

PEDESTRIAN–BICYCLIST SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL
3555 TIMMONS LANE, 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM B
THURSDAY, October 17, 9:30AM

1. Introductions
2. Public Comments

ACTION

3. Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2019 Meeting
4. Approval of Minutes for July 18, 2019 Meeting
5. Approval of Minutes for September 5, 2019 Meeting

DISCUSSION

6. Sidewalk and Bikeway Attributes – **20 minutes**
H-GAC staff will present the ideal attribute tables for our sidewalk and bikeway layers for discussion. This agenda item will also include an update to the ongoing H-GAC efforts to build an intersection layer.
7. Regional Safety Campaign – **15 minutes**
H-GAC staff will present the content of the Regional Safety Campaign.
8. TxDOT Investment in Active Transportation Safety – **20 minutes**
TxDOT staff will present an overview of the State's recent announcement to end roadway fatalities and the resulting investments in pedestrian and bicycle safety.
9. Implementation Experience – Energy Corridor – **15 minutes**
Clark Martinson, BikeHouston, will present on the experience of implementing an intersection project in the Energy Corridor District.

INFORMATION

10. Report on Status of Pedestrian-Bicyclist Activities from Members – **2 minutes each**
Subcommittee members may briefly discuss current and future active transportation efforts.
11. Upcoming Meeting Dates:
 - January 16, 2020 – 9:30-11 AM
12. Adjourn

PEDESTRIAN-BICYCLIST SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

May 8, 2019 – 1:30pm

Houston-Galveston Area Council

3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77027 (Agency Conference Room 2B)

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Primary Member Present</u>	<u>Alternate Member Present</u>
Citizen Advocacy	Clark Martinson (Bike Houston)	Kathryn Nowlin (Citizen advocate)
City of Angleton	Megan Mainer	
City of Fulshear	Zach Goodlander - Phone	
City of Houston	Megan Campbell	Melissa Beeler
City of Houston PW	Maria Town	
City of Missouri City		Kevin Cummings-Phone
City of Pearland		
City of Sugar Land	Monique Johnson	
Management Districts	Jorge Bustamante (Greater Northside Management District)	Natali Hurtado (International District)
Harris County		
Harris County		Tanya Makana-Rivera
H-GAC		Anita Hollman
Citizen Advocacy	Jonathan Brooks (LINK Houston)	Jessica Sarpu (Looscan Elementary School, HISD)
METRO	Yuhayna Mahmud	Megan Kennison (Phone)
Management Districts	Eileen Egan (Near Northwest Management District)	
The Woodlands Township	John McGowan (Phone)	
TxDOT	Ana Ramirez-Huerta	

<u>Other Interested Parties Present</u>	<u>H-GAC Transportation Staff Present</u>
Robert Benz, TTI Oni Blair, LINK Houston - Phone Henry Morris, Houston Bicycle- Phone Rick Houdek – Bike Shop- Phone Louis Jullien, Westchase District Dustin Schubert, City of League City-Phone Lauren Arnold, City of Conroe-Phone	Clint McManus, H-GAC Lucinda Martinez, H-GAC Allie Isbell, H-GAC Pramod Sambidi, H-GAC Chuck Wemple, H-GAC

1. Call to Order/Certify Quorum and Introductions

Mr. Clint McManus, H-GAC, briefed the subcommittee on voting procedures by Primary and Alternate members on action items that require approval by the subcommittee.

Chair Louis Jullien called the meeting to order and confirmed quorum was met. The 2019 members of the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee introduced themselves for the record.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were presented.

3. Approval of Minutes for January 24, 2019 (Chair Louis Jullien)

Chair Jullien made a motion for the approval of the minutes of the January 24, 2019 Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee. A motion was made and seconded. Minutes were approved as presented by the subcommittee.

4. Election of Officers (Chair and Vice Chair)

Chair Jullien requested nominations for the position of Chair of the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee. Yuhayna Mahmud, METRO was nominated as Chair. A motion was made and seconded. Yuhayna Mahmud was approved as Chair by the subcommittee.

Chair Jullien requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee. Monique Johnson, City of Sugar Land was nominated as Vice-Chair. A motion was made and seconded. Monique Johnson was approved as Vice-Chair by the subcommittee.

