

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

9:30 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOM A

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Gafrick called the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Chairman Gafrick commented and requested feedback from the Committee on agenda items requiring detailed discussions and time management for future TAC meetings.

Committee members and staff introduced themselves. A list of Committee representatives and alternates attending today's meeting is included with these Minutes as Attachment 1. There were 26 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. Clark Martinson seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Dale Rudick, P.E. made a motion for approval of the Minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting and Ms. Perri D'Armond seconded the motion. The Committee voted and approved the minutes.

APPROVAL OF 2010-2011 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Ashby Johnson, AICP provided a brief overview of the 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Johnson, AICP informed the Committee that the UPWP is a federal requirement that consists of planning activities in the region that utilizes local governments. Approval by those local governments is not required. The 2010-2011 UPWP includes planning activities in the region for fiscal years 2010-2011.

The public comment period for the 2010-2011 UPWP began on May 8, 2009. A public meeting on the 2010-2011 UPWP was held on June 2, 2009. Approximately 20 people were in attendance. Staff responded to public comments and revised the UPWP accordingly. Those

comments and revisions are included in Appendix I of the printed document included in the meeting materials. The presentation was concluded by comments with questions and answers.

Mr. Dale Rudick, P.E. made a motion for approval of the 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program and Mr. Gabriel Y. Johnson, P.E. seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JARC/NEW FREEDOM PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Hackett called attention to TAC Agenda Item 6 (six) in the meeting materials. Mr. Hackett informed the Committee that a presentation was available for those individuals that did not review the background information.

Chairman Gafrick queried the Committee for their preference to have a 10 (ten) minute presentation or a brief summary of the JARC/New Freedom Project recommendations. The Committee preferred a brief summary of the JARC/New Freedom Project recommendations.

Mr. Hackett informed the Committee of recent revisions in the Federal Guidance regarding the JARC/New Freedom Program. Mr. Hackett also noted revisions in the background information included in the meeting materials. Summary of the JARC/New Freedom Project recommendations was concluded by comments with discussion.

Chairman Gafrick recommended a vote for approval pending further discussion due to unresolved issues and concerns regarding project submittals.

Ms. Paulette Shelton made a motion for approval of the JARC/New Freedom Project recommendations pending further discussion and Mr. Gabriel Y. Johnson, P.E. seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Allen Richey provided an update of the Texas 81st Legislative Special Session and Federal Reauthorization. Mr. Richey informed the Committee that the Legislative Special Session was called to extend TxDOT and to pass bonding authority. Governor Perry sought to extend tolling authority but it was rejected in the legislature.

Mr. Richey informed the Committee that the Texas Legislature will be adjourned for the foreseeable future pending another call for a special session. Mr. Richey also informed the Committee that the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works would be meeting to pass an 18 (eighteen) month extension to the Highway Trust Fund in its current form to extend SAFETEA-LU.

Mr. Richey informed the Committee that there is legislation dealing with climate change and energy that calls for several new requirements in transportation planning. Mr. Richey identified and briefly discussed those requirements. Mr. Richey also identified and briefly discussed bills vetoed by Governor Perry.

Mr. Ashby Johnson, AICP provided comments on federal legislation. Mr. Johnson, AICP informed the Committee that the Highway Federal Trust Fund will have a negative balance again in the month of August. Mr. Johnson, AICP added that there were several concepts on how to address the issue. It is crucial that funding is restored to the Highway Federal Trust Fund to prevent future crisis. Mr. Johnson, AICP informed the Committee that there are people actively working to pass long term legislation that will greatly affect future business. Mr. Johnson, AICP also cautioned the Committee that federal legislation should be monitored very closely. Comments with questions and answers followed.

CONFORMITY UPDATE

This agenda item was deferred to the August meeting.

REPORT ON STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

H-GAC Mr. Ashby Johnson, AICP reported that August is Commute Solutions Month in the eight-county Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area. H-GAC will host a Clean Air Action Leadership Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, August 26, 2009. Contact Veronica Baxter-Lamb or Ch'rese Jackson for more information.

Mr. Johnson, AICP reported that project submittals for the Call for Projects for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs are due to H-GAC before 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2009.

Mr. Johnson, AICP reported that H-GAC hosted its annual Advancing the Choice Conference at the Humble Civic Center on June 24, 2009. The conference targeted fleet managers and other decision makers and offered information and networking on clean fuel and advanced vehicle technologies.

TxDOT There was no status report from TxDOT.

CITY OF GALVESTON

There was no status report from the City of Galveston.

CITY OF HOUSTON

Chairman Gafrick reported that the Transit Corridor Ordinance is tentatively scheduled for consideration by City Council on July 29, 2009.

METRO There was no status report from METRO.

RAQPC There was no status report from RAQPC.

HARRIS COUNTY

 There was no status report from Harris County.

FORT BEND COUNTY

 There was no status report from Fort Bend County.

BCTRA There was no status report from the BCTRA.

TCEQ There was no status report from TCEQ.

FUTURE BUSINESS

 There was no future business to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 Mr. Ashby Johnson, AICP announced that the TIP Subcommittee will meet following the TAC Meeting.

 Chairman Gafrick announced that the next Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting will be held on July 24, 2009 and that the next TAC meeting will be held on August 19, 2009. The TIP Subcommittee will meet following the TAC Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

 Chairman Gafrick adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 10:03 a.m.

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2009 MEETING ATTENDANCE ROSTER

07/15/09 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.	X
Maureen Crocker	Intermodal Interests	Jack Whaley, P.E.	___
Catarina Gonzales Cron	Environmental/Planning	Billy Cooke, P.E.	___
David Crossley	Citizen & Business Interests	Christof Spieler	___
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	A
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, FAIA	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	—
Mark Loethen	Environmental/Planning	Karl Pepple	X
Phillip Lujan, P.E.	TxDOT Beaumont District	Steven Stafford, P.E.	X
Andy Mao, P.E.	Harris County	Charles Dean, P.E.	A
Clark Martinson	Intermodal Interests - Bike/Ped.	Regina Garcia	X
Mayor Toni Randall	Smaller Cities	Mike Hodge, P.E.	A
A.J. "Pete" Reixach, Jr.	Intermodal Interests	Mike Wilson	X
Gerald Roberts, P.E.	Brazoria County	Kevin Sherrod	X
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
Kimberly Slaughter	METRO	Larry Badon	A
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 - <i>Airports</i>	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

26 Voting Membership Present

16 Required Quorum