

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2010

9:30 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOM A

INTRODUCTIONS

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

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. Jeffrey Weatherford, P.E. made a motion for adoption of the Agenda and Mr. John Tyler, P.E. seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Mike Wilson made a motion for approval of the Minutes for the June 16, 2010 meeting and Mr. Clark Martinson seconded the motion. The Committee voted and approved the minutes.

APPROVAL OF 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP) CALL FOR PROJECTS

Ms. Pat Waskowiak provided a brief update on the 2011-2014 TIP. Ms. Waskowiak informed the Committee that the 2011-2014 TIP was approved by the TPC in June of 2010. Ms. Waskowiak also informed the committee that the TIP contains unprogrammed balances in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Program - Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) funds. There was no call for projects in the initial development of the 2011-2014 TIP. Projects that were already selected by the TPC for the 2008-2011 TIP but not yet let to contract were reprogrammed for inclusion in the 2011-2014 TIP..

Ms. Waskowiak informed the Committee that the TIP Subcommittee met on August 11, 2010 to develop recommendations for moving forward with the 2011-2014 TIP. Ms. Waskowiak referred to attachments included in the meeting materials as she identified and

discussed those recommendations.

Ms. Waskowiak noted that minor changes were made to the selection criterion for Roadway Improvement, Bicycle and Pedestrian, and Traffic Operations. Attachment 4 "Project Readiness for the 2011-2014 TIP" of the meeting materials was not presented for review by the TIP Subcommittee at its August 11th meeting. Ms. Waskowiak informed the Committee that Attachment 4 was still in draft form. Ms. Waskowiak also informed the Committee that Attachment 4 will be presented to the TIP Subcommittee to finalize the schedule and readiness language and then go to the Transportation Policy Council for final approval.

Ms. Waskowiak informed the Committee that with the recommendations discussed at today's meeting, staff would assemble a call for projects package that would be transmitted electronically following the August 27th TPC Meeting. A preliminary project selection is anticipated by the end of the year. The presentation was concluded by question and answer with comments.

Mr. Clark provided comments regarding the 2011-2014 TIP. Mr. Clark proposed that staff show programming of projects beyond the TIP years. Mr. Clark also recommended limiting the program call to projects that do not require significant environmental determination.

Mr. Gerald Roberts, P.E. made a motion to approve recommendations for the 2011-2014 TIP Call for Projects and Scott Elmer, P.E. seconded the motion.

Chairman Gafrick opened the floor for discussion. Ms. Paulette Shelton recommended amending the motion in lieu of "Attachment 4 –Project Readiness for the 2011-2014 TIP" being in draft format. Ms. Shelton amended the motion to state approval of the recommendations for the 2011-2014 TIP Call for Projects subject to review and approval by the TIP Subcommittee.

Chairman Gafrick and Mr. Gerald Roberts, P.E. accepted the amended motion to approve the recommendations for the 2011-2014 TIP Call for Projects, schedule, and selection criteria subject to review and approval by the TIP Subcommittee on the Project Readiness List-Attachment 4 of the meeting materials and Mr. Scott Elmer, P.E. seconded the amended motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

HARRIS COUNTY TRANSIT UPDATE

Mr. Ken Fickes provided an update on the recent transit activities in Harris County. Mr. Fickes informed the Committee that the Harris County Community Services Department consists of four (4) operating divisions which include the Economic Development Department, Community Development, Transit Services, and Social Services. Mr. Fickes discussed the responsibilities of each department.

Mr. Fickes informed the Committee that the mission of Harris County Transit Services is to provide safe, efficient, equitable transportation that elderly, disabled, low-income, and general public transit dependent citizens that live outside the METRO service area. Mr. Fickes also identified and discussed the various transit services provided by Harris County. The presentation was concluded by brief comments.

EAST PORT SUBREGIONAL PLAN

Mr. Jeff Taebel, FAICP informed the Committee that Ms. Meredith Dang would be presenting the final Subregional Plan for the East Port area. Ms. Dang provided a brief overview and discussed the purpose of the East Port Subregional Plan. Ms. Dang also identified the plan partners and discussed the plan's study areas, major steps, best practices toolbox, and next steps.

Ms. Dang discussed the plan's Implementation Program and informed the Committee that potential funding sources were identified for recommended transportation improvements. The presentation was concluded by a brief question and answer with comments.

LIVABLE CENTERS PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Jeff Taebel, FAICP provided a brief update on the status of H-GAC's Livable Centers Program. Mr. Taebel informed the Committee that the goal of the Livable Centers Program is to create spaces that have access available to multiple destinations that are well connected with pedestrian facilities.

Mr. Taebel informed the Committee that the first call for an interest in studies was held two (2) years ago. Mr. Taebel added that eight (8) of the first ten (10) studies are substantially complete. Those studies were discussed in further detail. Mr. Taebel identified and discussed the City of Houston sponsored studies. Mr. Taebel also identified and briefly discussed future studies. The presentation was concluded by a brief question and answer with comments.

