

**Transportation Improvement Program  
(TIP)**

**Subcommittee Meeting**

Houston-Galveston Area Council Online

Meeting/Conference Call

Wednesday September 1, 2021

1:30 PM

**AGENDA**

- 1. Subcommittee Roll Call**
- 2. Previous Meeting Summary** (*August 4, 2021 Meeting Summary is Posted on H-GAC Website*)
- 3. Call for Project Development Update and Active Transportation Recommendations**  
*Staff will continue the update on the development of the next call for projects with a demonstration of the benefit/cost template.*
- 4. Update on the FY 2022 Unified Transportation Program (UTP)**  
*Staff will provide an update on the outcomes of the development of the FY 2022 Unified Transportation Program as approved by the Texas Transportation Commission.*
- 5. Announcements**
  - TAC Meeting September 15, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Teleconference (Zoom)
  - TPC Meeting – September 24, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Teleconference (Zoom)
  - TIP Subcommittee Meeting – October 6, 2021, 1:30 p.m., Teleconference (Teams)
- 6. Adjourn**

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 – 1:30pm  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
Online Meeting (Teams Platform)

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński – East End District  
Christopher Sims – City of League City  
Billy Combs – Chambers County  
David Douglas – Liberty County  
Frank Simoneaux – City of Baytown  
Lloyd Smith – Harris County  
Monique Johnson – City of Sugarland  
Robert Upton PE – City of Pearland  
Shashi Kumar – City of Missouri City  
Stacy Slawinski – Fort Bend County  
Veronica Davis – City of Houston-PW  
Yancy Scott – Waller County  
Sherry Weesner – TIRZ 5/Memorial Heights  
Bruce Mann – Port Houston  
Mike Wilson – Port Freeport  
Andy Mao – TxDOT-HOU  
Scott Ayres – TxDOT-BMT  
Ruthanne Haut – The Woodlands Township  
Ken Fickes – Harris County

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Chris Bogert – City of Conroe  
Krystal Lastrape – City of Sugarland  
David Wurdlow – City of Houston-PW  
Catherine McCreight – TxDOT-HOU  
Priya Zachariah – METRO  
Vernon Chambers – Harris County

### **Item 1 – Subcommittee Roll Call**

The meeting started with a roll call to determine the members and/or alternatives present.

### **Item 2 – Previous Meeting Summary**

Members were referred to the August 4, 2021 meeting summary posted on the H-GAC Website.

### **Item 3 – Call for Project Development Update and Active Transportation Recommendations**

1. Susan Jaworski provided a follow-up on the scoring of Active Transportation projects which in the last meeting had been referred back to staff for refinement. The challenge presented to staff was to develop alternatives to the use of Boolean evaluations for planning factors.

Susan noted that certain planning factors that were previously scored on a “Yes”\“No” or “Present”\“Absent” basis would be assigned a sliding (graduated) scale based on characteristics of the project. The planning factors affected include “Barrier Elimination,” “Connectivity,” “Comfort or Functionality,” “Safety,” and “Innovation.” Having discussed the possible changes to the scoring method for these planning factors, Susan indicated that staff was recommending keeping the Boolean evaluations for **Connectivity** and **Safety** factors because a sliding scale would be cumbersome to document and difficult for the project sponsor to implement.

2. Vishu Lingala gave an update on Benefit\Cost Templates. His demonstration highlighted templates to: (1) calculate benefits related to emissions reductions accruing from projects; (2) calculate benefits related to vehicle delay for roadway projects; as well as (3) Safety benefits calculations for roadway projects.

Work is ongoing to develop the Active Transportation and the Transit related Benefit\Cost templates.

### **Item 4. Update on the FY 2022 Unified Transportation Program (UTP)**

Adam Beckom briefed members on recent developments regarding the FY 2022 UTP. Highlights include:

1. The Texas Transportation Commission approved the FY 2022 UTP, which includes H-GAC’s funding allocations for the next ten years;
2. The funding includes allocations towards the NHHIP, but the Commission added a caveat that this appropriation was conditioned on the outcome of the review being conducted by the FHWA. The status of the NHHIP project would be reviewed after ninety (90) days.

### **Item 5. Announcements**

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### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.