

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TO: THE AD HOC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

Notice is hereby given that the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee of The Woodlands Township will hold a meeting **on Thursday, January 10, 2013, at 2 p.m., at the Office of The Woodlands Township, 2801 Technology Forest Boulevard, The Woodlands, Texas**, within the boundaries of The Woodlands Township, for the following purposes:

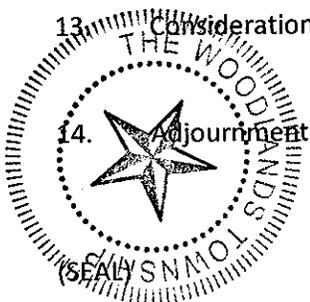
1. Call meeting to order;
2. Receive, consider and act upon adoption of the meeting agenda;
3. Receive, consider and act approval of the December 13, 2012 Committee meeting minutes;
4. Receive and consider a briefing from The Woodlands Development Company concerning transportation master planning;
5. Receive, consider and act upon a report from The Goodman Corporation regarding the Town Center Transit Terminal and Streetscape Program;
6. Receive, consider and act upon an Interlocal Agreement with Brazos District for Park and Ride Services;
7. Receive, consider and act upon participation in the Transportation Advocacy Group;
8. Receive, consider and act upon a briefing regarding the Township Board policy of conducting Ad Hoc Transportation Committee meetings in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act;
9. Receive, consider and act upon The Goodman Corporation contract renewal;
10. Receive, consider and act upon finalizing the Mobility Success Factor tracking form;

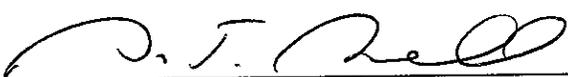
### CLOSED MEETING (if applicable)

11. Recess to Executive Session to discuss matters relating to real property pursuant to §551.072, Texas Government Code; deliberation of economic development negotiations pursuant to §551.087, Texas Government Code; discuss personnel matters pursuant to §551.074, Texas Government Code; and to consult with The Woodlands Township's attorney concerning pending litigation pursuant to §551.071, Texas Government Code;
12. Reconvene in Public Session;

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

14. Adjournment.



  
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President/General Manager for The Woodlands Township





The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

## Transportation Advocacy Group Update - 12/21/12

### TAG: Where we've been, where we're headed

As we approach the end of the year, please take a moment to reflect on what the dues of our paid membership have accomplished. This year, TAG achieved the following:

- Conducted monthly membership meetings featuring top elected and local government officials, including TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson, State Sen. Robert Nichols and State Sen. Tommy Williams, State Rep. Jim Murphy and State Rep. Allen Fletcher, the Texas Transportation Institute, AGC Vice President Thomas Johnson, HCTRA Director Peter Key, and TxDOT Houston District Director Michael Alford
- Met with numerous county officials for fruitful discussions that are intended to recruit local governments as members.
- Established a partnership with Texas Good Roads and Transportation Association and Texas Infrastructure that yielded 10,000 copies of educational materials co-branded with TAG's logo
- Grew our membership and contact database from around 150 people to now 700.
- Produced a PowerPoint and made numerous presentations to transportation- and business-related organizations, including the Cy-Fair Transportation and Mobility Committee, the Houston Region Economic Development Alliance, the North Houston Economic Development Alliance, the Greater Conroe Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, and the Bay Area Transportation Partnership.
- Established a regular, informational, email newsletter to inform our members and contacts.
- Revamped TAG's Web site
- Launched a Twitter site to help amplify our message

While this has been a productive year, our work has just begun. We must solidify our gains and continue to grow. In the coming year we intend to accomplish even more - and our activity becomes even more crucial with the next session of the Legislature just around the corner.

Our plans for the coming year:

- Lobby our legislative officials, especially our Houston state House delegation, and making our voices heard in Austin.
- Launching monthly meetings at the Hess Club.
- Track key legislation on transportation and keeping our membership informed
- Testify at key committee hearings on legislation affecting transportation funding or other developments
- Generate an online letter and signature drive targeting legislative members.
- Continue our recruitment efforts, especially with our local governments.

