

**MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011**  
**10:00 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOM A**

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Elmer, P.E. called the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 10:16 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

Mr. Lamar Casparis of the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce provided comments regarding the addition of SH 249 back into the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update. Mr. Casparis informed the Committee of the tremendous growth expected in Northwest Harris County and other surrounding areas when reviewing projected demographic data from 2025 - 2045. Mr. Casparis also informed the Committee that SH 249 is the only state highway that can accommodate high traffic volumes to the central core from western Montgomery County or northwest Harris County. Mr. Casparis informed the Committee that a coalition is being formed to assist in addressing traffic issues in the SH 249.

Mr. James Koch, P.E. informed the Committee that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has recently hired Mr. Eddie Sanchez to be the Major Projects Coordinator for Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) projects in the region. The Legislature gave TxDOT CDA authority to move forward with four (4) potential projects that include the Grand Parkway, SH 249, SH 288, and Hempstead/290. Mr. Sanchez began his duties on September 1, 2011 and will provide updates to the TAC on those four (4) major corridors move forward.

There were no further comments.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Chairman Elmer, P.E. entertained a motion for approval of the Minutes for the August 17, 2011 meeting. Mr. Ken Fickes made a motion for approval of the Minutes for the August 17, 2011 meeting and Mr. Mark Loethen, P.E. seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

### APPROVAL TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DRAFT 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) CALL FOR PROJECTS AND PROPOSITION 12 BOND PROGRAM

Mr. Alan Clark deferred remarks to Mr. Mark Loethen, P.E., Chairman of the TIP Subcommittee. Mr. Loethen, P.E. reported that there were approximately 50-55 projects in last year's call for projects. Mr. Loethen, P.E. added that at least 50 of the 55 projects will be funded and that the Committee that the TIP Subcommittee worked very hard in trying to move projects forward that would best represent the region.

Mr. Clark later highlighted the recommended changes that were made in the TIP Subcommittee Meeting and informed the Committee that there will be a public meeting and a public comment period. Mr. Clark noted that the full 30-day public comment period will not be completed prior to the next TAC Meeting.

Mr. Clark informed the Committee that TIP Subcommittee met prior to this morning's TAC meeting. Mr. Clark identified and discussed two (2) sets of tables identified as ATTACHMENT A and ATTACHMENT B during his overview of that meeting. Mr. Clark also identified and discussed the summary of funding availability, contingency list, and the recommendations of the TIP Subcommittee. Comments with discussion later followed.

Mr. Clark concluded the presentation by requesting approval to carry a recommendation to the TPC to receive public comment on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP Call for Projects list, Proposition 12 Bond Program list, and the contingency projects as recommended by the TIP Subcommittee.

Mr. Gerald Roberts, P.E. made a motion for approval to receive public comment on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP Call for Projects list, Proposition 12 Bond Program list, and the contingency projects as recommended by the TIP Subcommittee. Mr. Jeff Weatherford, P.E. seconded the motion.

Mr. Clark later identified and discussed engineering projects from the Proposition 12 Candidate list. Mr. Clark further identified and discussed those projects that would be eligible as part of the balance of the Category 12 funds.

Mr. Gerald Roberts, P.E. amended the motion for approval to receive public comments on the Draft 2011-2014 TIP Call for Projects, Proposition 12 Bond Program which includes contingency and engineering projects. Mr. Jeff Weatherford, P.E. seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

#### NEAR NORTHWEST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT LIVABLE CENTERS PROJECT

Ms. Marlene Gafrick of the City of Houston provided a brief overview of the Daniel Rose Center for Public Leadership in Land Use Program. Ms. Gafrick introduced Mr. Ric Guenther of LRK Architects as the presenter for presentation of the Near Northwest Management District Livable Centers Project.

Ms. Gafrick informed the Committee that the Daniel Rose fellowship began in October 2010 as the City of Houston was nominated to participate in the program. The Near Northwest Management District applied for a livable centers study at the end of the summer of 2010 and was awarded in February 2011. Ms. Gafrick informed the Committee that the Daniel Rose fellowship is a year-long program intended to benefit selected individual fellows through leadership training and professional development opportunities. The program is only in its second year. Ms. Gafrick identified those individuals involved in the process. Approximately four (4) other cities were selected. Ms. Gafrick later provided updates on revitalization projects in the Antoine Corridor.