Chair Jullien vacated his position as Chair of the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee and Clint McManus, H-GAC, acknowledged his service and thanked him. Mr. Jullien was applauded by the subcommittee.

Yuhayna Mahmud, METRO, assumed the position as Chair of the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee.

5. Approval of the 2045 Active Transportation Plan

Mr. Clint McManus, H-GAC, presented the draft of the 2045 Active Transportation plan to the subcommittee for approval by the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee. Upon approval, the 2045 Active Transportation Plan will be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee for approval.

Mr. McManus proceeded to give an overview of the plan contents and let the committee know that the 2045 Active Transportation Plan was included in the Regional Transportation Plan Public Comment period which ends in two days. As of the date of this meeting, the Active Transportation Plan had not received any comments that would require any major edits of the 2045 Active Transportation Plan and if comments were received within the next two days, comments would be documented, and the subcommittee would be notified. Mr. McManus explained to the subcommittee how the data in the plan was collected. He continued to describe the Existing conditions portion of the plan and briefed the subcommittee by defining the Pedestrian and Bicycle Focus areas and the 2045 Vision Plan. He concluded his presentation with the 2045 Active Transportation Plan recommendations.

A lengthy discussion period, comments, questions and some revisions were suggested by subcommittee members during and after the presentation. Mr. McManus agreed to incorporate those revisions.

A motion was made and seconded. The 2045 Active Transportation Plan was approved by the subcommittee. Chair Mahmud acknowledged Mr. McManus as well as past and present subcommittees on their work in completing the 2045 Active Transportation Plan.

DISCUSSION

6. Overview of Current H-GAC Transportation Initiatives and Timeline (Mr. Clint McManus, H-GAC.)

Item was deferred to the next meeting due to meeting going over scheduled time

7. Sidewalk Layer Update (Kat Vo, H-GAC)

Item was deferred to the next meeting due to meeting going over scheduled time

8. Counter Program Update (Clint McManus, H-GAC)

Item was deferred to the next meeting due to meeting going over scheduled time

9. 2019 Subcommittee Agenda Roundtable

Members discussed and offered priorities for the subcommittee for the duration of its term. Specific priorities mentioned included (1) providing formal feedback on the 2018 TIP Call for Projects process, (2) reviewing, refining, and offering formal recommendations on the use of Pedestrian and Bicycle Focus areas *before* they are considered as a tool for funding, and (3) providing formal recommendations on the next TIP Call for Projects to address issues identified by the subcommittee. In all cases, subcommittee members recommended including input from the region's rural counties, particularly those not represented on the subcommittee itself. H-GAC staff agreed to hold a special meeting of the subcommittee to create a plan of action for the priorities mentioned.

INFORMATION

10. Report on Status of Pedestrian-Bicyclist Activities from Members (Chair Yuhayna Mahmud)

Item was deferred to the next meeting due to meeting going over scheduled time

11. Upcoming Meeting Dates

July 18, 2019 – 9:30am – Room B

October 17, 2019 – 9:30am – Room B

12. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

Next meeting of Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee is July 18, 2019 at 9:30am

PEDESTRIAN-BICYCLIST SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

July 18, 2019 – 9:30am

Houston-Galveston Area Council

3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77027 (Agency Conference Room 2B)

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Primary Member Present</u>	<u>Alternate Member Present</u>
Citizen Advocacy		Kathryn Nowlin (Citizen advocate)
City of Angleton		
City of Fulshear		
City of Houston	Megan Campbell	Melissa Beeler
City of Houston PW		
City of Missouri City		
City of Pearland		
City of Sugar Land	Monique Johnson	
Management Districts		
Harris County Public Health	Aimee Schultze	
Harris County		
H-GAC		Anita Hollman
Citizen Advocacy		Jessica Sarpu (Looscan Elementary School, HISD)
METRO	Yuhayna Mahmud	Megan Kennison
Management Districts	Eileen Egan (Near Northwest Management District)	
The Woodlands Township		

<u>Other Interested Parties Present</u>	<u>H-GAC Transportation</u>
Robert Benz, TTI	Clint McManus,
Beth Martin– Bike Share	Lucinda Martinez
Steve Ashy-Super Neighborhood	Kat Vo
Chelsea Young-Traffic Engineers	Thomas Gray
Jessica Wiggins – Bike Houston	Adam Beckom
Oni Blair – LINK Houston	Stephen Gage
Laura Higgins – TTI	
Janis Scott – LINK Houston	
Steve Ratke- FHWA	

1. Call to Order/Certify Quorum and Introductions

Chair Yuhayna Mahmud called the meeting of the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee to order and the members of the subcommittee introduced themselves for the record. Quorum was not met.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were presented.

3. Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2019 (Chair Yuhayna Mahmud)

Chair Mahmud made a motion for the approval of the minutes of the May 8, 2019 Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee. There was not a quorum present. Approval was deferred to the next meeting.

DISCUSSION

4. Subcommittee Workgroup Creation (Clint McManus, H-GAC)

Chair Mahmud mentioned that a Policy Workgroup was created and will be informing the TIP process and Transportation Policy Council's (TPC) Project Development and Prioritization Workgroup on Bicycle-Pedestrian projects. This group met on July 16th. Chair Mahmud asked that Clint McManus give the subcommittee an update on the group.

Mr. McManus told the subcommittee there were four questions that the workgroup discussed included the following:

- a. Does the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) reflect the priorities established in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Active Transportation Plan?
- b. Do the existing criteria distribute funds fairly across urban, suburban and rural parts of region, as well as, environmental justice areas?
- c. Do the existing TIP criteria distribute funds appropriately to different project types?
- d. What policy recommendations can we make to improve the project pipeline?

Mr. McManus informed the subcommittee that meeting notes would go out to members when complete.

5. Overview of Current H-GAC Active Transportation Initiatives and Timeline

Mr. Clint McManus gave an update on Active Transportation initiatives and timeline. At the last meeting in May, the Active Transportation Plan was approved. The plan establishes the existing conditions of our walkways and bikeways in the region. It also analyzes the need for community and establishes a vision for what our community can look like in 2045 and also what investments will be needed in the future. To view the [Active Transportation Plan](#) Mr. McManus continued with an overview of special districts studies and how they are incorporated into the Active Transportation Plan. There are several studies beginning soon. Special District studies will be renamed Active Transportation studies. Mr. McManus also gave a recap on Livable Centers and Sidewalk Layer update. Mr. McManus informed the subcommittee about the Bicycle Safety Training that will happen in near future. Mr. McManus answered questions from the subcommittee throughout the presentation.

6. Sidewalk Layer Update (Kat Vo, H-GAC)

Ms. Kat Vo provided an update on the Sidewalk Layer. It identifies major intersections in

need of pedestrian infrastructure improvements in the 8-county transportation management area. Ms. Vo provided a description on what data the project will gather to identify specific needs to understand pedestrian connectivity gaps and existing infrastructure. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

7. Pedestrian Bicycle Safety Implementation Plan (Stephen Gage, H-GAC)

Ms. Stephen Gage, H-GAC, gave the subcommittee an overview on the Transportation Safety Committee and the Regional Safety Plan. This committee has identified five areas of concern; Bike-Ped safety, distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding and intersections. The goal of the Transportation Safety Committee is to collaborate with the Pedestrian-Bicycle subcommittee and discuss opportunities. A joint meeting of these two committees is also a possibility in the future. Mr. Gage continued with an update of the Regional Safety Plan and described its goals and focus areas. Mr. Gage presented a resolution on the collaboration of the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee and the Transportation Safety Committee. There was no quorum present. Item deferred.

8. Counter Program Update (Clint McManus, H-GAC)

Item deferred until next meeting.

