

Report on Transportation Planning Activities

H-GAC Board Actions Items for August 17, 2010

Clean Cities/Clean Vehicles Program Agreements

Staff request authorization to enter into agreements with recommended entities for acquisition of cleaner vehicles and retrofits; amount not to exceed \$1,731,430.

Drayage Truck Emissions and Activity Collection Research Projects

Staff request authorization to amend contract with US EPA for Cooperative Research and Development Agreement Drayage Truck Emissions and Activity Collection Research projects to reflect (1) increased contract amount not to exceed \$75,000 for a new total amount of \$517,000 and (2) authorize extension of existing contract through July 2011.

Designation of Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Nonattainment Region

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has requested comments by September 3, 2010 on potential considerations for recommending nonattainment boundaries for the 2010 revisions to the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone. The H-GAC Board has taken the position that the “Houston-Galveston-Brazoria nonattainment area remain eight counties under the new EPA standards” based on the fact the suggested additional counties (Austin, Matagorda, San Jacinto and Walker) are not projected to have significant population growth over the next 10 years. However, there is concern regarding the permitting of major new point or stationary sources located adjacent to the nonattainment area and the impact these new sources will have on overall air quality region wide, especially as the range of the proposed new ozone standard approaches background levels. See attached letter.

I 69 Conceptual Alignment - See Attachment

Status of ARRA Stimulus Project Implementation – See link

<http://www.h-gac.com/taq/stimulus/projects.aspx>

Status Update on Legislative Activities - Update will be provided at the meeting.

Air Quality Update

2010 Clean Air Action Leadership Awards Luncheon

Last week at the 10th annual Clean Air Action Leadership awards luncheon, nearly 200 attendees including transportation stakeholders and elected officials paid tribute to employers and local governments leading the way in offering commuter benefits to their employees and for adopting clean fleet policies that mitigate congestion and improve air quality in our region. The awards luncheon spotlighted employers like Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. and local governments such as the Cities of Baytown, Pasadena and Port Freeport. This year the Best all Around Clean Air Leadership Award went to the Port of

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Houston and the Air Quality Leadership Awards went to Damon and Spring ISD. The keynote address was delivered by Congressman Gene Green TX-29.

Letter to Environmental Protection Agency – Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR 2009-01-298