MEETING OF THE RTP SUBCOMMITTEE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

July 13, 2022 1:30PM Minutes

Member Attendance:

Primary-Name	Present	Alternate-Name	Present
Morad Kabiri	Yes	Jildardo Arias	Yes
Perri D'Armond	Yes	Stacy Slawinski	No
Joe Cutrufo	No	Nikki Knight	No
Bill Zrioka	No	Marcel Allen	No
Elizabeth Whitton	No	Elijah Williams	No
Andrea French	No	Jonathan Brooks	Yes
Harrison Humphreys	Yes	VACANT	No
Todd Stephens	No	Ruthanne Haut	No
Karen McKinnon	No	Matt Hanks	No
Hon. John Bowen	No	Christopher Sims	Yes
Robert Upton, P.E.	Yes	Rajendra Shrestha	No
David Fields	Yes	Peter Eccles	No
Loyd Smith, P.E.	Yes	Brannan Hicks	No
Monique Johnson	Yes	Rick Ramirez	Yes
Yancy Scott	Yes	Hon. Jay Knight	No
Katherine Parker	No	Carol Lewis, PhD	No
Bruce Mann	Yes	Rohit Saxena	No
Mike Wilson	Yes	Rodger Rees	No
Charles Airiohuodion	Yes	Jeffrey English	Yes
Lisa Collins	Yes	Scott Ayres	No
VACANT	No	VACANT	No
Ken Fickes	Yes	Vernon Chambers	Yes
Taylor Marcantel	Yes	Jose Pulido	Yes

Others Present: Amy Skicki, Caroline Bailey, Adam Beckom, Daniel Brassil, Catherine McCreight, Vernon Chambers, Andrew DeCandis, Eliza Paul, Carrie Evans, David Fink, Shixin Gao, James Garland, Veronica Green, Harrison Humphreys (Guest), Fizza Hassan, Anita Hollmann, Allie Isbell, Jeffrey English, Ayo Jibowu, Catherine Kato, Stephen Keen, Megan Kennison, Justin Kuzila, Vishu Lingala, Lisa Collins, Mike Wilson, Monique Johnson, Carlene Mullins, Frank Pagliei, Craig Raborn, Alan Rodenstein, Loyd Smith, Tim (Guest), Tim (Guest), Veronica Waller, Christopher Whaley

Staff Participating:

Mike Burns, Karen Owen

1. Call to Order

- Chair Morad Kabiri called the meeting to order at 1:33PM and conducted roll call to ensure a quorum.
- o Morad Kabiri confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. Acceptance of Minutes

- o Ken Fickes made a motion to approve, Jonathan Brooks seconded.
- o The motion was approved unanimously.

- 3. Reliability, Congestion, and Air Quality Performance Measures (Karen Owen)
 - Karen Owen gave a presentation on reliability, congestion and air quality federal performance measures. She mentioned the differences between reliable and unreliable trips (Level of Travel Time Reliability), differences in reliability between interstate and non-interstate NHS, what affects reliability levels (COVID, population increases, etc), and recommendations for LOTTR and TTR (Truck Travel Reliability).
 - Karen mentions staff recommends new performance measures in peak hour excessive delay, as well as percentage of non-single occupant vehicles for 2024 and 2026.
 - Karen says we did not meet performance targets for CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality) and going forward we are modifying future targets.
 - Karen provided a timeline of pertinent dates for federal performance measures before ending the presentation
 - o Comments/Questions
 - Bruce Mann asks for clarification on CMAQ slides, which Karen provides.
 - Harrison Humphreys asks how to isolate emission productions by project
 - Karen says TIP projects that are obligated have emission totals and are reported, which leads to the totals.
 - Loyd Smith asks for clarification on federal performance measures and if this data is useful for project selection, etc.
 - Karen mentions federal measures are solely about the NHS
 - Craig Raborn states tools are in the works on measuring the effects that projects have on achieving federal performance measures.
 - David Fields asks if H-GAC receives any guidance, Karen says no.
 - He also says that if occupancy goes up, delay goes down per person and believes that is compelling and should be in the RTP
 - Mike Burns mentions that this may be better served in the CMP, but open to this.
 - Charles Airiohuodion asks about non-interstate NHS LOTTR federal performance measures and constructions affect
 - Karen says that construction makes the system less reliable.
 - Ken Fickes had a comment on LOTTR
 - There was no further discussion
- 4. 2045 RTP Updating Visioning Phase Update (Mike Burns)
 - Mike Burns briefly summarized the updating schedule and visioning outreach efforts, which included surveying, in-person meetings, and a virtual meeting on June 2. He also encouraged help in spreading the word to participate in the visioning survey. Mike also shared current statistics on the engagement tools and gave next steps in the RTP process.
 - Loyd Smith mentions that teleworking isn't a representative sample.
 - Loyd asks about 30 day stop control after fatality, Mike mentions this idea is to bring up intersection safety issue (not from H-GAC staff).
 - Yancy Scott talks about right turn lanes and is a fan of roundabouts
 - Jose Pulido says CIG is used for METRO buses.
 - Perri D'Armond interested in freight shuttle to decrease emissions

- Would move freight quickly and efficiently and truck drivers would not lose their jobs.
- Would also relieve workforce shortages of drivers with CDL licensing.
- o There was no further discussion.

5. 2045 RTP Update – Other Elements for Discussion (Mike Burns)

a. Parking

- Mike Burns presented topics related to regional parking assets, including solutions to contribute to a congestion relief program, commercial motor vehicle parking facilities assessment, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Parking benefits districts, curb lane management, park and ride potential locations via METRONext were also mentioned.
- o David Fields expanded on parking
- o Taylor Marcantel from METRO recommended park and ride improvements
- Perri D'Armond spoke about Park and Ride in FBC and a Park and Ride at UH-Sugar Land
 - Looking at all options to bring people in and take them out of Fort Bend County.
- Justin Kuzila spoke about TOD working group
 - Ken Fickes added to the discussion.
- Mike Burns mentions the TxDOT Truck Parking Study and TxDOT Electric Vehicle Charging Plan
 - Charles expounds further on these two TxDOT initiatives

b. Resiliency

 Mike Burns presented an overview of required regional activities related to resilience, including federal planning process requirements and the need to develop a Resilience Improvement Plan.

c. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- Mike Burns presented some elements of the BIL related to MPO activities for discussing, such as what is MPO specific programs for funding and MPO changes.
- There was no further discussion

6. Announcements

- a. Next TAC Meeting July 20, 2022 at 9:30AM (Teleconference)
- b. Next TPC Meeting July 29, 2022 at 9:30AM (Teleconference)
- c. Next RTP Subcommittee Meeting August 10, 2022 at 1:30PM (Teleconference)
 - o Morad Kabiri mentioned upcoming meetings over the next month.

7. Adjourn

 Morad Kabiri asked for any other comments. Hearing none, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 2:56PM.

Minutes submitted by: Stephen Keen