

## PEDESTRIAN-BICYCLIST SUBCOMMITTEE

### MEETING SUMMARY

October 18, 2018 – 9:30am

Houston-Galveston Area Council

3555 Timmons Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Houston, Texas 77027 (Agency Conference Room 2B)

<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Primary Member Present</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate Member Present</u></b>
BikeHouston	Clark Martinson	
City of Conroe	Lauren Arnold (Phone)	
City of Houston		
City of League City		
City of Missouri City		
City of Pearland		
City of Sugar Land		
City of Webster		
Brazoria County		
Energy Corridor District		
Harris County		
H-GAC	Jeff Taebel	
Houston Parks Board		
METRO	Yuhayna McCoy (Phone)	
TxDOT – Houston District		
The Woodlands Township	John McGowan	
Westchase District	Louis Jullien, IV	

<b><u>Other Interested Parties Present</u></b>	<b><u>H-GAC Transportation Staff Present</u></b>
Mr. Harrison Humphreys, Air Alliance	Clint McManus, H-GAC
Robert Benz, TTI	Lucinda Martinez, H-GAC
Jonathan Brooks, LINK Houston	Eric Gayetsky, H-GAC
Oni Blair, LINK Houston	Kari Hackett, H-GAC
Steve Ratke, FHWA (On phone)	Lauren Preston, H-GAC
Peter Eccles, City of Houston	Stephan Gage, H-GAC
Mariana Raschke, Goodman Corporation	Cory Golden, H-GAC
(On Phone)	
Dr. Angie Buckley, Cycle Clear Lake	

#### 1. Call to Order/Certify Quorum and Introductions

Chair Louis Jullien called the meeting to order and confirmed that Quorum was not met. The members of the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee introduced themselves for the record.

#### 2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

**3. Approval of Minutes for July 19, 2018 (Chair Louis Jullien)**

The minutes of the July 19, 2018 meeting of the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee were presented for approval and were deferred to the next meeting of the committee due to quorum not being met.

Mr. Clint McManus introduced himself to the committee as the new Senior Bike planner at H-GAC effective in September. Mr. McManus mentioned to the committee that he was very excited to work with everyone. Also, Mr. McManus said he knew most of the members and was very familiar with the great work the committee members had done to make the region safer and more accessible. Mr. McManus invited the members to introduce themselves if they had not formally met.

**DISCUSSION**

**4. Update on the 2045 Active Transportation Plan (Mr. Clint McManus, H-GAC)**

Mr. McManus explained to the committee the role of the active transportation plan is to establish a long-range regional vision for active transportation in the Houston-Galveston area. Mr. McManus also said the Active Transportation Plan also lays out the goals and the vision for the region and this includes the broad strategy for active transportation investments in both walkways and bikeways but it also includes an understanding of our region's conditions and needs and lists the strategies to help us achieve those needs. Mr. McManus also mentioned that some members were in the process of completing or had completed their applications for the Call for Projects and both projects support the broader 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. McManus said the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan is a federal requirement, and the Active Transportation Plan is not. Mr. McManus further elaborated on the process to facilitate the plan and said an advisory workgroup initiated at the end of 2017 as well as different types of data such as comments from public meetings, bicycle and walking surveys were used to complete the plan. Mr. McManus also informed the committee that he would bring the Active Transportation plan back to Pedestrian-Bicycle Subcommittee to January 2019 meeting for review and present it to the Technical Advisory Committee for review in February 2019 and its approval in March 2019.

**5. Regional Safety Campaign (Mr. Stephan Gage and Ms. Lauren Preston, H-GAC)**

Mr. Gage briefed the subcommittee on the regional safety campaign that will support the update to the Regional Safety Plan. Mr. Gage elaborated on the importance of this safety plan and how it will be used to identify the more frequent types of vehicular crashes and then find ways to develop an action plan to address those problems. Also, the Regional Transportation Plan will mirror the safety plan at the state level. Mr. Gage mentioned that our region represents about 25% of the crashes in Texas and that Bicycle-Pedestrian crashes are over a quarter of those crashes and most are always fatal. Mr. Gage also said the plan continues the expansion of some of the current strategies such as "Teens in the Driver's Seat" and "Regional DWI Taskforce." Mr. Gage also mentioned another strategy which included

using data analysis to build a profile of the person or persons involved in the crashes to facilitate a more comprehensive outreach campaign. Mr. Gage ended his presentation by introducing Ms. Lauren Preston, H-GAC.

Ms. Lauren Preston, H-GAC, briefed the subcommittee on the upcoming Regional Safety Campaign and the various areas of concern that will be the focus of her public outreach efforts as well as the various forms of media that will be used to promote the Regional Safety Plan with a budget of \$1.3 million. A portion of this budget will be allotted to Bicycle-Pedestrian efforts. Ms. Preston also let the subcommittee know this campaign was tentatively set to begin in February 2019.

**6. FHWA Multimodal Performance Measures Project (Mr. Clint McManus, H-GAC)**

Mr. McManus presented information to the subcommittee on the new grant received by H-GAC to study performance measures for measuring multi-modal network connectivity. Mr. McManus mentioned that Federal Highways requested applications for this grant in July 2018. H-GAC was awarded one of 8 grants distributed nationwide. Mr. McManus also said that H-GAC will partner with the City of Sugarland and METRO and the area being studied will consist of a half-mile radius around METRO's Hillcroft Transit Center. Mr. McManus also told the subcommittee that FHWA was interested in this study to comply with the FAST Act which was passed by Congress in 2015 which mandated state and local agencies to set measurable community goals which they call performance measures that are tied to transportation investments. Some of the measures are related to safety and some are related to congestion. H-GAC has already adopted some performance measures related to active transportation and currently use them in planning and operations. Mr. McManus presented the subcommittee with some statistics that supported his briefing and mentioned FHWA would like H-GAC to include other goals such as connectivity which is a challenge to measure and asked grantees to study and facilitate new connectivity methodologies and find what would enable it to be measured in active transportation. H-GAC will develop methodologies with this grant in three components.

- Network Completeness
- Active to destination
- Network Quality

Mr. McManus informed the subcommittee on the timeline for this study and is tentatively set for completion in Summer or Early Fall of 2019.

A short question and answer period followed the presentation.

## **INFORMATION**

**7. Report on Status of Pedestrian-Bicyclist Activities from Members (Chair Louis Jullien)**

Chair Jullien invited subcommittee members to briefly discuss current and future walking and biking efforts in their communities. Subcommittee members and others provided updates and local bike plans. Information regarding the AmericaWalks Community Change

Grant and updates on STRAVA and the Regional Sidewalk Layer update were mentioned. Chair Jullien also announced upcoming training, TIP Call for Projects deadlines and the next meeting of the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee will be on December 13, 2018 at 2:00pm. Proposed meeting dates for 2019 were also mentioned.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:36am**

**Next meeting of Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee is December 13, 2018**