

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Elmer, P.E. called the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:37 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. Ken Fickes made a motion for adoption of the agenda and Mr. James Jackson 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 October 12, 2011 meeting. Mr. Ken Fickes made a motion for approval of the Minutes for the October 12, 2011 meeting and Mr. Patrick Walsh, P.E. seconded the motion. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

Mr. Alan Clark addressed Chairman Elmer, P.E. in expressing comments from the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Chairman, Commissioner James Patterson regarding the efforts of the TAC. Mr. Clark informed the Committee that the TPC approved revisions to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) including the Proposition 12 funding. Mr. Clark expressed gratitude and appreciation on behalf of Chairman Patterson and the TPC for the hard work done by the TAC during the last TIP cycle.

DEVELOPMENT OF 2013 - 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Alan Clark provided a brief overview of the development of the 2013-2016 TIP process. Mr. Clark referred to the H-GAC 2013-2016 TIP Development Schedule in the meeting

packet during his discussion. Mr. Clark informed the Committee that the development process for the 2013-2016 TIP will be similar to the last TIP process. Mr. Clark added that the upcoming TIP development cycle will include a three (3) step process.

The first step will be to use the existing program of projects for fiscal years 2013 - 2014 of the draft 2013 - 2016 TIP and insert “placeholders” for fiscal years 2015 – 2016 so as to allow local project sponsors more time to develop project submittals. Mr. Clark reported that the Texas Department of Transportation has given a target deadline of April 27, 2012 for the submission of the draft 2013 - 2016 TIP.

Mr. Clark informed the Committee that the second step will include the initiation of a review and revision of the project selection process. Mr. Clark reported that staff will look to revise or develop selection criteria and funding targets. The TIP Subcommittee and other subcommittees of the TAC will be given opportunities to provide input in revising the selection criteria to better reflect projects of local and regional impact and significance. Mr. Clark proposed that those subcommittees make recommendations on the selection criteria and how it should be addressed in terms of project evaluation.

Mr. Clark informed the Committee that the third step in the development of the 2013-2016 TIP will be to program fiscal years 2015 – 2016 (replace the placeholders) and amend the 2013 – 2016 TIP in early fall 2012. Mr. Clark added that \$2.8 billion is estimated to be available over the 4-year period. Mr. Clark later discussed the proposed public comment period for the project selection criteria. The Committee followed with comments on the public involvement process for the project selection criteria.

Mr. Clark identified and discussed proposed staff recommendations regarding the 2013-2016 TIP process. The Committee discussed proposed those staff recommendations, the 2013-2016 TIP Development Schedule, and TPC guidance on refining the project selection criteria to improve projection selection for the upcoming TIP cycle. Following a detailed discussion on TPC guidance for the project selection criteria, Chairman Elmer, P.E. recommended that staff conduct further review and research on the TPC directive for present and future TIPs. The presentation was later concluded by question and answer with comments.

REPORT ON STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

H-GAC There was no status report from H-GAC.

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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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

Chairman Elmer, P.E. requested that staff research minutes of the Transportation Policy Council meetings for the discussion regarding TPC guidance on the TIP project eligibility criteria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Jeff Taebel announced that H-GAC is hosting its Fall Planning Workshop on November 10, 2011 in Conference Room A. Planning staff and municipalities are invited to attend.

Mr. Taebel also announced that the RTP Subcommittee and the Sustainability Grant Key Stakeholders will have a joint meeting on December 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Elmer, P.E. announced that the next TAC meeting will be held on December 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room A. Chairman Elmer, P.E. also announced that the November Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting was been cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Elmer, P.E. entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Linc Wright, P.E. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Marlene Gafrick seconded the motion. Chairman Elmer, P.E. adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 10:52 a.m.

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2011 MEETING ATTENDANCE ROSTER

11/09/11 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.	___
<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	___
Kelly Carpenter, AICP	City of Baytown	Jose Pastrana	___
Don Carroll	City of Texas City	(Vacant)	X
Maureen Crocker	Intermodal Interests	Carol Lewis	A
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	___
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.	___
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	A
Rich Oller, P.E.	City of League City	Linc Wright, P.E.	A
Snehal Patel	Environmental/Planning	Billy Cooke, P.E.	—
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	X
Michael Worthy	City of Galveston	Kellie Buchanan	—
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.”

35 Total Voting Membership

25 Voting Membership Present

16 Required Quorum