

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 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 25 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. Jeffrey Weatherford, P.E. made a motion for adoption of the Agenda and Mr. Billy Cooke, 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 July 13, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Ken Fickes made a motion for approval of the Minutes for the July 13, 2011 meeting and Mr. Gerald Roberts, P.E. seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

2010-2011 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Mr. Ashby Johnson informed the Committee that the three (3) amendments presented were for the existing Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) through the end of the fiscal year or October 31, 2011. Mr. Johnson reported that there was an addition of planning funds for the Brazos Transit District, sub regional work for the Greater East End Management District, and Access Management Studies. Mr. Johnson informed the Committee that the amendments will bring the status of ongoing planning activities current. Brief comments concluded the

presentation.

Chairman Elmer, P.E. entertained a motion for approval of the amendments to the 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program.

Ms. Paulette Shelton made a motion for approval of the amendments to the 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program and Mr. Billy Cooke, P.E. seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Mark Loethen, P.E., Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Chair deferred presentation of the update to Mr. Alan Clark. Mr. Clark informed the Committee that the TIP Subcommittee met on July 27, 2011 and August 10, 2011. Mr. Clark reported that project sponsors were given a month to review project ranking data and project scoring and provide any comment on it. Many comments were received resulting in adjustment to some project scores. Staff provided a ranking of remaining eligible projects to the Committee. The project ranking as developed by staff was accepted by the Committee at the July 27th meeting.

At the Aug. 10th meeting, the TIP Subcommittee focused on the potential impact on the call for projects of the State's Proposition 12 Bond Program. The TIP Subcommittee concurred in a staff analysis showing approximately 13 projects as meeting recommended Proposition 12 criteria. Based on the TIP Subcommittee's concurrence, Mr. Clark reported that approximately 48 of 51 projects could be recommended for funding.

Mr. Clark next identified and discussed two (2) projects that did not fit the call for projects scoring criterion but which appeared to have significant public benefit. The TIP Subcommittee recommended that staff make a partial commitment of funding to those projects in order to deploy them as "pilot projects" and measure their benefits.

Mr. Clark informed the Committee that staff will seek approval to make the 2011-2014 TIP Call for Projects and Proposition 12 lists available for public comment at the September TAC meeting. Staff will subsequently seek approval to amend the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and TIP to program the projects in the appropriate TIP year at the October TAC and TPC meetings. The update concluded without comment or questions.

PROPOSITION 12 STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Alan Clark informed the TAC that the TIP Subcommittee also discussed the Proposition 12 Bond Program at its August 10th meeting. The Texas Department of

Transportation (TxDOT) Houston and Beaumont Districts presented a list of candidate projects both for the District's portion of Proposition 12 funds and the balance of funds available under the MPO allocation. Mr. Clark reported that staff is reviewing this list to ensure that these projects can meet readiness dates.

Mr. Clark informed the Committee that there were projects included in the Call for Projects that were deemed ineligible because they were not compliant with the air quality conformity finding. H-GAC is pursuing development of a new conformity finding. As a consequence, staff will review projects previously ruled ineligible due to conformity issues and determine if these projects might be eligible for Proposition 12 funding. The TIP Subcommittee will continue to work toward completion of Prop 12 project recommendations at its next meeting. Question and answer with comments later followed.

SH 99 STATUS REPORT

Mr. David Gornet provided a status update on the SH 99 Comprehensive Development Agreement process. Mr. Gornet informed the Committee that the Grand Parkway is a loop around town and will be approximately 184 miles in length at completion. It will begin at SH 146 in Galveston County to SH 146 in Harris County near Baytown. Mr. Gornet reported that the Grand Parkway Project is being developed in segments. Mr. Gornet identified the Segments that have been completed and currently open for traffic.

Mr. Gornet informed the Committee that in response to SB 792 Terms and Conditions, the Market Value Waiver Agreement established the opportunity for the counties to be the entities that would pursue the development, construction, operations and maintenance of the Grand Parkway Project. Mr. Gornet added that Harris, Montgomery, and Chambers Counties waived their primacy and gave TxDOT the authorization to develop the project. Mr. Gornet later identified and discussed specific segments of the Grand Parkway project. The update concluded without comments or questions.

REPORT ON STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

H-GAC Mr. Johnson provided an update on the Reauthorization Bill, possible extension of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and an update on the partial expiration of the Federal Motor Fuels Tax. Mr. Johnson informed the Committee that there will not be a reauthorization bill this year due to time constraints. Mr. Johnson also reported that an extension of the current bill will end on September 30, 2011.

Mr. Johnson reported that congress has proposed a 30% budget cut in federal funding levels (including transportation) across the board. Mr. Johnson also

reported that most of the Federal Motor Fuels Tax is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2011. Mr. Johnson added that there will be an even more significant cut in funding if it is not renewed. Staff was asked to run a model that will disclose the impact it will have on the State and the region.

Mr. Johnson reported that H-GAC hosted its annual Commute Solutions Month Kickoff event on July 21, 2011 in Greenway Plaza. The event was well attended.

Mr. Johnson reported that H-GAC hosted public meetings for the SH 105 Access Management Study and the Updated Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan. Both meetings were well attended. Information on upcoming public meetings was included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Johnson reported that H-GAC is hosting a Brown Bag Series Presentation on "The 2010 Census and GIS Framework" on September 15, 2011 at 12 noon.

TxDOT There was no status report from TxDOT.

CITY OF GALVESTON

There was no status report from the City of Galveston.

PORT OF HOUSTON

Mr. Mike Wilson reported that the Port of Houston has current round of TIGER Grants and decided not to apply due to new criteria which requires a 20%-35% match in funding.

CITY OF HOUSTON

There was no status report from the City of Houston.

METRO Ms. Kimberly Slaughter reported that METRO is hosting a ribbon cutting for a new park and ride facility in the City of Missouri City on August 19, 2011 at 7:30 a.m.

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

Mr. Gerald Roberts, P.E. reported that staff is hopeful that Brazoria County's FHWA Project let for construction in September 2011. Environmental clearance is anticipated by September 1, 2011.

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

No future business was discussed or reported.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Elmer, P.E. announced that a TIP Subcommittee Meeting will be held on August 24, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Chairman Elmer, P.E. also announced the next Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting will be held August 26, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room A and the next TAC meeting will be held on September 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Elmer, P.E. adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 10:38 a.m.

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2011 MEETING ATTENDANCE ROSTER

08/17/11 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	X
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.	A
Jeff Johnson, P.E.	Montgomery County	J. Ross McCall, P.E.	X
Stan Kitzman	Waller County	Orval Rhoads, P.E.	—

James Koch, P.E.	TxDOT-Houston District	Rakesh Tripathi, P.E.	___
Phillip Lujan, P.E.	TxDOT-Beaumont District	Steven Stafford, P.E.	___
Andy Mao, P.E.	Harris County	Charles Dean, P.E.	X
Clark Martinson	Citizen & Business Interests	Coletta Castleshouldt	A
Luis Nunez	Smaller Cities	Robert Heineman, FAIA	X
Rich Oller, P.E.	City of League City	Linc Wright, P.E.	___
Terence O'Rourke	Environmental/Planning	Billy Cooke, P.E.	A
Gerald Roberts, P.E.	Brazoria County	Michael Shannon	X
Paulette Shelton	Rural Transit	Vastene Olier	X
Kimberly Slaughter	METRO	Larry Badon	X
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	___
Bill Zrioka	Intermodal Interests - <i>Airports</i>	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

25 Voting Membership Present

16 Required Quorum