

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 – 1:30 P.M
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027
Virtual WebEx Teleconference Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Zuber – AAA-Texas
Lisa Minajares Kyles – Texas A & M Transportation Institute.
Robert Benz, P.E. – Texas A&M Trans. Institute
James Keener – TXDOT Houston District.
Brannan Hicks – Harris County Transportation & Planning
Jeff McKinney – Jetco Delivery
Buck Russell – Union Pacific
Ken Fickes – Harris County Transit
Sharon Moses-Burnside – City of Houston Planning and Development
Bruce Mann – Port Houston
Anita Hollman – H-GAC
Chief Deputy John Hermann – Fort Bend County Constable

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Vernon Chambers – Harris County Transit

STAFF PRESENT

Stephan Gage – H-GAC
Alan Rodenstein – H-GAC
Cassandra Marshall – H-GAC

ITEM 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m.

ITEM 2. Introductions /Roll Call

Members and H-GAC staff introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3. Public Comments

No public comments.

ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes for September 08, 2020

Meeting minutes were approved.

ITEM 5. Issue Updates (Stephan Gage)

H-GAC Staff updated members on the following items from the previous meeting:

1. *Vision Zero Policy Resolution*-The committee was informed TPC did adopt Vision Zero Policy Resolution.
2. *Regional Safety Campaign*- The consultants have completed their work. H-GAC communication department is working to further develop the safety campaign materials. The campaign will launch in the Spring 2021.
3. *Intersection Safety Audits*-Staff informed the committee that a request for qualifications has been solicited. Staff hopes to have a consultant under contract by March or April 2021.

ITEM 6. Subcommittee Reports

1. *Policy and Regulation Subcommittee*-The committee discussed the development of the secondary safety performance measures benchmarks.
2. *Impaired Action Plan Subcommittee*-The committee is still formulating ideas for the implementation plan. Discussion continued regarding ways to report additional data sets such as arrests and convictions to see how they compare.

Action Items

ITEM 7. Regional Safety Performance Measures (Stephan Gage)

The committee was briefed on the proposed benchmarks for the secondary safety performance measures. Discussion ensued regarding how the benchmarks were developed and how they should be utilized. A motion was made and approved to adopt benchmarks and the methodology for calculating the benchmarks.

ITEM 8. Congestion Management Process Update (Stephan Gage)

Staff informed the committee that the regional congestion management process was being reviewed and updated. Staff further informed the committee that the previous adopted definitions for “Safety Issue” and “Bottleneck” would need to be revised. A motion was made and approved to endorse the update of the congestion management process.

ITEM 9. Federal Safety Performance Measures Methodology & Targets

Staff informed the committee this year the state changed their methodology for setting their safety performance measure targets. Staff reminded the committee that safety performance measure targets must be submitted annually, and that TPC agreed by resolution to support the state’s efforts to achieve its targets. Because of this, regional targets have been set based on 5-year rolling averages to be aligned with the state. A motion was made and approved to adopt the new methodology for calculating safety performance measure targets.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM 10. Other Matters/ Member Updates (Stephan Gage)

- TxDOT informed the committee that it will continue and expand its agreement with Lyft to provide ride vouchers during the holidays. Additional information is posted on the Lyft website.
- Staff notified members that committee membership renewal was taking place. Nomination forms need to be submitted as soon as possible. If you need someone to nominate you, please communicate Stephan Gage.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2021

Meeting Adjourned at 2:50 p.m.