

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 – 1:30 P.M
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027
Virtual WebEx Teleconference Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Zuber – AAA-Texas
Ian Hlavacek – City of Houston
Stacy A. Drake – Texas A & M Forensic Nursing
Robert Benz, P.E. – Texas A&M Trans. Institute
Kristen Beckworth – Texas Children Hospital
Eric Pacheco – MADD
Brannan Hicks – Harris County Transportation & Planning
Jeff McKinney – Jetco Delivery
Sean Wright – City of Seabrook
Ken Fickes – Harris County Transit
Sharon Moses-Burnside – City of Houston Planning and Development
Bruce Mann – Port Houston
Lt. Cedrick Collier – Harris County Sheriff Office
Tom Kuczynski – Fort Bend County Transit
Sean Cagan – METRO
Ugonna Ughanze. – TXDOT Houston
David Stanton – Post Terminal Railroad Association
Jason Miura – Port Freeport

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Vernon Chambers – Harris County Transit
Lt. Kevin Duggan. – City of Houston
Bryan Brand – City of Seabrook
Heng Wang – TXDOT -Houston
Austin Seth – Port Freeport

STAFF PRESENT

Stephan Gage – H-GAC
Vishu Lingala – H-GAC
David Fink – H-GAC
Alan Rodenstein – H-GAC
Cassandra Marshall – H-GAC
Karen Owen – H-GAC

OTHERS PRESENT

Nora Palma – MADD

ITEM 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. Robert Benz was elected as temporary chairperson.

ITEM 2. Introductions

Members and H-GAC staff introduced themselves.

ITEM 3. Public Comments

No public comments.

ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes for December 15, 2020

Meeting minutes were approved.

ITEM 5. Issue Updates (Stephan Gage)

H-GAC Staff updated members on the following items from the previous meeting:

1. *Committee Vacancies* - As of March 26, 2021, all vacancies have been filled. MADD has named Norma Palma as their alternate to Eric Pacheco. Ms. Palma will be approved by TPC next month.

2. *Intersection Safety Audits*-Staff updated the members H-GAC is initiating a program to address high crash frequency intersection in the region. Notice for interested consultants has been initiated. Discussion continued that a consultant has been chosen to assist with the process. Currently, a list is being finalized of the locations that the region will begin work.
3. *Regional Safety Campaign*- Members were updated that media buys will begin in the Spring. A budget has been outlined with the communication department. Staff continued that they would review and communicate with the committee as material is approved.
4. *Roberts Rules of Order*-Staff suggested the committee adopt the use of unanimous consent. Staff examine that unanimous consent is a parliament procedure that is used for noncontroversial issues. The chairman will state “without objection motion is approved”. If there is an objection, members can elect to conduct a voice or roll call vote.

ITEM 6. Committee Priorities and Projects for 2021 & 2022

- Staff updated the members that six measures that were adopted last year need to be presented to TPC for formal adoption. It was also mentioned that they can officially be used in the MPO transportation planning process.
- The Regional Safety Plan needs to be updated. The last update was 2018, and Safety Plan is updated on the same cycle as the RTP. The next update will due in 2022. The work must begin this year to update the plan.
- Development of implementation action plans is still ongoing. The focus is to continue the areas that were identified in the last regional safety plan. There are still several outstanding focus areas that need implementation plans.

Action Items

ITEM 7. Nomination & Installation of Chairpersons (Stephan Gage)

Members nominated and voted for officers. The results are:

- Chairperson-Robert Benz
- Vice-Chairperson-Ken Fickes

Installation of Chairpersons: Motion approved and passed

ITEM 8. Subcommittee Assignments (Stephan Gage)

Staff solicited members to serve on various subcommittees for the duration.

Information Items

ITEM 9. Transit Safety Performance Measures & Targets

Alan Rodenstein provide background on proposed transit safe performance measures and targets. Staff is seeking the TSC’s endorsement of these performance measure and targets. The item will be brought to the TSC in April for an endorsement.

ITEM 10. Other Matters/ Member Updates (Stephan Gage)

- Mr. Fickes shared that Harris County Transit ridership has increased 27 percent since March 2020.

Next Meeting: April 27, 2021

Meeting Adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

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