

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

April 30, 2024 – 1:30 P.M

Houston-Galveston Area Council

3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027

Virtual

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Mansfield – City of Friendswood
Robert Benz, P.E.– Texas A&M Trans. Institute
Jack Hannagriff– City of Houston
Bruce Mann– Port of Houston
Jildard Arias– City of Friendswood
Jason Smith– Montgomery County Representative
Jason Milsaps–Montgomery County Representative
Ken Fickes– Harris County Transit
Scott Berry– East End District
Sofia Font– City of Houston

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Ali Syed– City of Houston
Kathryn Vogelsang– East End District

STAFF PRESENT

Cassandra Marshall – H-GAC
Stephen Keen– H-GAC
Carrie Evans– H-GAC
Veronica Waller– H-GAC
Francis Rodriguez– H-GAC
Carlene Mullins– H-GAC
Ayo Jibowu– H-GAC
Gloria Brown– H-GAC
Keith Gerber– H-GAC
Rodney Sigua– H-GAC

OTHERS PRESENT

Stephan Gage– TxDOT

ITEM 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

ITEM 2. Introductions

- Members and H-GAC staff introduced themselves.

ITEM 3. Public Comments

- No public comments.

ITEM 4. Approval of February 27, 2024, Meeting Minutes Summary

- Approved.

Discussion

ITEM 5. Review of 2018 Regional Safety Plan (Stephen Keen)

Stephen Keen gave an overview for the 2018 Regional Safety plan. The three segments for the Regional Safety plan included, Safety data and trends, safety programs, and the improvement strategies. The discussion continued with the data being the same from 2019 to 2023, other than the sharply increasing nature after Covid in 2021. Trends for 2021 rate decreased from 2014 through 2016, which includes fatality and serious injury rates per 100 million vehicles miles traveled. Additionally, the Regional Safety plan in 2018 didn't look for information regarding intersection related crashes. They were measured in the most up to date safety report. It was further discussed that with a high number of bicycle and pedestrian crashes, Vision zero is the aspirational goal to eliminate traffic fatalities by 2050.

ITEM 6. CRIS Presentation (Stephan Gage)

Stephen Gage presented the CRISQuery tool and its utilization for safety analysis, which provides access to crash records. Stephan Gage also discussed the importance of a springtime car checkup and the potential risks of improper maintenance. He highlighted key areas for inspection, including belts, hoses, battery, tires, spare, wiper blades, fluids, air filters, and engine cleanliness.

ITEM 7. Hurricane Evacuation Preparedness: Public Outreach (Keith Garber)

Keith Garber presented an overview of the 2024 Hurricane Outreach Campaign, which aims to inform, build awareness, and educate to prevent a repeat of past hurricane-related issues.

Announcements

1. Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC)-May 08, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. (in person)
2. Transportation Policy Council (TPC)-May 17, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. (in-person)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 2:36 p.m.