

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011
9:30 A.M., CONFERENCE ROOM A

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Elmer, P.E. called the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:39 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. Ken Fickes made a motion for adoption of the agenda and Ms. Marlene Gafrick 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 September 14, 2011 meeting. Mr. Mike Hodge, P.E. made a motion for approval of the Minutes for the September 14, 2011 meeting and Mr. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO INCLUDE 2010 CALL FOR PROJECTS LIST AND PROPOSITION 12 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

Mr. Alan Clark informed the Committee that no changes were made to the Candidate Projects for the 2010 Call for Project and the Proposition 12 Bond Program of Projects lists since the September meeting. Mr. Clark also informed the Committee that staff is requesting recommendation of the program of projects to the Transportation Policy Council (TPC). A draft resolution identified as "Item 05 A" in the meeting packet was included to accompany the proposed recommendation.

Mr. Clark informed the Committee that a public meeting was held on October 4, 2011 at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District offices. A public comment period was initiated immediately following the September meeting of the TPC. Mr. Clark further added that the deadline for that public comment period is October 24, 2011. A summary of public comments received to date was included in the meeting packet for review. Mr. Clark reported that the website would be updated to include additional public comments as they are received. The presentation was concluded by question and answer with comments.

Mr. Gerald Roberts, P.E. made a motion for approval of an amendment to the 2011-2014 TIP to include 2010 Call for Projects List and Proposition 12 Program of Projects. Mr. Linc Wright, P.E. seconded the motion. Chairman Elmer, P.E. called for a vote. There were twenty-six (26) votes for approval and one (1) vote in opposition. The motion carried by majority vote.

ACCEPT BF 1960 ACCESS MANAGEMENT STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Cristin Emshoff introduced herself to the Committee as Deputy Project Manager for the BF 1960 Access Management Study and informed the Committee that the final report for the BF 1960 Access Management Study is located on the H-GAC website. Ms. Emshoff later introduced Mr. Kevin Hopper of Kimley-Horn Associates as presenter for the BF 1960 Access Management Study.

Mr. Hopper provided a brief overview of the BF 1960 Access Management Study and the final recommendations for the BF 1960 corridor. Mr. Hopper identified the project partners and informed the Committee of expressed concerns of heavy congestion beginning on FM 1960 to BF 1960. Mr. Hopper later referred to aerial snapshots and maps to further discuss crash data, specific corridor issues, solutions, and proposed short- medium-, and long-term improvements. The presentation was concluded by discussion of future corridor needs.

Chairman Elmer, P.E. entertained a motion to accept the BF 1960 Access Management Study recommendations. A motion was made by Mr. Ken Fickes and seconded by Mr. Gerald Roberts, P.E. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

SCHEDULE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 2013-2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Bill Tobin informed the Committee that the current TIP is a four (4) year financial plan for federal fiscal years 2011-2014. Mr. Tobin also informed the Committee that staff is in the first phase of initiating the TIP development process for the 2013-2016 TIP. The TIP update will fill in the years 2015-2016 for a program of projects. Mr. Tobin referred to "Attachment 7A" of the meeting packet while discussing the draft TIP update schedule. Mr. Tobin reported that the draft TIP update schedule was prepared by staff in compliance with TxDOT guidance.

Mr. Tobin added that TxDOT is requesting Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) statewide to submit their projects by the end of April 2012.

Mr. Tobin informed the Committee the TIP development process may need to begin with a reevaluation of the project selection criteria. The presentation was concluded with a request for comments or suggestions on initiating the TIP development process for the 2013-2016 TIP. Question and answer with comments later followed.

REPORT ON STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Chairman Elmer, P.E. informed the Committee that the Schedule for Update of Air Quality Conformity Finding has been removed from the agenda.

H-GAC Mr. Ashby Johnson reported that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting is scheduled to begin immediately following the TAC Meeting.

TxDOT There was no status report from TxDOT.

CITY OF GALVESTON

There was no status report from the City of Galveston.

PORT OF HOUSTON

There was no status report for the Port of Houston.

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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.

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. also announced the next Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting will be held October 28, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room A and the next TAC meeting will be held on November 9, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room A. Chairman Elmer, P.E. added that the next TIP Subcommittee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 9, 2011 prior to the TAC Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Elmer, P.E. adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 10:32 a.m.

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2011 MEETING ATTENDANCE ROSTER

10/12/11 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	X
Sarah Benavides, P.E.	City of Pasadena	(Vacant)	___
Tommy Bridwell	Chambers County	David "Bubba" Abernathy	X
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.	X
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.	A
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	X
Luis Nunez	Smaller Cities	Robert Heineman, FAIA	X
Rich Oller, P.E.	City of League City	Linc Wright, P.E.	A
Snehal Patel	Environmental/Planning	Billy Cooke, P.E.	X
Gerald Roberts, P.E.	Brazoria County	Michael Shannon	X
Paulette Shelton	Rural Transit	Vastene Olier	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	(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	X
Michael Worthy	City of Galveston	Rick Beverlin	X
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