

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – 1:35 P.M. Houston-
Galveston Area Council of Government Offices
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027
Second Floor, Conference Room 2-B/C

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joshua Zuber – AAA-Texas
Robert Benz, P.E. – Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Kevin Thompson – Fort Bend County Public Transportation
Bruce Mann – Port Houston
Sean Wright – Seabrook Police Department
Sharon Moses-Burnside – City of Houston
Jeff McKinney-Jetco Delivery
Lisa Minjares-Kyle-Texas A&M Transportation Institute

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Dana Moore – Texas Trucking Association
Sean Cagan – METRO

STAFF PRESENT

Stephan Gage - Houston-Galveston Area Council
Cassandra Marshall - Houston-Galveston Area Council

OTHERS PRESENT

Matt Deleon –TXDOT
Stephan Ratke-FHWA
Tom Kuczynski-Fort Bend County
Lauren Grover

ITEM 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

ITEM 2. Introductions

Members and H-GAC Staff introduced themselves.

ITEM 3. Public Comments

No public comments.

ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes for July 23, 2019 & September 24, 2019 Meeting

Approval of minutes and action items held for quorum.

ITEM 5. Issue Updates (Stephan Gage)

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

1. *Regional Safety Campaign* -The committee was updated on the development for Regional Safety Campaign. The consultants are currently in the process of refining the campaign material. Additional information will be communicated to the members at the next upcoming meeting.

2. *Grant Funding Opportunities*-Staff informed the committee that USDOT has a funding opportunity that H-GAC is trying to pursue. Discussions ensued on the committee's participation to receive feedback on the funding opportunity. A deadline date was discussed in order to meet the grant requirements.

ITEM 6. Subcommittee Reports

Bruce Mann informed the committee of the ongoing studies being done by TXDOT, Railroads, and H-GAC. Discussion continued that each project will be an asset to TSC to improve rail safety and trucks as it relates to great crossing.

WORK ITEMS

ITEM 9. Bike-Ped Implementation Plan (Stephan Gage)

The committee was updated on the draft implementation for Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety. Staff expressed concerns on how to support the State. Recommendations were made for each member to comment on the draft and detail any missed information. Discussion continued regarding a timeframe to receive feedback from each member.

ITEM 10. FHWA Safety Programs (Stephen Ratke)

Members were presented with what is vision zero. The focus is how to implement safe systems, rather than focus on behavior to reduce crashes. Committee discussed safety strategies. Recommendations were made on how to join forces and bring awareness.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM 11. Other Matters/Member Updates (Stephan Gage)

- *Member Replacement* – Committee members were notified of new member Buck Russell being a replacement for Kevin Barnett beginning next month when TPC approves it.
- Stephen notified the committee there is no deadline to define definitions. Suggestions were made to receive them as soon as possible to present them at TPC/call for projects for evaluation criteria for future calls for projects.
- Matt for TXDOT gave an update that their meetings will be held on the last Thursday of the month if anyone would like to attend.

Next meeting: March 24, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.