

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010
9:30 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOM A

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chairman Elmer, P.E. 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 27 members in attendance; 16 are required for a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. James Jackson, P.E. made a motion for approval of the Minutes for the September 15, 2010 meeting and Mr. Ken Fickes seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE 2035 RTP UPDATE

Ms. Pat Waskowiak informed the Committee that the 2035 RTP Update is currently in the public comment period. The deadline for the public comment period is October 28, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The 2035 RTP Update process began in August 2010. A series of meetings were held with stakeholders and neighborhood groups to talk about the funding shortfall and its implications regarding the program of projects. Staff has received public comments on the program of projects for approximately two (2) months.

Ms. Waskowiak briefly discussed previous discussions about three (3) different funding scenarios. Those funding scenarios were the Baseline, Enhanced, and Full Funding Scenarios. Ms Waskowiak informed the Committee that public comments were received on these funding scenarios of which recommendations were made to the TAC and TPC. The TPC chose the Baseline Scenario. Another round of public comments was initiated from the selection of the

Baseline Scenario. The Baseline Scenario was included as the draft program of projects for the Draft 2035 RTP Update.

Ms. Waskowiak informed the Committee that the 2035 RTP Update includes approximately \$85-86 billion worth of programs and projects funded with the same amount of revenues. The previous plan included approximately \$157 billion in projects. Ms. Waskowiak reported that it is a slimmer portfolio of transportation improvements for the region. Cuts were made to projects that were largely on the State's system. Local government projects and transit projects have been largely unaffected. Ms. Waskowiak introduced Ms. Becky Blatnica as the Program Manager responsible for development of the 2040 RTP. Ms. Waskowiak also noted that the development of the 2040 RTP is underway.

Ms. Waskowiak informed the Committee that the 2035 RTP Update will be presented for TPC approval on October 29, 2010. Ms. Waskowiak called attention to the summary of public outreach efforts in the meeting materials. Ms. Waskowiak also noted that the summary of public comments are inclusive of the August through October public comment periods. The presentation was concluded with comments and question and answer.

Vice Chairman Elmer, P.E. entertained a motion for approval. Mr. Ken Fickes made a motion to approve the 2035 RTP Update and Ms. Perri D'Armond seconded the motion. After further discussion, a motion was made to amend the motion. Vice Chairman Elmer, P.E., Mr. Fickes, and Ms. D'Armond accepted the motion to amend. An amended motion was made for TAC concurrence with staff's recommendation to approve the 2035 RTP Update subject to additional public comment. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010-2011 UPWP

Mr. Ashby Johnson informed Vice Chairman Elmer, P.E. that Mr. Jeff Kaufman would be the presenter of the overview of the amendments to the 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Mr. Jeff Kaufman informed the Committee that a series of amendments were being proposed. Mr. Kaufman reported that following further review, calculation errors were discovered in the amendments approved by TPC at its June meeting. Mr. Kaufman reported that transportation planning funds were over programmed by approximately \$148,000. Amendment 10 addresses this issue with a budget reconciliation. Mr. Kaufman briefly discussed specific reconciliations for Amendments 11-15. The presentation was concluded by a brief question and answer.

Vice Chairman Elmer, P.E. entertained a motion for approval. Mr. Ken Fickes made a motion for approval of amendments to the 2010-2011 UPWP and Mr. Billy Cooke, P.E. seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

SH 6 NORTH ACCESS MANAGEMENT STUDY

Mr. Noel Bowman provided a brief overview and introduced Mr. Mike Heath of Alliance Transportation Group as the presenter for the SH 6 North Access Management Study. Mr. Heath began the presentation by identifying and thanking project sponsors. Project goals for the SH 6 North Access Management Study are to increase mobility, safety, quality of life, and maintain economic viability of the businesses within the corridor. The SH 6 North Access Management Study goes from Park Row to SH 249 with one project exception at US 290.

Mr. Heath informed the Committee that the study methodology included an inventory of the entire corridor, continuous and engaging public involvement, a detailed analysis, and solutions focused on implementation and noticeable improvements. Mr. Heath also identified and discussed Short-Term, Medium-Term, and Long-Term recommendations for improvement.

