

Transportation Safety Committee Meeting
Houston–Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027
2nd Floor Conference Room B/C
Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @ 1:30 PM

AGENDA

- 1 CALL TO ORDER (Chairperson)
- 2 INTRODUCTION/ROLL CALL
- 3 PUBLIC COMMENT (*Those wishing to speak must sign up first*)
- 4 Approval of Minutes
July 23, 2019 & September 24, 2019 Meetings
- 5 ISSUE UPDATES
Discuss status of action items from previous meeting
 1. Regional Safety Campaign
 2. Grant Funding Opportunities
- 6 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTION ITEMS

- 7 CMP EXEMPTION DEFINITIONS
Approve definitions for "Safety Issue" and "Bottleneck"
- 8 2018 STATE OF SAFETY REPORT
Approve the 2018 State of Safety Report

WORK ITEMS

- 9 BIKE-PED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
Review elements draft implementation plan for Bicycle-Pedestrian safety
- 10 FHWA SAFETY PROGRAMS (STEPHEN RATKE) [20 Minutes]
Presentation from FWHA regarding Vision Zero Safety Initiatives

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 11 OTHER MATTERS/MEMBER UPDATES
- 12 ADJOURNMENT

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, September 24, 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

Dr. Inge Ford – Bike Houston
Robert Benz, P.E. – Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Kevin Thompson – Fort Bend County Public Transportation
Kevin Barnett – Union Pacific
Ken Fickes – Harris County Transit Services
Bruce Mann – Port Houston
Sean Wright – Seabrook Police Department
Jeff McKinney – Jetco Delivery

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Anne O’Ryan – AAA-Texas
Sean Cagan – METRO
Dr. Rohit Sheno – Texas Children’s Hospital
Charles Krachala – Fort Bend County Constable Precinct 4
Jeff Kaufman – Texas A&M Transportation Institute

STAFF PRESENT

Stephan Gage - Houston-Galveston Area Council
Laurie Chandler - Houston-Galveston Area Council

ITEM 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 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 May 28, 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. Subcommittee Meetings & Chairs
 - Established three subcommittees (Subcommittees held inaugural meetings and set goals.)
 - Freight – Jeff McKinney, Chair (meets every other month, opposite of committee)
 - Policy and Regulations – Ken Fickes, Chair (meets monthly)
 - Traffic Operations – Stuart Corder, Chair (meets monthly)
2. Joint Resolution with Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee was approved at the last Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee meeting.
3. Regional Safety Campaign – consultant is narrowing ideas and close to presenting a campaign.

WORK ITEMS

ITEM 8. Bike-Ped Implementation Action Plan (Stephan Gage)

Committee continued developing the implementation plan for Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety. Staff requested validation on draft action plan and goals. Bike-Ped Implementation Action Plan includes recommendations such as regional feasibility study laying out suggested areas for bike-ped trails. Staff stressed the importance of building a bike-ped network of connected trails to create true multi-modal mobility. Another recommendation was to implement all applicable elements of State Safety Plan. Discussion ensued with a suggestion to form a smaller group to review the action plans, especially the State Safety Action Plan, in detail. Bruce Mann proposed calling the action plan Ped-Bike

Safety Action Plan noting there are ten times more pedestrian fatalities than bicyclist fatalities. The committee continued discussion on the topic of pedestrian crashes on highway facilities. Staff provided general statistics on pedestrian and bicyclist crashes. Dr. Inge Ford expressed concern about not hearing enforcement and motorized vehicle user responsibility components within the plan which she believes are two important components. Another member described the “three E’s”- education, enforcement, and engineering. Of the three, he stressed education is the long-term piece which is typically most effective. *The committee created an ad-hoc Ped-Bike Implementation Action Plan Review subcommittee to review Ped-Bike Safety Action Plans. Subcommittee members include: Robert Benz, Dr. Inge Ford, Bruce Mann, Chief Sean Wright, and Anne O’Ryan.*

ITEM 9. Impaired Implementation Action Plan (Stephan Gage)

