

H-GAC Reports on Transportation Planning Activities

2008/11 TIP Update

See Item 11 Attachment 1. For tables visit: <http://www.h-gac.com/taq/committees/TPC/2009/09-sep/default.aspx>

State Implementation Plan Update

See Item 11 Attachment 2.

Grand Parkway

S.B. 792, passed by the 80th State Legislature, granted county tollway authorities the first option in building projects within their jurisdictions and provided these authorities with the powers to cost-effectively construct and complete these projects. That provision applied to SH 99, the Grand Parkway, a proposed 180 mile tollway that would encircle Houston and traverse through seven counties.

The Grand Parkway was subject to several other provisions in the bill, including local agreement on Terms and Conditions for developing and operating the facility. Last year, the seven counties involved in the development of the Grand Parkway, agreed upon Terms and Conditions and opted to waive a Market Valuation process. Per the provisions in the bill, local entities had six months from the date that the market valuation was waived to decide whether or not to exercise local primacy for the development of the Grand Parkway. That date is September 25, 2009.

The table below shows the dates for each of the impacted counties to decide the local primacy issue.

County Consideration of Grand Parkway Development

- Fort Bend County - Passed Order on September 8
- Montgomery County - Passed Order on September 14
- Harris County - Passed Order on September 15
- Galveston County Passed Order - September 16
- Brazoria County - Will consider order on September 22
- Liberty County - Will consider order on September 22
- Chambers County – Will consider order on September 22

H-GAC Board Actions for September

- a. Authorized staff to enter into inter-agency agreement with METRO to receive \$200,000 for the Regional Advance Practice Model Development.
- b. Authorized an agreement with Brazoria County for the acquisition of cleaner vehicles and retrofits; amount not to exceed \$135,000.
- c. Authorized an agreement with the US EPA to implement a drayage truck revolving loan program to service ports in the H-GAC region; amount not to exceed \$9,050,000.
- d. Request authorization to amend the current contract with Rice University, and TxDOT, to add \$100,000 (\$200,000 total) to expand the FAST system to the two locations described. (Staff Contact: Alan Clark)

Upcoming Public Meetings

H-GAC is conducting the East Port Subregional Planning Initiative to better coordinate our regional plans with local community plans in the area. The workshops will take place on Monday, September 28, 2009 at the Webster Civic Center from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., and September 29, 2009, at the Pasadena Convention Center from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. For more information please contact Meredith Dang at 713-993-2443 or meredith.dang@h-gac.com.

There will be a public meeting regarding the H-GAC's Access Management Study for SH 6 and FM 529. The purpose of this meeting is to offer communities opportunities to learn about and provide input to the study. The meeting will be held on October 15, 2009 at the Copperfield Church, 8350 Highway 6 North, Houston, TX 77095 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. For more information contact Noel Bowman at 713-993-2489 or noel.bowman@h-gac.com.

The TCEQ Public Hearing on Proposed Rules and SIP Revision for Clean Air Interstate Rules and Clean Air Mercury Rules will take place on October 22, 2009. This Public Hearing will be held at H-GAC offices, 3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor Conference Room A from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. For more information contact Graciela Lubertino at 713-993-4582 or graciela.lubertino@h-gac.com.

By Laws Committee Update

Mr. Steve Howard, Chairman of the TPC By Laws Committee, will make a report.