

**THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP  
AD HOC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 15, 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 April 15, 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:** Mike Bass, Bruce Tough

**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, Management Analyst Karen Dempsey; Nick Wolda, President of the CVB, Miles McKinney, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Scott Barker, HDR, Laura Grams, HDR

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Jeff Long

**1. Call to Order:**

Director Bass called the meeting to order at 2:07 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 Tough to adopt the agenda; second by Director Bass.

**VOTE:** **Ayes:** Mike Bass  
Bruce Tough

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously (2-0).

**3. Public comment:**

Bruce Cunningham discussed his concerns with how the Transit Study is addressing a bicycle plan for the community.

**4. Receive, consider and act upon approval of the March 13, 2014 Ad Hoc Transportation Committee meeting minutes;**

**MOTION:** Motion by Director Tough to approve the minutes; second by Director Bass.

**VOTE:** Ayes: Mike Bass  
Bruce Tough

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously (2-0).

**5. Receive, consider and act upon outside committee and meeting updates;**

- Conroe/The Woodlands Urbanized Area (UZA), meets June 10<sup>th</sup>
- The Woodlands Township Transit Plan, Board workshop in the works, public open house
- H-GAC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), meets 4/16/14
- Bicycle Advisory Task Force, discussed potential bike master plan, Bike The Woodlands Day
- South Montgomery County Mobility Study, network modeling in process
- The Friendship Center, ridership statistics, concentration on service to seniors/Meals on Wheels rather than activities
- Interfaith, ridership statistics, increase in demand/response, picked up activities
- Brazos Transit District, quarterly ridership statistics, trolley update
- Woodlands Parkway Bridge Construction, guardrails on south side

**6. Receive, consider and act upon potential changes to the transit/trolley service in Town Center;**

HDR gave a presentation on potential revisions to the trolley service in Town Center. Included in the presentation were estimated ridership statistics, rollout schedule, transit terminal discussion, funding, timing and implementation requirements. HDR and representatives from The Woodlands Land Development Company will discuss the issue further and bring additional information back to the committee.

**7. Receive, consider and act upon an update regarding the H-GAC Bus Fleet Expansion Program;**

Update was provided in the executive summary in the packet.

**8. Receive, consider and act upon a discussion concerning high speed rail;**

Miles McKinney presented an overview of proposed privately funded high speed rail service between Houston and Dallas and possible impact on The Woodlands.

**9. Receive, consider and act upon the H-GAC response to bike related issues in the South County Mobility Study;**

During the update discussion, Agenda Item 5, staff was directed to meet with the Bicycle Advisory Task Force to revise a previous RFP concerning a bike master plan for the community and to bring back for consideration.

**CLOSED MEETING**

**10. The Committee recessed to Executive Session at 4 p.m. with counsel, staff and/or affected third parties to discuss matters relating to real property, deliberation of economic development negotiations, discuss personnel matters, consult with The Woodlands Township attorney, discuss funding alternatives and potential agreements with other local, state or federal agencies;**

**11. The Committee reconvened in public session at 4:50 p.m.**

**12. Consideration of items to be place on the agenda for the next committee meeting;**

None discussed

**13. Adjournment 4:51 p.m.**