FY 2022 Unified Transportation Program

Adam Beckom gave an update on the development of the FY 2022 UTP which is the statewide 10-Year Plan produced by TXDOT. A virtual public meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2021 and a public hearing for August 2, 2021. The UTP will contain a list of projects for the entire state and will include projects for the H-GAC region. The UTP will also outline the funding allocations for the next ten years. H-GAC staff will review the allocations when the draft document is available and will provide comments as necessary.

Item 6. – Announcements

- TAC Meeting – May 19, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Teleconference (Zoom)
- TPC Meeting – May 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Teleconference (Zoom)
- TIP Subcommittee Meeting – June 2, 2021, 1:30 p.m., Teleconference (Teams)

Item 7. Upcoming TIP Topics for Future Meetings

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Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.