

12:00pm to 1:30pm WHA Offices

Attendees on October 15, 2018

Marlene Gafrick  
Peter Boecher  
William Papadopoulos

Auggie Campbell  
Carmen Kumpula  
Imani Forrest

Bryan Brown  
Sivaji Senapathi  
Truman Edminster

1. **Welcome.....Marlene Gafrick**

- a. *The committed discussed receiving good feedback after the 2060 Plan Reception regarding the plan and event. The group suggested submitting the plan for the My Great Region award. This group can submit for the state award in 2019 and the national award in 2020.*

2. **Map/Plan Review.....Marlene Gafrick**

- a. *The committee discussed focusing on creating a list of the transit projects that are needed in Greater West Houston. The list can then be used to present to the board in order to write project support letters. The committee decided to create the following three categories:*

i. *Now (Red)*

- 1. *Hempstead and Eldridge between the Energy Corridor to 290.*
- 2. *Highway 6 elevation*
- 3. *Eldridge : The section of Eldridge over the reservoir needs to be elevated so that in another flooding situation there is still accessibility.*

ii. *2-5 Years (Yellow)*

- 1. *36A: The route south of I-10 is known but the route north of I-10 has yet to be determined. There is a public hearing soon on the alignment. This project will need to be on the committee's 2-5 year list.*
- 2. *Clay Road & 529: Improvements need to be made to this section. East and West streets need to be added as well. WHA should advocate for this project but also need a sponsor to move forward.*

iii. *5-10 Years (Green)*

- 1. *High Speed Rail: This project is scheduled to be complete in 2024. The project still does not have the right-a-way acquisition and there are many identified hazards such as gas pipelines and*

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facilities. The Northwest mall will likely be a station for the rail system.

2. *Connect Transit Centers: the committee discussed the need to connect transit centers with employment centers and masterplanned communities. This is an idea that needs to be developed so that transit centers aren't all focused around downtown. Brown reported that he can create a map showcasing this idea.*

- b. *One of the biggest challenges will be funding when there are other areas with competing needs.*
- c. *The committee discussed additional reservoirs possibly coming to the region and the need to have transportation through those areas. Campbell reported that LJA is working on an idea to create multiple detention ponds throughout the area that would be sufficient to replace Plan 5 (3<sup>rd</sup> reservoir). Another option discussed was putting detention below parking lots which would provide more detention than the 3<sup>rd</sup> reservoir. The shopping centers would pay for the project and get a tax incentive. The concern with this idea is that those areas would then be limited for redevelopment.*
- d. *Atlas 14 will likely affect transportation in this region by increasing the amount of ditch space needed for roads. The standards will also change flood insurance rates.*
- e. *The committee discussed the need for the entities to work together on planning transportation projects based on the needs of the community. Our committee can educate developers on how planning transportation as the development is being designed will be beneficial long-term.*
- f. *The committee discussed going back and looking at past projects identified to start there. The committee will also need to review Waller County's transportation plan and other commissioner's offices for an update on projects. The committee goal should be to gain feedback not tell officials what to do.*

3. **Legislature/Policy.....Marlene Gafrick**

- a. *The committee discussed a main concern for legislation is making sure that there is continued funding for transportation. If the revenue cap of 2.5% passes it would impact future infrastructure.*
- b. *The committee decided to see if there are any surprise changes in officials after November 6<sup>th</sup> and create a list of ideas for the officials to review.*

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

- c. *Campbell reported that February 27<sup>th</sup> is Greenlight Houston (TAG day in Austin) and February 26<sup>th</sup> is the planned Houston Stronger day in Austin.*

4. **Adjourn**

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All Meetings at WHA Offices, 12 pm

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Monday, February 19  
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