

**THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP
AD HOC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
February 13, 2014
MINUTES**

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF HARRIS & MONTGOMERY §

The Ad Hoc Transportation Committee of The Woodlands Township Board of Directors met in regular session, open to the public, on February 13, 2014, posted to begin at 2 p.m. The committee meeting was held in a meeting room at the office of The Woodlands Township Town Hall, 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard, The Woodlands, Texas, within the boundaries of The Woodlands Township.

DIRECTORS PRESENT : Jeff Long, Mike Bass

STAFF/ADVISORS: Don Norrell, President/General Manager, John Powers, Assistant General Manager for Community Services, Monique Sharp, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Administration; Chris LaRue, Transit Planner, Miles McKinney, Director of Intergovernmental Relations; Management Analyst Karen Dempsey; Nick Wolda, President of the CVB

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Bruce Tough

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Long called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. As there was a quorum of members present, the committee proceeded to conduct business regarding the following matters:

2. Receive, consider and act upon adoption of the meeting agenda :

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to adopt the agenda; second by Chairman Long.

VOTE: **Ayes**: Jeff Long
 Mike Bass

Nays: None

Abstentions : None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (2-0).

3. Public comment:

There was no comment.

4. Receive, consider and act upon approval of the January 9, 2014 and January 20, 2014 Ad Hoc Transportation Committee meeting minutes:

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to approve the minutes; second by Chairman Long.

VOTE: **Ayes**: Jeff Long
 Mike Bass

Nays: None
Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (2-0).

Agenda Item 9 was taken out of order.

9. Receive, consider and act upon outside committee and meeting updates:

- **Conroe/The Woodlands Urbanized Area (UZA)**
- **The Woodlands Township Transit Plan**
- **Chamber Mobility Committee**
- **Montgomery County Precinct 3**
- **H-GAC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC);**
- **Bicycle Advisory Task Force**
- **South Montgomery County Mobility Study**
- **The Friendship Center**
- **Interfaith**
- **Brazos Transit Park & Ride Update**

Updates were provided for the above groups.

5. Receive, consider and act upon a presentation concerning the interconnections of Gosling and Kuykendahl Roads with the Grand Parkway:

Rob Maxwell, Vice President of Transportation Services for Jones and Carter, presented information regarding construction status of SH 99, including proposed diamond interchanges affecting Gosling and Kuykendahl Roads, peak traffic flow times and future traffic flow issues in the general surrounding area.

6. Receive, consider and act upon a recommendation to the Township Board to authorize an application to H-GAC for acquiring new park and ride buses through the H-GAC Transit Bus Fleet Expansion program which will provide grant funding of 80% for new fleet equipment costs:

The committee discussed potential bus purchase scenarios, including funding full turnkey and partial turnkey.

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to recommend to the Township Board that the President/General Manager be authorized to make application to H-GAC for grant funding to fund 80% of the cost of acquiring up to 32 new park and ride buses, and further recommend that the Township's 20% share of the bus acquisition cost be funded from the Township's Capital Replacement Fund (up to a maximum of \$3,520,000) with full repayment (plus interest) to the Capital Replacement Fund from the Township's Transportation Fund over a period not to exceed five years; second by Chairman Long.

VOTE: **Ayes:** Jeff Long
 Mike Bass

Nays: None
Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (2-0).

7. **There was no Executive Session ;**

8. **Consideration of items to be placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting;**

Director Bass requested that the construction status update for Woodlands Parkway bridge expansion become a standing item.

9. **Adjourn 2:55 p.m.**