Mr. Ric Guenther later began the overview of the Near Northwest Management District Livable Centers Project. Mr. Guenther identified the individuals involved in the Near Northwest Management District Livable Centers Project process. Mr. Guenther informed the Committee that the livable centers concept is the development of urban mixed-use centers that are well connected with pedestrian and transit enhancements where people live, work, and play. Mr. Guenther later discussed the vision statement and public involvement process for the Near Northwest Management District Livable Centers Project.

Mr. Guenther informed that Committee that a series of studies on bike paths, transit, and ridership were completed for the Near Northwest Management District Livable Centers Project. Mr. Guenther reported that Antoine was identified as one of the largest most significant corridors for METRO ridership. Mr. Guenther identified and discussed existing conditions, areas susceptible to change, opportunity areas, redevelopment areas, and triangle opportunity areas along the Antoine corridor. Ms. Gafrick concluded the presentation with discussion on the next steps in the Near Northwest Management District Livable Centers Project. No comments or questions followed.

## STATUS UPDATE ON ACCESS MANAGEMENT STUDIES

Ms. Christy Willhite provided a brief overview of the four (4) access management studies being conducted by H-GAC. Ms. Willhite identified those corridors as BF 1960 (Humble), SH 105 (Conroe to Cleveland), FM 1764 (Texas City), and FM 1092 (Missouri City).

Ms. Willhite identified and discussed public outreach efforts, areas of concern, and recommendations for each corridor. Ms. Willhite later informed the Committee that TxDOT has provided a list of twelve (12) candidate studies that may be funded in 2012. The update was concluded without questions or comments.

## REPORT ON STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

H-GAC            There was no status report from the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

TxDOT           Mr. Koch reported that an Environmental Conference will be held in Austin next week. Substantial changes will be discussed during the conference. Specific details on the conference can be found on the TxDOT website.

### CITY OF GALVESTON

                    There was no status report from the City of Galveston.

### PORT OF HOUSTON

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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.

**HARRIS COUNTY TOLL ROAD AUTHORITY**

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

**FORT BEND COUNTY**

Ms. Paulette Shelton reported that there will be free shuttle service to the Fort Bend County Fair on September 23, 2011 and September 30, 2011. Participants must park at the University of Houston Park and Ride lot in Sugar Land.

**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. 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 11:26 a.m.

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



## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2011 MEETING ATTENDANCE ROSTER

09/14/11 at 10:00 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>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman</u> Yancy Scott, P.E.	Environmental/Planning	John Isom	A
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</u> Mark Loethen	Intermodal Interests	Jack R. Whaley, P.E.	X
<u>Immediate Past Chair</u> Marlene Gafrick	Environmental/Planning	Mike Kramer	X
Sarah Benavides, P.E.	City of Pasadena	(Vacant)	X
Tommy Bridwell	Chambers County	David "Bubba" Abernathy	—
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	A
Ken Fickes	Urban Transit	Vernon Chambers	X
G. Michael Fitzgerald, P.E.	Galveston County	Rod Shaut	—
Clint Harbert	METRO	Larry Badon	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.	A
Jeff Johnson, P.E.	Montgomery County	J. Ross McCall, P.E.	X
Stan Kitzman	Waller County	Orval Rhoads, P.E.	X

James Koch, P.E.	TxDOT-Houston District	Rakesh Tripathi, 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.	X
Clark Martinson	Citizen & Business Interests	Coletta Castleshouldt	X
Luis Nunez	Smaller Cities	Robert Heineman, FAIA	X
Rich Oller, P.E.	City of League City	Linc Wright, P.E.	___
Snehal Patel	Environmental/Planning	Billy Cooke, P.E.	X
Gerald Roberts, P.E.	Brazoria County	Michael Shannon	X
Paulette Shelton	Rural Transit	Vastene Olier	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	(Vacant)	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	___
Michael Worthy	City of Galveston	Rick Beverlin	___
Bill Zrioka	Intermodal Interests - <i>Airports</i>	Carlos Ortiz	___

\* 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