

**Southeast Harris County Subregional Study  
Steering Committee – Meeting 5.1  
January 25, 2022  
1:00PM  
Meeting Notes**

**Attendance:**

<b>Primary Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Alternate Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
Adam Ballesteros		Bill Pedersen	
Sarah Benavides	Yes		
Bennie Boles			
Bryan Brown	Yes	Loyd Smith	
Donald Buaku		Sharon Moses-Burnside	
Chad Burke	Yes		
Teresa Evans	Yes		
Ken Fickes	Yes		
Jeffrey English	Yes	Qing Li	
Bruce Mann	Yes		
Arthur Olivera			
Katherine Parker			
Milton Rahman		Jorge Bustamante	

**Others present:**

Mike Burns, Michael Feeney, Justin Kuzila, Kaitlyn Cantu, Allie Isbell, Chris Van Slyke, Megan Kennison, Eric Boulet, Donte Green, Josie Ortiz, Andi Vickers, Carlene Mullins, Shixin Gao, Patrick Mandapaka

**1. Introduction**

The meeting began at 1:04PM.

Michael F started the meeting by reviewing the agenda items.

Mike B noted the need to introduce the recommendations at this meeting and then schedule any necessary follow up meetings to address comments and concerns.

Mike B then took attendance of Steering Committee members present.

**2. Review Goals and Metrics**

Michael F briefly reviewed the vision, goals, and existing safety and congestion conditions from phase 1 of the study.

**3. Draft Recommendations – Intersections, Corridors, Area-wide**

Michael F presented the online commenting tool and briefly described how it could be used by clicking on certain features on the map and then selecting the associated PDF hyperlink to a detailed description of the recommendation. Each recommendation category was described, including recommendations for improvements to corridors, intersections, proposed transit, and active transportation.

Sarah B noted that she would like to schedule a follow up meeting, and then noted that a section of Red Bluff Rd near the intersection of SH145 is of concern and is not within the study area.

Bruce M noted that location is where the growth is for trucking and freight.

Mike B confirmed the intersection is not within the study area.

Michael F noted it could be address though other on-going planning efforts.

Chad B noted that Independence Parkway is a concern for accessing abutting plants and may need turning lanes to accommodate southbound trucks turning left out of a plant on the east side of the roadway to improve safety north of SH225.

Teresa Evans noted that she will review the recommendations with staff and will schedule a follow up call to discuss comments and questions.

Brian Brown noted that he will prepare comments on behalf of Harris County.

Sarah B asked about the TxDOT PEL study along SH225/610E and crashes along feeder roads near the Beltway and SH225.

Michael F noted that the study teams meets with the TxDOT team to coordinate and share information.

Bruce M did note an issue at a Spencer Highway bridge over the rail line, and he will include that comment in the online commenting tool. It includes a note that the Union Pacific rail line is old and will be adding another track, and the overpass grade separation will need to be widened to accommodate the extra rail line from the Bayport Container Terminal to the string yard for intermodal trains.

Ken F mentioned that he will review recommendations with Harris County Transit staff.

Michael F mentioned some at grade rail crossings without gate arms and other safety features that could be upgraded.

Chad B mentioned that the Port Houston Transportation Committee should review the recommendations and will confirm a meeting date to review comments.

Michael F summarized the sidewalk improvements noting ramps and lighting accommodations around schools and bus stops.

#### **4. Next Steps**

Michael F noted that the team will be scheduling stakeholder meetings, and once a draft is available a public meeting will be scheduled. A Steering meeting will be scheduled after the public meeting to review comments before finalizing the report.

Mike B concluded the presentation by asking members to review the recommendations and reach out with availability on February 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> to answers questions and address comments.

The meeting ended at 1:54PM

**Southeast Harris County Subregional Study  
Steering Committee – Meeting 5.2  
January 26, 2022  
1:00PM  
Meeting Notes**

**Attendance:**

<b>Primary Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Alternate Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
Adam Ballesteros		Bill Pedersen	
Sarah Benavides	Yes		
Bennie Boles			
Bryan Brown		Loyd Smith	
Donald Buaku		Sharon Moses-Burnside	
Chad Burke			
Teresa Evans			
Ken Fickes			
Jeffrey English		Qing Li	
Bruce Mann			
Arthur Olivera			
Katherine Parker	Yes		
Milton Rahman		Jorge Bustamante	Yes

**Others present:**

Mike Burns, Michael Feeney, Stephen Keen, Chris Van Slyke, Josie Ortiz, Andi Vickers, Caroline Bailey, Kaylyn Cardinal, Patrick Mandapaka

**1. Introduction**

The meeting began at 1:09PM.

Michael F started the meeting by reviewing the agenda items.

Mike B noted the need to introduce the recommendations at this meeting and then schedule any necessary follow up meetings on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to address comments and concerns with the intent to gather comments by Friday February 11<sup>th</sup> and before the material would be presented at a future public meeting.

Mike B then asked participants to introduce themselves.

**2. Review Goals and Metrics**

Michael F briefly reviewed the study area, vision, goals, and existing safety and congestion conditions from phase 1 of the study.

**3. Draft Recommendations – Intersections, Corridors, Area-wide**

Michael F presented the online commenting tool and briefly described how it could be used by clicking on certain features on the map and then selecting the associated PDF hyperlink to a detailed description of the recommendation. Each recommendation category was described, including recommendations for improvements to corridors, intersections, proposed transit, and active transportation.

Jorge B mentioned he has done a high-level review of the recommendations. He requested that the county-controlled roadways and paths be highlighted in the tool.

Michael F noted that a review of at-grade rail crossings shows that some crossings did not have safety features, such as gate arms. The sidewalk and bus stop recommendations were then described, which would improve accessibility, safety, and comfort.

#### **4. Next Steps**

Michael F noted that the team will be scheduling stakeholder meetings, and once a draft is available a public meeting will be scheduled. A Steering meeting will be scheduled after the public meeting to review comments before finalizing the report in May 2022.

Jorge B mentioned he will review the recommendations for Spencer Hwy and shared use paths and would like to schedule a follow up meeting to review recommendations.

Sarah B mentioned that the public transportation stops could not be implemented without City of Pasadena approval due to a city ordinance and would like to schedule a follow up meeting to review recommendations.

Mike B concluded the presentation by asking members to review the recommendations and reach out with availability on February 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> to answer questions and address comments.

The meeting ended at 1:44PM