

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

April 28, 2026– 1:30 P.M.

Houston-Galveston Area Council

3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027

Virtual

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Benz, P.E.– Texas A&M Trans. Institute
Jamie Woodall–Executive Dir. of School Safety
Thomas Kuczynski– Fort Bend County Public Transp.
Sgt. Saul Luera– City of Missouri City
Bruce Mann– Port Houston
Brian Mansfield– City of Friendswood
Jack Hanagriff– East End District
Ranee Shields– TXDOT

STAFF PRESENT

Cassandra Marshall – H-GAC
Alan Rodenstein– H-GAC
Keehren Baah– H-GAC
Susan Jaworski– H-GAC
Jackie Pittman– H-GAC
Rosa Steptoe– H-GAC
Celeria Washington – H-GAC
Rania Mohamed– H-GAC
Jamila Owens– H-GAC
Marcus Tucker– H-GAC
Fan Yang– H-GAC
Florence Buaku– H-GAC
Eric Pacheco– H-GAC
Ron Papsdorf– H-GAC
Madeline Statkewicz– H-GAC
Catherine Gray– H-GAC
Sara Delroshan– H-GAC
Joshua Phillips– H-GAC

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Meer Jumani– Harris County
Darrell Borchardt– TTI

OTHERS PRESENT

Payton Arens
Kendall Nunez
Lindsay Williams

ITEM 1. Introduction and Certification of Quorum

The meeting was called to order. Susan Jaworski initiated the roll call and determined that only nine members were present, which did not meet the required quorum of twelve.

ITEM 2. Public Comments

- None

ITEM 3. Acceptance of Minutes: January 27, 2026, and February 24, 2026

- Meeting Minutes held for quorum.

Information

ITEM 4. Local Road Safety Plans (Fan Yang)

Fan Yang introduced the Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) initiative as a collaborative framework to help local jurisdictions identify, analyze, and prioritize roadway safety improvements. It was further discussed that local roads defined by either functional classification or by ownership under the Federal Highway Administration are locally maintained and span both urban and rural areas; the LRSP process involves stakeholder coordination, data -driven crash analysis, and implementation of proven countermeasures with clear goals and timelines, while current efforts focus on analyzing crash data (showing about 800,000 crashes in five years, with a majority occurring on local roads), developing selection criteria based on planning history, crash severity, corridor importance, and vulnerability, and preparing for a project call in June-August, evaluations in the fall, and consultant procurement by April 2027.

ITEM 5. Safety Workshop Planning (Fan Yang)

Fan Yang reported that outreach for TPC safety workshop is underway, with a questionnaire already distributed and three responses received so far, and noted that a QR code and chat link will be shared to increase participation and recruit volunteer presenters; the survey includes seven questions on logistics, availability, topic priorities, and interest in presenting, and is designed to take about five to eight minutes to complete.

ITEM 6. Members Roundtable: Planned Safety Activities and updates in the Region (Robert Benz)

Meer Jumani introduced himself as a policy advisor offering public health input and coordination with Harris County Public Health, and in response to a question from Susan about the relationship between public health and crash outcomes, he noted that while direct studies are limited, factors such as social determinants of health and vehicle maintenance may provide indirect links between public health conditions and crash risks.

Announcements

1. Transportation Policy Council (TPC)- May 27, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. (In- person)
2. Transportation Advisory Council (TAC)- May 11, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. (In-person)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Meeting Adjourned at 2:13 p.m.