Southeast Harris County Subregional Study Steering Committee – Meeting 6 April 28, 2022 10:00AM Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Primary Member	Present	Alternate Member	Present
Adam Ballesteros		Bill Pedersen	
Sarah Benavides	Yes		
Bennie Boles	Yes		
Bryan Brown		Loyd Smith	
Donald Buaku		Sharon Moses-Burnside	Yes
Chad Burke			
Teresa Evans	Yes		
Ken Fickes	Yes		
Jeffrey English	Yes	Qing Li	
Bruce Mann	Yes		
Arthur Olivera			
Katherine Parker	Yes		
Milton Rahman		Jorge Bustamante	Yes

Others present:

Mike Burns, Michael Feeney, Andi Vickers, Josie Ortiz, Megan Kennison, Justin Kuzila, Craig Raborn, Shixin Gao, Carlene Mullins, Patrick Mandapaka

1. Introduction

The meeting began at 10:00AM.

Michael F started the meeting by reviewing the agenda items.

2. Schedule

Michael F summarized the project schedule noting that the study should be finalized by the end of May 2022.

3. Review Goals and Metrics

Michael F briefly reviewed the vision, goals, and existing safety and congestion conditions from phase 1 of the study.

Bruce M noted that the port volume of containers has increased 20% this year over last year. Michael F responded with an explanation of the rates used to estimate growth over the next 25 years used for the study area.

4. Outreach Review

Michael F noted the public outreach events and summarized the public comments received using the online commenting tools and interactive maps.

5. Draft Recommendations

Michael F used a PDF of the draft report to demonstrate the format and contents of the report. This included summarizing the public outreach during both phases, briefly reviewing the existing condition of facilities including congestion and delay conditions, describing the area-wide recommendation, and then an overview of the intersection and corridor recommendations. The final portion of the demonstration included a review of the implementation matrix using an Excel spreadsheet with the costs associated with construction, added cost of delay, and added cost of emissions, and the benefits associated with reduced delay, improved air quality, and improved safety. The benefits of the recommendations were demonstrated to far exceed the costs of improvements.

Sharon M-B asked about the cost estimates used for the recommended improvements. Michael F responded that he would verify any data available on increased cost of materials and that the estimates did not include a contingency factor.

Jorge B asked that the intersection and corridor identification numbers be added to the spreadsheet to assist with review.

6. Next Steps

Michael F concluded the meeting by noting that additional comments are requested by Friday May 6th.

The meeting ended at 10:36AM