

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2009

9:30 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOM A

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Gafrick, called the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

A list of Committee representatives and alternates attending today's meeting is included with these Minutes as Attachment 1. There were 27 members in attendance; 16 are required for a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Dale Rudick, P.E. made a motion for adoption of the Agenda and Mr. Jeff Weatherford, P.E. seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. David Crossley made a motion for approval of the Minutes of the March 18, 2009 meeting and Mr. Gabriel Y. Johnson, P.E. seconded the motion. The Committee voted and approved the minutes.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Ms. Pat Waskowiak provided a presentation on the development of the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Waskowiak referred to a PowerPoint presentation in discussing the 2008-2011 and 2010-2013 TIPs. Most funding categories in the current TIP are over programmed. In FY '08, the number of delayed projects far exceeded the number of projects let in the 2008-2011 TIP. As a result, the delayed projects were carried over into later years of the current TIP. Project costs will increase due to any delays. Those projects are still programmed but they appear in 2009, 2010 or 2011.

TxDOT projects constitute the bulk of the projects that are in the TIP. Most of those projects are funded through state and federal categories that are approved by the Texas Transportation Commission. For fiscal years 2003-2005, actual lettings exceeded programmed

lettings. There was a decrease in actual lettings in FY '06 and the programmed amounts also exceeded what was let to contract. FY '08 was considered to be the worst year for the Houston District as a funding shortfall was announced by TxDOT. As a result, contract lettings for major mobility projects were interrupted. For fiscal years 2009-2011, the programmed dollars far exceed the projected letting targets. Each fiscal year has a letting cap which prevents TxDOT Districts from taking bids on additional projects that will exceed the letting cap.

Ms. Waskowiak concluded the presentation by identifying and discussing a preliminary timeline for the development of the 2010-2013 TIP, anticipated major issues in the development process, and the FY 2008-2011 TIP funding shortfall.

Mr. Ashby Johnson, AICP informed the Committee that there will be a decrease in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding during 2010-2013 TIP cycle due to other areas of the region being pushed into nonattainment. As a result, these areas would also be entitled to receive CMAQ funding even though the federal funding for CMAQ is not projected to increase at this time.

Mr. Johnson, AICP also informed the Committee that there will be a reauthorization of the federal transportation bill during the 2010-2013 TIP cycle. It is unknown if funding will increase or decrease. The presentation was concluded with questions and answers.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Ashby Johnson, AICP introduced Mr. Allen Richey, a new employee of H-GAC as the presenter for the legislative update. Mr. Richey provided a brief overview of five(5) active and high profile Texas legislative bills.

1. Senate Bill 855
2. Senate Bill 16
3. Senate Bill 17
4. Senate Bill 220
5. House Joint Resolution (HJR) 54

Mr. Richey informed the Committee that staff is monitoring several bills. Mr. Richey also noted that as other bills become more active, updates will be provided. The presentation concluded without comments or questions.

REPORT ON STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

H-GAC Mr. Jeff Taebel reported that the H-GAC Board will be acting to approve a new program titled Plan Source on April 21, 2009. If approved, more information regarding the Plan Source Program will be provided on the H-GAC website.

TxDOT Mr. Gabriel Y. Johnson, P.E. reported that a request was received on April 14, 2009 from TxDOT Administration. The request asked the TxDOT Districts to review various project recommendations being made by U.S. congressional representatives for inclusion in the upcoming House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee version of the federal. The deadline for this information is April 20, 2009

CITY OF GALVESTON

There was no status report from the City of Galveston.

METRO There was no status report from METRO.

RAQPC There was no status report from RAQPC.

HARRIS COUNTY

Mr. Ken Fickes reported that the City of Pasadena now has a second Park and Ride service. The Monroe Facility became operational on last week. Mr. Fickes also reported that there will be an additional bus route in the City of Baytown this summer.

FORT BEND COUNTY

Ms. Paulette Shelton reported that the rural transit providers in the region are recipients of State public transportation funds. Part of those funds come out of Fund 6 and are being tracked in the current session of the Texas Legislature to see if funding changes are being recommended.

BCTRA There was no status report from the BCTRA.

TCEQ There was no status report from TCEQ.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Mr. Ashby Johnson, AICP provided a brief overview of the activities of the March TPC meeting. He informed the Committee that a presentation was provided on the development of the 2010-2013 TIP, Transit Stimulus Projects, and a Legislative Update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Gafrick announced that the next Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting will be held on April 24, 2009 and that the next TAC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2009. Chairman Gafrick noted that the May TAC meeting will occur on Thursday due to a scheduling conflict.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gafrick adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 10:05 a.m.

Scott Elmer, P.E., Vice Chairman
Technical Advisory Committee

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2009 MEETING ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

04/15/09 at 9:30 a.m.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>	<u>PRESENT *</u>
Sarah Benavides	City of Pasadena	(Vacant)	X
Don Brandon, P.E.	Chambers County	David Abernathy	___
Kelly Carpenter, AICP	City of Baytown	Dick Carter	X
Don Carroll	City of Texas City	(Vacant)	___
(Vacant)	City of Houston	Jeffrey Weatherford, P.E.	A
Maureen Crocker	Intermodal Interests	Jack Whaley, P.E.	A
Catarina Gonzales Cron	Environmental/Planning	Billy Cooke, P.E.	A
David Crossley	Citizen & Business Interests	Christof Spieler	X
Perri D'Armond	Citizen & Business Interests	Emily Braswell	X
David Douglas	Liberty County	Jimmy Sterling	___
Scott Elmer, P.E.	City of Missouri City	Valerie Ruda	X
Ken Fickes	Urban Transit	John Saavedra	X
Mike Fitzgerald, P.E.	Galveston County	Rod Shaut	___
Marlene Gafrick	Environmental/Planning	Carol Lewis	X
D. Jesse Hegemier, P.E.	Fort Bend County	Ron Drachenberg, P.E.	X
Robert Heineman	Smaller Cities	Erwin Burden	X
James Jackson, P.E.	Intermodal Interests - <i>Ports</i>	Steve DeWolf, P.E.	X
Gabriel Johnson, P.E.	TxDOT, Houston District	Elvia R. Cardinal, P.E.	X

Jeff Johnson, P.E.	Montgomery County	Ross McCall, EIT	X
Mark Loethen	Environmental/Planning	Karl Pepple	—
Phillip Lujan, P.E.	TxDOT Beaumont District	Steven Stafford, P.E.	A
Andy Mao, P.E.	Harris County	Charles Dean, P.E.	X
Clark Martinson	Intermodal Interests - Bike/Ped.	Regina Garcia	X
Mayor Toni Randall	Smaller Cities	Mike Hodge, P.E.	X
A.J. "Pete" Reixach, Jr.	Intermodal Interests	Mike Wilson	X
Gerald Roberts, P.E.	Brazoria County	Kevin Sherrod	—
Dale Rudick, P.E.	City of Sugar Land	Patrick Walsh, P.E.	X
Yancy Scott, P.E.	Waller County	Orval Rhoads, P.E.	X
Paulette Shelton	Rural Transit	Greg Smith	X
John Sedlak	METRO	Kimberly Slaughter	—
Jeff Taebel, FAICP	Environmental/Planning	Patricia Knudson Joiner	X
John Tyler, P.E.	Intermodal Interests	David Gornet	X
Michael Worthy	City of Galveston	Rick Beverlin	X
Bill Zrioka	Intermodal Interests - Airports	Joe Esch	X

* Attendance of the Representative is marked with an "X" in the last column; Attendance of the Alternate is marked with an "A."

34 Total Voting Membership

27 Voting Membership Present

16 Required Quorum