

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

June 23, 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
Ken Fickes–Harris County Transit
Thomas Kuczynski– Fort Bend County Public Transp.
Dominic Mazoch– Private Citizen
Jack Hanagriff– East End District
Randee Shields– TXDOT
Meer Jumaní– Harris County Commissioner

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Perri D’Armond– Fort Bend County Public Trans.
Vernon Chambers– Harris County Transit

STAFF PRESENT

Cassandra Marshall – H-GAC
Alan Rodenstein– H-GAC
Keehren Baah– H-GAC
Ayo Jibowu– H-GAC
Caroline Bailey– H-GAC
Celeria Washington – H-GAC
Allie Isbell– H-GAC
Jamila Owens– H-GAC
Marcus Tucker– H-GAC
Fan Yang– H-GAC
Eric Pacheco– H-GAC
Ebrahim Eslami– H-GAC
Jamik Alexander– H-GAC
Sara Delroshan– H-GAC
Kareem Heshmat– H-GAC
Emily Barker– H-GAC
Sydni Ligons– H-GAC
Rodney Siqua– H-GAC
Qun Zhao– H-GAC
Heather Meyers– H-GAC
Joshua Phillips– H-GAC
Jaqkolbi Wesley– H-GAC

OTHERS PRESENT

Payton Arens
Tariq Shihadah
Lucas Yu
Kendall Yunez

ITEM 1. Introduction and Certification of Quorum

- The meeting was called to order. Keehren Baah initiated the roll call and determined that we did not meet the required quorum of twelve.

ITEM 2. Public Comments

- None

ITEM 3. Acceptance of Minutes: January 27, 2026, February 24, 2026, and April 28, 2026

- Meeting Minutes held for quorum.

Information

ITEM 4. Congestion Management Plan (Alan Rodenstein)

Alan Rodenstein presented an update on the 2026 Congestion Management Plan, describing it as a federally required, ongoing strategic process that identifies regional congestion issues, evaluates completed projects, and develops strategies to improve system performance. He reviewed major sources of congestion, including incidents, capacity constraints, signalization, weather, work zones, and special events, and discussed efforts to expand multimodal and safety performance measures in alignment with RTP 2050 goals while incorporating post project evaluations to assess congestion impacts. The presentation highlighted current congestion trends along major regional corridors and noted increasing congestion in growing suburban areas. Rodenstein also provided an update on public engagement activities, reporting that the online survey remains open through July 15 and has received more than 100 responses and outlined the project schedule through draft plan development and coordination with the Regional Transportation Plan and conformity process.

ITEM 5. Safety Action Plan Update (Payton Arens)

Peyton Arens of Kimley-Horn presented an update on the Regional and Local Safety Action Plans, highlighting ongoing efforts to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes through data-driven analysis, stakeholder collaboration, and public engagement. The presentation summarized progress on the regional plan and 11 local plans, including recommendations developed through the safety task force and safe system workshop, and reviewed location-specific strategies such as roadway departure countermeasures, safe routes to school improvements, access management, raised medians, bicycle facility enhancements, and other targeted infrastructure and systemic safety improvements. Arens also discussed specialized safety analyses for the Gulf Coast Rail District, METRO, and Galveston, emphasizing improvements for vulnerable road users and high-risk corridors. The presentation concluded with an update on upcoming public meetings and project milestones and encouraged agency staff and stakeholders to complete and share the project survey to help inform the final Safety Action Plan.

ITEM 6. Crash Dashboard Tool (Tariq Shihadah)

The meeting featured a demonstration of the HSIP Sketch Planning Tool led by Tariq, showing how it supports Safety Action Plan implementation by visualizing crash data, identifying high injury areas, and evaluating safety countermeasures with estimated crash reduction impacts. During the demo, the team filtered pedestrian crash data in Galveston County and analyzed a corridor along Seawall Boulevard, where they tested countermeasures like pedestrian refuge islands and reviewed cost, service life, and safety benefit outputs, including a safety investment index. The tool also allows users to generate exportable PDF reports for planning and grant use. The team outlined the development timeline with a draft expected by the end of July, integration in August, and training in the fall, and addressed concerns about roadway geometry and sight line issues along Seawall Boulevard.

ITEM 7. Members Roundtable:

The committee invited agency updates and discussion on safety priorities and future direction, with the East End District reporting on its FY 24 Safe Streets grant work including a pedestrian conflict study in Second Ward and the Wayside corridor supported by walk audits and camera based data collection of unsafe behaviors, as well as plans for a FY25 corridor study

focused on East-West routes impacted by downtown construction. Additional updates included an upcoming Gulf Coast Road District rail and road safety workshop in October, the Traffic Safety Conference in Dallas in mid-July, and the Regional Transportation Plan 2050 call for projects open through July 17. The group also discussed potential systemwide safety improvements such as conducting routine fatal crash reviews, expanding the use of fatal crash draws to better understand impairment factors, and developing formal maintenance plans to improve roadway conditions and reduce serious crashes. Members also noted ongoing work related to the proposed Union Pacific Norfolk Southern merger and safety related community concessions, and the meeting closed with reminders of upcoming regional meetings and continued engagement opportunities.

Announcements

1. Transportation Policy Council (TPC)- June 26, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. (In- person)
2. Transportation Advisory Council (TAC)- July 15, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. (In-person)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Meeting Adjourned at 2:57 p.m.