Mr. Heath discussed the public involvement process for the SH 6 North Access Management Study and informed the Committee that the final public meeting will be held at Copperfield Church on November 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. The presentation was concluded by a brief question and answer with comments.

REPORT ON STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

H-GAC Ms. Christy Willhite provided a brief report on the Goods Movement Plan. Ms. Willhite reported that staff is in the process of collecting data on the freight system. A freight network has been established which includes a commodity flow. Ms. Willhite also discussed the public meeting schedule for the Goods Movement Plan. The report was concluded by brief question and answer with comments.

Mr. Allen Richey provided a brief report on the Draft Regional Legislative Agenda. Mr. Richey reported that the October TPC Meeting will include a discussion with TPC members about their support of a legislative agenda. A menu of options will be presented as part of the discussion. The report was concluded by brief question and answer with comments.

Ms. Pat Waskowiak provided a brief report on the TIP Call for Projects. Ms. Waskowiak reported that a TIP Call for Projects has been issued with a submittal deadline of October 29, 2010. For more information, access the Transportation website under the TIP tab or contact staff. The report concluded without questions or comment.

Mr. Ashby Johnson provided a brief report on the Transit Pilot Project Program. Mr. Johnson reported that H-GAC's Commute Solutions Program released a

Request for Proposals (RFP) last month. The RFP closed on October 8, 2010. Additional information regarding the submittals will be presented at next month's meeting. For more information about the RFP, contact Nicholas Williams at (713) 993-4567. The report concluded without questions or comment.

Mr. Ashby Johnson also provided a brief report on the METRO/H-GAC Regional Modeling Activity. Mr. Johnson reported that H-GAC and METRO recently formed an agreement to work on joint modeling activities to better improve how our model captures transit in the region. For more information, contact Chris van Slyke (H-GAC) and Vince Saunders or Kimberly Slaughter (METRO). The report concluded without questions or comment.

TxDOT Mr. Rakesh Tripathi, P.E. reported that the TxDOT State Long Range Plan process is underway. The deadline for public comments is October 31, 2010. The report concluded without questions or comment.

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.

CITY OF SUGAR LAND

There was no status report from the City of Sugar Land.

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

Vice Chairman Elmer, P.E. announced that the TIP Subcommittee Meeting will begin immediately following the TAC Meeting.

Vice Chairman Elmer, P.E. also announced that the next Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting will be held on October 29, 2010 and the next TAC meeting will be held on November 10, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Elmer, P.E. adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 10:50 a.m.

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2010 MEETING ATTENDANCE ROSTER

10/13/10 at 9:30 a.m.

| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>REPRESENTING</u> | <u>ALTERNATE</u> | <u>PRESENT *</u> |
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| Sarah Benavides, P.E. | City of Pasadena | (Vacant) | X |
| 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 | X |
| Catarina Gonzales Cron | Environmental & Planning | Billy Cooke, P.E. | X |
| Perri D'Armond | Citizen & Business Interests | Bob Eury | X |
| 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 | A |
| 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 | ___ |
| James Koch, P.E. | TxDOT-Houston District | Rakesh Tripathi, P.E. | X |
| Mark Loethen | Intermodal Interests | Jack Whaley, P.E. | X |

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| 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 | Citizen & Business Interests | David Crossley | X |
| Luis Nunez | Smaller Cities | Robert Heineman, FAIA | ___ |
| John O'Malley | Environmental & Planning | Patricia Knudson Joiner | ___ |
| 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 | A |
| Jeff Taebel, FAICP | Environmental & Planning | Steve Howard | A |
| John Tyler, P.E. | Intermodal Interests | David Gornet | A |
| Patrick Walsh, P.E. | City of Sugar Land | Dale Rudick, P.E. | X |
| Jeffrey Weatherford, P.E. | City of Houston | Carol Haddock, P.E. | X |
| Mike Wilson | Intermodal Interests | Diane Falcioni | ___ |
| Michael Worthy | City of Galveston | Rick Beverlin | A |
| 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

27 Voting Membership Present

16 Required Quorum