

12:00pm to 1:30pm WHA Offices

Attendees on February 25, 2019

Marlene Gafrick
Peter Boecher
William Papadopoulos
Auggie Campbell

Carmen Kumpula
Imani Forrest
Bryan Brown
Sivaji Senapathi

Jim Webb
Yancy Scott
Greg Turner
Alex Kamkar

1. Welcome.....Marlene Gafrick

2. Discussion of Waller Major Thoroughfare Plan.....Yancy Scott

- a. Scott reported that Waller County's first Major Thoroughfare Plan was published in the 80's with updates in 2007 and 2011. Two year ago Waller County and H-GAC decided to do a more specific strategis plan including a high, medium and low density approach.
b. Waller county acknowledges the need for mobility and connectivity. This will be very important as development in Waller County increases. There are currently no high priority transportation items. The current county standards for the right-a-way width for gutters is 100ft and 120ft for ditches. Scott reported that Waller EDC will be commenting on the plan prior to public comment.
c. WHA's 2060 Plan includes Betka Road as a key east/west roadway connector. The committee reported that WHA would like to see if the 2060 Plan aligns with Waller County's Major Thoroughfare Plan in order to write support letters.
d. Scott reported that Waller County has a very different financial situation and is still considered economically disadvantaged. The county has a \$2.5M budget for supplies and have 75 to 76 bridges to maintain. The commissioner do not have a road budget.

3. METRONext Comments.....Marlene Gafrick & Bryan Brown

- a. Gafrick reported that Metro is basing projects off of the Moving Forward Plan. The Vision Plan is a wish list without financial restrictions. There is also an on demand service that gets people from the suburbs from their cars to public transit. The committee discussed providing a north and south connection for the airport.

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- b. *Another aspect of the plan is BRT on Gessner and LRT to the Hobby Airport. Harris County is building the last part of Gessner to connect the beltway to willow. The plan also indicates an enhanced signalization and better bus stops.*
- c. *The plan is capital intensive and includes ongoing operational costs. THE revenue will be split with the city. This will be taken for a \$3B bond in November. The full plan is \$7B worth of projects.*
- d. *The committee discussed any further comments before meeting with Metro. The committee thought that more right-a-way might be required and discussed how this would be incorporated from bus stations to meet requirements. Metro is hoping to work with the toll authority.*
- e. *A few other areas for the committee to focus on include:*
 - i. *Increased service around the Grand Parkway and Beltway 8.*
 - ii. *Help 35 with connectivity to airport*
 - iii. *South of beltway: Ft. Bend and Brazori*

4. **Memorial Drive Project.....Jim Webb**

- a. *Webb reported that the City of Bunker Hill Village submitted the Memorial Drive Access Management and Safety Project to the 2015 TIP call for projects. The project includes Memorial and Tallowood + Adjacent Sidewalks.*
- b. *Brown motioned for the committee to write a support letter with Boescher to second. The committee unanimously voted to approve the the writing of a support letter for the Memorial Drive Access Management and Safety Project. Gafrick will discuss the letter at the February Board meeting.*
- c. *Webb reported that there are 80 TxDOT projects competing with local projects. This creates an unbalanced system and is concerning for the smaller local entities.*

5. **New Business.....Marlene Gafrick**

- a. *Campbell reported that he will set up a meeting with Thomas Lambert, President & CEO of Metro.*

6. **Adjourn**

2019 WHA REGIONAL MOBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE
All Meetings at WHA Offices, 12 pm

Monday, February 18
Monday, April 15
Monday, June 17
Monday, August 19

Monday, October 21
Monday, December 16