Members continued discussions on the impaired implementation action plan. Impaired driving is not limited to drunk driving; however, available statistics are primarily related to drunk driving. Staff introduced State Impaired Implementation Action Plan Safety Strategies (five). Staff informed committee that the Regional Safety Campaign will address impaired driving. Staff is compiling 2019 STEP Grant information and overlaying the demographics on “hot spots” maps. Committee discussed enforcement and prevention/education for drunk driving. Impaired driving leads to half of crash fatalities. Staff is working on additional impaired driving patterns analyses.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM 10. Other Matters/Member Updates (Stephan Gage)

- *2018 State of Safety Report* – H-GAC Communications Department is finishing final version. The Executive Summary is included in the meeting material for review. Staff clarified that crashes can be included in more than one category, so the figures are not additive. Staff will be presenting on the *2018 State of Safety Report* at upcoming TPC meeting. A discussion of lag time between project implementation and resulting safety data.
- Bruce Mann recommended TSC piggyback on the TxDOT campaign--November 7th marks the 19th year that a person dies on a Texas roadway every day-- as part of the implementation action plans dialogue.
- CMP Exemptions – Definitions proposed for “safety issue” and “bottleneck” are generalized because there are no measures selected for the region and, once selected, the measures may change over time. If the definition is specific to the measures and the measures change, the definitions will have to change, too.

Next meeting: December 10, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, July 23, 2019 – 1:30 P.M.
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MEMBERS PRESENT

Bennie Boles – La Porte Police Department
John Hermann – Fort Bend County Constable Precinct 4
Kristen Beckworth – Texas children’s Hospital
Dr. Inge Ford – Bike Houston
Robert Benz, P.E. – Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Lisa Minjares-Kyle – Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Joshua Zuber – AAA-Texas
Kevin Thompson – Fort Bend County Public Transportation
Anita Hollmann – Houston-Galveston Area Council
Kevin Barnett – Union Pacific
Bruce Mann – Port Houston

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Stuart Corder – Harris County Transportation and Planning
Sean Cagan – METRO
Lauren Grove – City of Houston

STAFF PRESENT

Stephan Gage - Houston-Galveston Area Council
Laurie Chandler - Houston-Galveston Area Council

ITEM 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

ITEM 2. Introductions

Members and H-GAC Staff introduced themselves.

ITEM 3. Public Comments

No public comments.

ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes for May 28, 2019 Meeting

Meeting minutes were approved.

Issue Updates (Stephan Gage)

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

- Chair and Vice-Chair – TPC approved Robert Benz, Chair and Bruce Mann, Vice-Chair.
- Membership Adjustments – TPC approved change to membership as follows:
 - Dr. Rohit ShenoI alternate for Kristen Beckworth
 - Lt. Grady Castleberry primary member. Sgt. Raymond Parker is his alternate.
- Bylaw Amendments -TPC approved Bylaw amendments.
- Subcommittee memberships – Staff briefed committee on subcommittee participation. Members are welcome to join subcommittees; there are still spaces available to serve.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 5. Approval of Joint Resolution to Collaborate with the Pedestrian-Bicycle Subcommittee

Staff presented a resolution to work with the TAC Pedestrian-Bicycle Subcommittee to develop the Bike-Ped Implementation Action Plan. Members approved resolution.

WORK ITEMS

ITEM 6. Bike-Ped Implementation Action Plan (Stephan Gage)

Committee continued developing the implementation plan for Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety. Committee members asked to send staff information on programs/problems of which they have knowledge in this area. Staff will revise plans and data analysis. Staff will implement design standards for the action plans.

ITEM 7. Impaired Implementation Action Plan (Stephan Gage)

Members continued discussions on the impaired implementation action plan. Staff will implement design standards for the action plans. A question was raised regarding what an implementation plan looks like. Staff considered an implementation plan to be a roughly ten-page document. Member recommendations included having a conversation with the District Attorney regarding and creating a preliminary list and prioritizing.

ITEM 8. CMP Exemption Definitions (Stephan Gage)

Members worked to finalize the definitions for “safety issue” and “bottleneck” for recommendations to the Transportation Policy Council.

Next meeting: September 24, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.