

MEETING OF THE RTP SUBCOMMITTEE
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL
TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
March 8, 2023
1:30PM
Minutes

Member Attendance:

Primary-Name	Present	Alternate-Name	Present
Morad Kabiri	YES	Jildardo Arias	
Perri D'Armond	YES	Stacy Slawinski	
Joe Cutrufo	NO	Nikki Knight	NO
Bill Zrioka	YES	Marcel Allen	
Elizabeth Whitton	NO	Elijah Williams	NO
Andrea French	NO	Jonathan Brooks	NO
Harrison Humphreys	YES	VACANT	
Todd Stephens	YES	Ruthanne Haut	
Karen McKinnon	NO	Matt Hanks	NO
Hon. John Bowen	NO	Christopher Sims	NO
Robert Upton, P.E.	NO	Rajendra Shrestha	NO
David Fields	YES	Peter Eccles	
Loyd Smith, P.E.	NO	Brannan Hicks	NO
Monique Johnson	YES	Rick Ramirez	
Yancy Scott	YES	Hon. Jay Knight	
Katherine Parker	YES	Carol Lewis, PhD	YES
Bruce Mann	YES	Rohit Saxena	
Mike Wilson	NO	Rodger Rees	NO
Charles Airiohuodion	YES	Jeffrey English	YES
Lisa Collins	YES	Scott Ayres	YES
VACANT		VACANT	
Ken Fickes	YES	Vernon Chambers	YES
Taylor Marcantel	YES	Jose Pulido	YES

Others Present: Lucinda Martinez, Lyne Alberto, Veronica Waller, Chrisotpher Whaley, Laurie Chandler, Bryan Carroll, Edgar Hernandez, Jacqueline Munoz, Caroline Bailey, Megan Kennison, Sanford Klanfer, Vishu Lingala, Wael Tabara, Carrie Evans, Daniel Brassil, David Fink, Huong Cao, Craig Raborn, Thomas Gray, Amy Skicki, Carlene Mullins, Heng Wang, Allie Isbell, Fabio Capillo, Emanuel Andrews, David Wurdlow, Alan Rodenstein, Adam Beckom, Karen Owen, Ayo Jibowu, Diane Domagas

Staff Participating: Anita Hollmann, Graciela Lubertino, Robyn Balaban

1. Call to Order
 - a. Chairman Morad Kabiri conducts roll call to ensure a quorum.
 - b. Chairman Morad Kabiri confirms there is a quorum.

2. Acceptance of Minutes from February 8, 2023, Meeting
 - a. Chairman Morad Kabiri asks for motion to approve.
 - b. Ken Fickes motions to approve, Perri D'Armond seconds.
 - c. Motion unanimously approves

3. 2045 RTP Update – Air Quality Conformity (Graciela Lubertino)
 - a. Graciela Lubertino presents on the air quality conformity determination and how it relates to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP):
 1. The region is in nonattainment for the 8-hr Ozone Standard.
 2. Graphs convey Ozone standard fluctuations in the region.
 3. Conformity links to the air quality State Implementation Plan (SIP).
 4. The SIP gives emission budgets for regions to conform to.
 5. Conformity needs to be updated in conjunction with RTP updates.
 6. The latest available data include compliance factors, adjustments factors, and fuel data, as well as a new air quality model.
 7. The draft air quality conformity results show emissions that fit under the emission budgets.
 - b. Questions and Comments
 1. Harrison Humphreys asks why we rely on the emissions budget system to reach attainment if it has never worked? Do they reflect reality?
 - Graciela says this question is for the federal government. Also, conformity does not equal attainment.
 2. David Fields asks if air quality conformity determination will occur when the RTP list is next updated.
 - Graciela states that new RTP project lists need conformity determination, as well as RTP Updates.
 3. Charles Airiohuodion asks if PM 2.5 is designated, how would it be affected?
 - Graciela says conformity will need to be made in PM 2.5. There will need to be a before and after analysis.
4. 2045 RTP Update – Public Outreach (Robyn Balaban)
 - a. Robyn Balaban presents on the public outreach for the 2045 RTP Update
 1. Public outreach has three phases.
 - Public commenting period from March 15 to April 17, 2023
 2. Conducted both in-person and virtual meetings and engagements.
 3. For the third phase, staff wanted to address populations and demographic categories that were lacking in the first two phases.
 4. Staff will attend events of regional importance in every county.
 5. Presents intake of public comments tools
 - b. Questions and Comments
 1. No questions or comments for this agenda item.
5. 2045 RTP Update – Virtual Meeting Preview (Anita Hollmann)
 - a. Anita Hollmann presents on the 2045 RTP Update:
 1. This presentation is in anticipation of the March 21st virtual meeting
 - The vision statement should inform the goals and desired outcomes.
 - The “peacock graphic” conveys the vision of the region.
 - The Transportation System, Challenges, and Opportunities
 - a. Household population and jobs have grown substantially
 - b. 20% of jobs are inside the 610 loop (2020)
 - Roadways, Public Transportation, Active Transportation, Freight, Aviation, Ferry Operations, and Parking are all major components of the transportation network and are addressed thoroughly in the 2045 RTP Update.
 - Corridor and Subregional Investments
 - a. Summary sheets that include projects in particular corridors
 - Planning Strategies

- a. Safety
 - i. Update the Regional Safety Action Plan, utilize a safe system approach, and coordinate with region's public safety officials
 - b. Congestion
 - i. Develop a Congestion Management Plan, Regional Resiliency Improvement Plan, and form a transportation resiliency working group.
 - c. Equity
 - i. Develop a Regional Equity Policy, ensure regional investments align with identified needs in communities, and evaluate alternative investment scenarios as part of the planning process.
 - d. Livability
 - i. Develop a Regional Complete Streets Prioritization Plan, Identify transit centers and park and ride locations for Transit-Oriented Development, and investment in the high-growth areas of the region.
 - e. Analytics
 - i. Utilize a performance-based and data-informed approach and best practices in scenario planning.
 - f. Public Outreach
 - i. Identify best practices for both virtual and in-person public participation.
 - g. Emerging Technologies
 - i. Install fast charge station for electric vehicles and develop and promote a strategic plan in autonomous and connected vehicles.
- Anticipated funding sources
 - a. Revenue will be \$141 billion, with expenditures at \$109 billion.
- b. Questions and Comments
 - 1. Bruce Mann clarifies that the expenditures do not consider projects not yet identified and its corresponding cost. Many unidentified projects that need to be considered. There's not enough funding for every improvement on the transportation network.
6. Announcements
- a. Morad Kabiri mentions that there is a TAC meeting March 15 at 9:30, a TPC meeting March 24 at 9:30, and the next RTP meeting will be April 12 at 1:30.
7. Adjourn
- a. Bruce Mann calls for adjournment, Morad Kabiri confirms adjournment.
 - b. Minutes submitted by: Stephen Keen