

**MEETING OF THE RTP SUBCOMMITTEE
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL
TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

September 9, 2020

1:30 p.m.

Minutes

Member Attendance:

Primary Member	Present	Alternate	Present
Maureen Crocker, Chair	Yes	Jennifer Ostlind	No
Monique Johnson	No	Krystal Lastrape	Yes
Ruthanne Haut	Yes	John Powers	No
Clay Forister	No	Karen McKinnon	Yes
Adam France	Yes	Chris Bogert	No
Christopher Sims	No	Chad Tressler	No
Ricardo Villagrand	Yes	Francisco Carrillo	No
Loyd Smith	No	Bryan Brown	Yes
Nick Woolery	Yes	Frank Simoneaux	No
Yancy Scott	Yes	Bobby Pennington	No
Charles Airiohuodion	Yes	Jeffrey English	Yes
Lisa Collins	Yes	Scott Ayres	No
Alberto Lyne	No	Priya Zachariah	Yes
Perri D'Armond	Yes	Stacy Slawinski	No
Ken Fickes	Yes	Vernon Chambers	Yes
Harrison Humphrey	No	Stephanie Thomas	Yes
Jonathan Brooks	Yes	Bakeyah Nelson	No
Elijah Williams	Yes	Irma Sanchez	No
Bruce Mann	No	Rohit Saxena	No
Roger Rees	Yes	Brett Milutin	No
Janis Scott	Yes	Paulette Wagner	No
John Tyler	Yes	VACANT	-
Bill Zrioka	Yes	David Leslie	No

Others Present:

Andrew Mao, Shixin Gao

Staff Participating:

Adam Beckom, Eric Boulet, Mike Burns, Michelle Canton, Alan Clark, Jim Dickinson, Diane Domagas, Carrie Evans, David Fink, Stephan Gage, Thomas Gray, Donte Green, Veronica Green, Sandra Holliday, Allie Isabell, Susan Jaworski, Ayo Jibowu, Sharon Ju, Megan Kennison, Neely Kim, Justin Kuzila, Vishu Lingala, Patrick Mandapaka, Lucinda Martinez, Carlene Mullins, Karen Owen, Jamila Owens, Frank Pagliei, Alan Rodenstein, Cameron Stawicki, Chris Van Slyke, Kathryn Vo, Allison Wahl, Veronica Waller

1. Call to Order

Maureen C called the meeting to order at 1:30PM.

Mike B read a statement of how the meeting would be conducted via remote participation and the ground rules for any discussion.

Mike B conducted the roll call for attendance and confirmed a quorum was present.
Maureen C confirmed a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes

Maureen C asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2020 meeting.
Perri D made a motion, seconded by Adam F, to accept the minutes.
The motion passed unanimously.

3. Subregional Planning: Montgomery County Precinct 2 Mobility Plan (Carlene Mullins)

Carlene M summarized the study scope, schedule, and reviewed the study area and important considerations for the study.
Brian B mentioned that Harris County is updating the thoroughfare plan and suggested there should be coordination between the Harris County study and Montgomery County study efforts.

Carlene M agreed and will ensure communication with Harris County staff.

No action was taken

4. Federal Performance Measures and Targets Update (Karen Owen)

Karen O mentioned staff is seeking a recommendation supporting updated performance targets and provided a summary of the target assessments and performance report following public review from July 8 to August 8. The summary included updated targets for pavement, congestion, air quality, transit assets, and safety.

Perri D mentioned a correction that's needed to the safety target reporting to note that 5 of 5 safety targets met instead of 4 of 5 targets.

Karen O mentioned the correction will be made to the report.

Perri D asked if removing non-interstate roadways from the pavement condition measures of would have resulted in achieving the performance target.

Karen O mentioned that the overall system would have been closer to achieving the target if non-interstate roadways were not included.

Maureen C mentioned that she is encouraged by the references to the Vision Zero policies and that the region is using the TxDOT approach to Vision Zero and asked when update safety analysis and measure would be presented for review.

Patrick M mentioned that the safety performance measures will be presented to TAC and TPC for action in October.

Maureen C mentioned the Texas House Committee on Transportation is reviewing safety issues and goals towards Vision Zero and suggested HGAC provide comments.

Karen O requested action to recommend the updating of performance targets as presented.

Charles A made a motion, seconded by Ruthanne H, to recommend to TAC that the Federal performance measures be considered for approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update (Alan Rodenstein)

Alan R provided a summary of the status of updating the CMP, including the recommended network and strategies to reduce congestion. The next steps include

presenting draft report to subcommittees and TPC in October, public review in November and December, and action to approve CMP by TPC in January 2021.

Alan C suggested consideration of home delivery service trends and its impact as a Transportation Demand Management strategy.

Charles A requested clarification on using the conformity network as the CMP network.

Alan R responded that CMP network will be the same as the conformity network and as the conformity network changes over time, the CMP will be updated to be consistent.

No action was taken.

6. Project Evaluation Criteria Development (Vishu Lingala)

Vishu L provided a summary of the Project Evaluation Workgroup efforts to update evaluation criteria, including investment categories and consideration of cost and counter measures.

It was noted that evaluation criteria would not be finalized until May 2021.

Maureen C mentioned the appreciation of the updating process and asked if the benefit/cost of delay reduction of projects needs to be reconsidered.

Bruce M asked about the comparison of scores under existing and proposed scoring strategies.

Vishu L responded that it is possible and the effort to provide the comparison is on-going.

No action was taken.

7. RTP Amendment Process and Air Quality Conformity (Mike Burns)

Mike B presented a draft framework for amending the current RTP to add projects sponsored by TxDOT and METRO. The framework included requirements for a requested amendment, including project description, cost, year of expenditure, public outreach efforts, and evaluating need to update the air quality conformity determination. Two timelines were suggested for approving the amendment, including approval prior to the air quality conformity determination being completed by HGAC staff and approval following the air quality conformity determination.

Alan C clarified that the regional cannot amend the plan to include projects that are subject to conformity until the conformity determination has been completed.

Ken F agreed that he was not aware that the plan could be amended until the conformity determination was completed, and noted that many projects have not progressed in a long time and may need to have data on conditions updated and public support confirmed.

Maureen C mentioned the need to include a description of outreach efforts in an amendment request.

Mike B responded that criteria for an amendment and additional public outreach effort for an RTP amendment should be described in the Public Participation Plan.

Charles A mentioned that the TPC could approved the amendment prior to the Federal acceptance of the air quality conformity determination and amendment.

Maureen C noted that there needs to be more clarity on the requirements for an amendment.

Jonathan B mentioned the need to describe the public engagement used to develop a project that is being considered for inclusion into the RTP through an amendment.

Maureen C clarified that comments can be used for a formal recommendation at the October meeting.

Alan C mentioned that procedures for project development and amending program documents are summarized in a Transportation Process Briefing Book prepared by the Federal Highway Administration.

Maureen C mentioned the need review the Briefing Book and to consider the federal requirements.

Charles A mentioned that some coordination and public outreach has already taken place and that the 610 West project has been identified as one of the more congested roadways in the state.

Maureen C requested that any material related to coordination efforts be provided as part of the request to amend the RTP.

No action taken.

8. Announcements

- Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC) – September 16, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., Teleconference.
- Transportation Policy Council Meeting (TPC) – September 25, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., Teleconference.
- Next Regional Transportation Plan Meeting – October 14, 2020 (Teleconference)

Maureen C mentioned the upcoming meetings and asked if anyone has a conflict for the next subcommittee meeting to please notify staff.

9. Adjourn

Maureen C declared the meeting adjourned at 3:11PM.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Burns