

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011

9:30 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOM A

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Elmer, P.E. called the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:32 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

Chairman Elmer, P.E. entertained a motion for adoption of the agenda.

Mr. Clark Martinson made a motion for adoption of the Agenda and Mr. Mark Loethen, P.E. seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Elmer, P.E. entertained a motion for approval of the Minutes for the June 15, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Andy Mao, P.E. made a motion for approval of the Minutes for the June 15, 2011 meeting and Mr. James Jackson, P.E. seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE 2012-2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Jeff Kaufman informed the Committee that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) consists of proposed planning activities for the next two (2) federal fiscal years. Mr. Kaufman identified and discussed specific projects, tasks, and funding amounts included in the plan document. Transportation planning funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) was identified as the primary source of funding. Mr. Kaufman added that \$18.5 million of which \$17.5 million has already been programmed.

Mr. Kaufman informed the Committee that the public comment period for the 2012-2013 UPWP ended on July 11, 2011. Public comments were received following the July 6th TAC mailout. Those comments and responses were included for review in a green sheet packet in the meeting materials.

Mr. Kaufman noted that the 2012-2013 UPWP will be submitted to TAC and the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) for approval. The plan document will later be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on August 1, 2011. *The 2012-2013 UPWP will take effect on October 1, 2011 after approval by TxDOT and FHWA.* Mr. Kaufman reported that the 2012-2013 UPWP will be brought back to the Committee with a series of reconciliation amendments in November. Brief comments with questions and answer regarding funding amounts and the Regional Transit Framework Study concluded the presentation.

Chairman Elmer, P.E. entertained a motion for approval of the 2012-2013 Unified Planning Work Program with a recommendation for approval by the Transportation Policy Council.

Mr. Mark Loethen, P.E. amended the motion for approval to include responses to public comments received and the re-wording of some of the information by H-GAC staff. Mr. Bob Eury seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

CITY OF SUGAR LAND COMPREHENSIVE MOBILITY PLAN

Mr. Patrick Walsh, P.E. provided an overview of the City of Sugar Land's Comprehensive Mobility Plan. Mr. Walsh, P.E. informed the Committee that the Sugar Land Comprehensive Mobility Plan was adopted by the Sugar Land City Council in May 2011. Mr. Walsh, P.E. reported that the single automobile will continue to be Sugar Land's primary form of transportation for the near future. Mr. Walsh, P.E. added that other modes of transportation are equally as important.

Mr. Walsh, P.E. informed the Committee that the consultant team for the plan was led by Traffic Engineers, Inc. Mr. Walsh, P.E. discussed the city's location and provided a brief summary of its history and current developments for other modes of mobility.

Mr. Walsh, P.E. reported that the origin of the Sugar Land Comprehensive Mobility Plan was a visioning process conducted in 2009. A process called VG-SIM or Vision, Goals - Strategies, Initiatives, and Metrics which includes a vision, goals, strategies, initiatives, and mobility scoreboard. Mr. Walsh, P.E. identified and discussed public outreach efforts, strategies, initiatives, and specific projects included in the plan. The presentation was concluded by question and answer with comments.

I-69 PUBLIC OUTREACH

Mr. Ashby Johnson provided a brief overview of the coordinated public outreach efforts and priorities of its Segments Two and Three Committees. Mr. Johnson informed the Committee that Texas is growing significantly according to most recent census data. Mr. Johnson added that the City of Houston is also growing. Mr. Johnson emphasized that all planning for the I-69 project is conceptual and is considered a way of accommodating some of Houston's growth in freight and vehicular traffic commuting.

Mr. Johnson reported that citizen input in the beginning phase of the I-69 public outreach effort is heavily emphasized by TxDOT. Mr. Johnson identified existing highways and informed the Committee that the I-69 project will include a series of improvements using existing highways where possible instead of building new roads. The full I-69 project, as it is currently conceived, will be an interstate corridor that will run from Texas to Michigan if it comes to fruition. Mr. Johnson later informed the Committee that it is a very long-term project that could take at least 25 years.

Mr. Johnson informed the Committee that there are five (5) segment committees for the I-69 project. Houston is represented by Segments Two and Three Committees with each having varying issues. Mr. Johnson identified himself as the H-GAC representative on the Segment Two Committee and Ms. June Farrell as the representative on the Segment Three Committee. Mr. Johnson also identified remaining representation, preliminary priorities, and corridor segment boundaries for each segment committee.

