RAQPAC Restructuring Plan

Overview
We propose that a reformulated RAQPAC should reflect the fact that air quality and the health effects of poor air has a place in all aspects of planning for the H-GAC region. As such, we believe that it is important to expand the range and breadth of RAQPAC’s advisory services. Like the current incarnation of RAQPAC, the new version would continue to report primarily to the H-GAC Board of Directors, but with a specific mandate to regularly and freely interface with TPC and other H-GAC committees and subcommittees regarding air quality issues of interest to H-GAC. Additionally, the reformed RAQPAC will assist and advise regional and local governments, transportation organizations and other agencies on air quality issues.

Meeting Schedule
Rather than the current monthly schedule, new RAQPAC would meet at least bi-monthly with additional meetings if necessary.

Quorum
Potentially change the meeting quorum to a lower number to decrease meeting barriers.

Membership
Expand the existing RAQPAC membership to 30 and reapportion membership to include a focus on transportation related issues. This would allow us to move some members around and, with a little trimming from both committees, make it easier to merge memberships.

Specifically, this can take the form of:

- Educate RAQPAC membership and related stakeholders on air quality issues
- Review and make recommendations to H-GAC Board and on-air quality policies and plans for the region.
- Review and make recommendations to H-GAC committees on proposed air quality rules, regulations and guidance.
- Review and make recommendations to H-GAC committees on transportation control measures and recommend those most suitable to Clean Air Act goals for the region.
- Receive public comment and assist in disseminating public information on air quality issues, plans, and programs.
- Assist in implementing air quality programs and in obtaining local commitments, as necessary, to implement air quality measures.

The new membership breakdown could look something like this:

1. **Government** 10 members
   - Nominated by Counties or Cities
2. **Business/Industry** 7 Members
   - Nominated by Cities or Organizations
3. **Community/Environment** 7 Members
   - Nominated by Cities or Organizations
4. **Transportation Interests** 6 Members
   - Nominated by TPC