INFORMATION

9. Report on Status of Pedestrian-Bicyclist Activities from Members (Chair Yuhayna Mahmud)

Item deferred until next meeting

10. Upcoming Meeting Dates

October 17, 2019 – 9:30am – Room B

January 16, 2020 – 9:30am – Room B

11. Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

Next meeting of Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee is October 17, 2019

PEDESTRIAN-BICYCLIST SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

September 5, 2019 – 9:30am

Houston-Galveston Area Council

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<u>Organization</u>	<u>Primary Member Present</u>	<u>Alternate Member Present</u>
Citizen Advocacy	Clark Martinson (Bike Houston)	
City of Sugar Land	Monique Johnson	
Management Districts	Jorge Bustamante (Greater Northside Management District) (Phone)	
HCPH	Aimee Schultze	
Citizen Advocacy		Jessica Sarpu (Looscan Elementary School, HISD)
METRO	Yuhayna Mahmud	Megan Kennison (Phone)
Management Districts	Eileen Egan (Near Northwest Management District)	
The Woodlands Township	John McGowan	
TxDOT	Ana Ramirez-Huerta	

<u>Other Interested Parties Present</u>	<u>H-GAC Transportation Staff Present</u>
Robert Benz, TTI Genevieve Genest-Cycle Clear Lake Donte Green Futi Kollergis Shelly Lieder-Etched Communications Beth Martin-Houston Bike Share	Stephen Gage-HGAC Patrick Mandapaka-HGAC Cassandra Marshall-H-GAC Clint McManus, H-GAC Kathryn Vo-HGAC Jeff Taebel-HGAC

1. Call to Order/Certify Quorum and Introductions

Chair, Yuhayna Mahmud, called the meeting to order. The 2019 members of the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee introduced themselves for the record.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were presented.

ACTIONS

3. Approval of Minutes for May 08, 2019 (Yuhayna Mahmud, Chair)

Chair, Yuhayna Mahmud, made a motion for the approval of the minutes for the May 08, 2019 Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee. At the time, we had not met quorum and the minutes were not approved.

After quorum was met, Mr. Clint McManus, noted the joint committee resolution name had been corrected to “Pedestrian Bicyclist” to meet the Subcommittee approval. The motion was passed, and the resolution was approved.

4. Safety Implementation Plan Collaboration with Transportation Safety Committee (Clint McManus, H-GAC)

Mr. McManus proceeded to give an overview to the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee of the plans that the Transportation Safety Committee, which is the Subcommittee of the TPC, they have made it a priority to conduct safety implementation plans for the focus areas, one of them being bicycle pedestrian. They have asked to establish a formal collaboration, so we can work together.

Mr. McManus announced that Stepan Gage will give more details of the implementation plans. Stephan Gage, H-GAC, gave an update on the Safety Implementation plans collaboration with the Bicyclist Pedestrian Subcommittee. He noted, last year, TPC adopted the Regional Safety Plan, which includes Bike Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety. This opportunity will allow both committees to develop solutions, consensus of what the needs are, and strategies to determine what we want to implement as a region to address Bike Ped Safety issues. They would like to acknowledge the idea with a formal resolution that our two committees will formally collaborate in this project. Basically, to present results to TAC and TPC.

DISCUSSION

5. Pedestrian Bicycle Policy Workgroup Recommendations (Clint McManus, H-GAC)

Mr. McManus presented the draft recommendations for the Transportation Improvement Program developed for the Project Prioritization and Development workgroup.

A lengthy discussion period, comments, questions and some revisions were suggested by subcommittee members. A recommendation was made that the language be made stronger. In addition, make language clearer in the justification section and remove the words set/aside and replace it with just “and”. The Subcommittee members would like to see more emphasis on safety. Mr. McManus made note of the recommendations from the Subcommittee members.

6. Request for Member to Report on Implementation Experience (Clint McManus, H-GAC)

Chair, Yahayna Mahmud, requested for members to volunteer to give a presentation for the next upcoming meeting. The following subcommittee members will present at the next upcoming Pedestrian Bicyclist Subcommittee meeting scheduled.

- Clark Martinson-Texas Intersection Project
- Monique Johnson-First Colony Trail

INFORMATION

7. Report on Status of Pedestrian-Bicyclist Activities from Members (Yuhayna Mahmud, Chair)

- Movie Night at Saint Arnold- “Space Balls”-Monday, September 16, 2019
- Moonlight Ramble-Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 9:00PM

For more information go to <https://bikehouston.org>

8. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Clint McManus announced upcoming meeting dates:

- Project Development Workshop-October 1, 2019-1:30-4:30pm
- January 16, 2020-9:30-11:00am

Next meeting of Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee is October 17, 2019 at 9:30am

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30am