Mr. Johnson briefly discussed the benefits of I-69 Texas and identified the public outreach initiatives for Segments Two and Three Committee campaign. Mr. Johnson concluded the presentation by introducing comment cards and brochures to solicit public input for the Segments Two and Three Committees. Question and answer with comments later followed.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Meredith Alberto provided a brief update on the final status of issues from the 82nd Texas Legislature affecting local governments in the region. Ms. Alberto highlighted and discussed the specifics of Appropriations Bill HB 1, TxDOT Sunset Bill SB 1420, and HB 563 Transportation Reinvestment Zones (TRZs) included in a green sheet packet in the meeting materials. Ms. Alberto briefly noted the bills that did not pass the legislature. The update was later concluded with brief comments.

REPORT ON STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

H-GAC Mr. Nicholas Williams reported that H-GAC will be celebrating its eleventh

Commute Solutions month in August with a press conference and transportation fair on July 21, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. These events will be held at the Crescent Conference Center in Greenway Plaza.

Mr. Williams reported that H-GAC will also host its annual Clean Air Action Leadership Awards Luncheon on August 30, 2011.

Mr. Johnson reported that H-GAC's Project Viewer is back online after being offline for some time. Mr. Johnson encouraged the Committee to access the website for the viewer's specific location.

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

Mr. Larry Badon reported that a workshop was held in METRO's service area to seek public input on the future of transit. Approximately 1,100 comments were received. Due to the success of this workshop, requests were later received from ten (10) organizations to host the same workshop in July.

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.

HARRIS COUNTY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY

There was no status report from the Harris County Toll Road Authority.

FORT BEND COUNTY

There was no status report from Fort Bend County.

BRAZORIA COUNTY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY

There was no status report from the Brazoria County Toll Road Authority.

TCEQ There was no status report from TCEQ.

FUTURE BUSINESS

Mr. Alan Clark provided an overview of the green sheet packet on the Proposition 12 Bond Program included in the meeting materials. Mr. Clark noted that TxDOT Guidance on Proposition 12 Project Selection and Implementation Schedule and the Proposition 12 Constitutional Amendment was also provided in the packet for review and future discussion.

Mr. Clark informed the Committee of future discussions and action by the TIP Subcommittee, TAC and TPC regarding Proposition 12 Funding Priorities in the near future. Comments later followed this overview.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Elmer, P.E. announced that a TIP Subcommittee Meeting will immediately follow the TAC meeting.

Chairman Elmer, P.E. also announced the next Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting will be held July 22, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. and the next TAC meeting will be held on August 17, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Elmer, P.E. adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:07 a.m.

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2011 MEETING ATTENDANCE ROSTER

07/13/11 at 9:30 a.m.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>	<u>PRESENT *</u>
<u>Chair</u> Scott Elmer, P.E.	City of Missouri City	Valerie Ruda Marvin	X
<u>1st Vice Chairman</u> Yancy Scott, P.E.	Environmental/Planning	John Isom	X
<u>2nd Vice Chair</u> Mark Loethen	Intermodal Interests	Jack R. Whaley, P.E.	X
<u>Immediate Past Chair</u> Marlene Gafrick	Environmental/Planning	Mike Kramer	A
Sarah Benavides, P.E.	City of Pasadena	(Vacant)	X
Don Brandon, P.E.	Chambers County	Tommy Bridwell	—
Kelly Carpenter, AICP	City of Baytown	Jose Pastrana	—
Don Carroll	City of Texas City	(Vacant)	—
Maureen Crocker	Intermodal Interests	Carol Lewis	X
Bob Eury	Citizen & Business Interests	Perri D'Armond	X
Ken Fickes	Urban Transit	Vernon Chambers	A
G. Michael Fitzgerald, P.E.	Galveston County	Rod Shaut	—
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
Stan Kitzman	Waller County	Orval Rhoads, P.E.	—

James Koch, P.E.	TxDOT-Houston District	Rakesh Tripathi, P.E.	X
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	Coletta Castleshouldt	X
Luis Nunez	Smaller Cities	Robert Heineman, FAIA	___
Rich Oller, P.E.	City of League City	Linc Wright, P.E.	A
Terence O'Rourke	Environmental/Planning	Billy Cooke, P.E.	A
Gerald Roberts, P.E.	Brazoria County	Michael Shannon	A
Paulette Shelton	Rural Transit	Vastene Olier	___
Kimberly Slaughter	METRO	Larry Badon	A
Jeff Taebel, FAICP	Environmental/Planning	David Crossley	X
John Tyler, P.E.	Intermodal Interests	David Gornet	X
Patrick Walsh, P.E.	City of Sugar Land	Dale Rudick, P.E.	X
Charlotte Warner	Liberty County	David Douglas	___
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 - Airports	Carlos Ortiz	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