REPORT ON STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

H-GAC Mr. Ashby Johnson, AICP reported that TxDOT has been convening Segment Committee Meetings for I-69. The Committees were formed after the dissolution of the Trans-Texas Corridor concept. The purpose of the committees is to provide input to TxDOT on how I-69 should proceed through the Houston area. Mr. Johnson noted that the I-69 concept discussed in the agency report is not the Trans-Texas Corridor. Mr. Johnson referred to the meeting materials in discussing the segment Committees that affect the region. Mr. Johnson identified H-GAC representatives for Segment Committees 2 and 3.

Ms. Shelley Whitworth reported on the designation of the non-attainment area under the new ozone standard. Ms. Whitworth reported that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requested that H-GAC provide comment on potential boundary considerations for the nonattainment standard by September 3, 2010. Ms. Whitworth reported that the new ozone standard has not been announced or issued. The H-GAC's Board recommendation is to remain a non-attainment area until the ozone standard is announced.

Mr. Noel Bowman provided an update on the Thoroughfare Plan. Mr. Bowman reported that the main purpose of the Thoroughfare Plan Update is to improve connectivity across jurisdictional boundaries with the Regional Thoroughfare Plan. Workshops were held in the 8-county region in the fall of 2009 and datasets were updated in the spring 2009.

TxDOT There was no status report from TxDOT.

CITY OF GALVESTON

There was no status report from the City of Galveston.

CITY OF HOUSTON

There was no status report from the City of Houston.

METRO There was no status report from METRO.

RAQPC There was no status report from RAQPC.

BRAZORIA COUNTY

There was no status report from Brazoria County.

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

A public meeting for the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Update will be held at H-GAC offices on August 19, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. The public comment period ends on August 30, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

H-GAC will host its annual Clean Air Awards Luncheon on August 19, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. the Hilton Americas.

Chairman Gafrick announced that H-GAC will be hosting its annual Clean Air Awards Luncheon on August 19, 2010.

Chairman Gafrick also announced that the next Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting will be held on August 27, 2010 and the next TAC meeting will be held on September 15, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gafrick adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:22 a.m.

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2010 MEETING ATTENDANCE ROSTER

08/18/10 at 9:30 a.m.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>	<u>PRESENT *</u>
Sarah Benavides, P.E.	City of Pasadena	(Vacant)	___
Don Brandon, P.E.	Chambers County	Gary Nelson	___
Kelly Carpenter, AICP	City of Baytown	Dick Carter	X
Don Carroll	City of Texas City	(Vacant)	X
Maureen Crocker	Intermodal Interests	Carol Lewis	___
Catarina Gonzales Cron	Environmental & Planning	Billy Cooke, P.E.	X
Perri D'Armond	Citizen & Business Interests	Bob Eury	___
David Douglas	Liberty County	Jimmy Sterling	___
<i>1st Vice Chair</i> Scott Elmer, P.E.	City of Missouri City	Valerie Ruda	X
Ken Fickes	Urban Transit	John Saavedra	X
G. Michael Fitzgerald, P.E.	Galveston County	Rod Shaut	___
<i>Chair</i> Marlene Gafrick	Environmental & Planning	Mike Kramer	X
D. Jesse Hegemier, P.E.	Fort Bend County	Ron Drachenberg, P.E.	X
Mike Hodge, P.E.	Smaller Cities	Pat B. McLaughlan, P.E.	X
James Jackson, P.E.	Intermodal Interests - <i>Ports</i>	Brenda Trevino, P.E.	X
Jeff Johnson, P.E.	Montgomery County	J. Ross McCall, EIT	A
James Koch, P.E.	TxDOT-Houston District	Rakesh Tripathi, P.E.	X
Mark Loethen	Intermodal Interests	Jack Whaley, P.E.	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	Citizen & Business Interests	David Crossley	X
Luis Nunez	Smaller Cities	Robert Heineman, FAIA	X
John O'Malley	Environmental & Planning	Patricia Knudson Joiner	X
Gerald Roberts, P.E.	Brazoria County	(Vacant)	X
<u>2nd Vice Chair</u> Yancy Scott, P.E.	Waller County	Orval Rhoads, P.E.	X
Paulette Shelton	Rural Transit	Vastene Olier	X
Kimberly Slaughter	METRO	Larry Badon	—
Jeff Taebel, FAICP	Environmental & Planning	Steve Howard	X
John Tyler, P.E.	Intermodal Interests	David Gornet	X
Patrick Walsh, P.E.	City of Sugar Land	Dale Rudick, P.E.	—
Jeffrey Weatherford, P.E.	City of Houston	Carol Haddock, P.E.	X
Mike Wilson	Intermodal Interests	Diane Falcioni	X
Michael Worthy	City of Galveston	Rick Beverlin	X
Bill Zrioka	Intermodal Interests - <i>Airports</i>	Monica Newhouse	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