Without adequate funding, our region cannot maintain its leadership in economic growth and development. And without adequate funding from membership dues, TAG cannot perform this critical work of advocacy.

***TAG annual dues for The Woodlands Township would be - \$5,000.00***

**The Woodlands Township**

**Transportation and Mobility Program**

**Objective: Provide strategic direction and action plan for sustaining an effective Transportation and Mobility Program that serves the needs of the Residents and Businesses within The Woodlands Township at a reasonable cost.**

<b>Success Factors</b>	<b>Open Issues to be Addressed</b>	<b>Action Plan &amp; Status</b>
<p>1. Demonstrate leadership and influence at the County level</p>	<p>How can the Township become a stronger partner with Montgomery and Harris Counties in planning for Township mobility needs?</p> <p>A. Montgomery County Precinct 3 Commissioner Noack will establish a citizen’s transportation committee. What will the role of the committee be? How will the Township interface with the new committee?</p> <p>B. Will the role of the Greater Woodlands Chamber of Commerce Mobility Team and the City of Shenandoah Mobility Strategic Evaluation Committee change in the future? What should the Township role in these groups be in the short term? Should the WRUD No.1 also participate?</p> <p>C. How will the Township interact/interface with all County Commissioners that have responsibility for Township roads?</p>	<p>A. To be determined.</p> <p>B. By action of the Township Board taken on December 6, 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Board Chairman and/or his designee and the President were appointed to represent the Township on matters regarding the Conroe-Woodlands Large Urban Area and Transit Advisory Committee.</li> <li>- The President or his designee was appointed as Township representative to the City of Shenandoah Mobility Strategic Evaluation Committee. Further, Township Board asked that WRUD No. 1 consider appointing a representative to the Shenandoah committee.</li> <li>- The Ad Hoc Transportation Committee on November 29, 2012, approved continuing Chamber Mobility Team participation as currently exists for staff.</li> </ul>

		C. To be determined.
2. Increase Township's influence and leverage with regional and state entities responsible for allocating state and federal funding	<p>A. How can the Township gain a seat at the H-GAC Transportation Planning Council (TPC)?</p> <p>B. Should the Township become a member of the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG)?</p>	<p>A. The Township has sent a letter requesting membership on the H-GAC TPC. No response from H-GAC at this point.</p> <p>B. TAG information has been provided to Committee members for consideration.</p>
3. Effectively collaborate in the planning for and management of the new Conroe-Woodlands Large Urbanized Area (UZA)	<p>A. How will the UZA Interlocal Agreement between Conroe and the Township effectively work? How will the new UZA Committee work and what support will we need to provide?</p> <p>B. What Consulting services and internal staffing will the Township require to support the required planning and development of transit services within the UZA in addition to the existing Trolley Service, Waterway Cruisers and the Park and Ride services? Do we continue to use the Goodman Corporation?</p> <p>C. In continuing to effectively operate the Woodland's Park and Ride operations, what should the Township's working relationship be with the Brazos Transit District?</p>	<p>A. The State of Texas and Federal Transit Administration have named the City of Conroe and The Woodlands Township as dual designated recipients for the new UZA. In a November 6, 2012, letter to TxDOT the FTA agreed to work with these same parties.</p> <p>A. The City of Conroe and The Township have entered into an ILA for the purpose of continuing, facilitating and enhancing public transit programs and services with the new UZA.</p> <p>B. TGC has proposed contract for 2013 consulting services for Township transit services.</p> <p>C. The Township's relationship with the Brazos Transit District for the UZA will be defined in an Interlocal Agreement under development.</p>

<p>4. Collaborate with Montgomery and Harris Counties, H-GAC, TxDOT and other entities in the development and management of a multi-year Transit and Mobility Plan reflecting the needs of Township business and resident community</p>	<p>A. Development of a five year plan is critical in order to provide a vision for the future; to project funding requirements; and, to support funding requests. The plan should be multi-modal and potentially include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Roadway &amp; Traffic Control Improvements</li> <li>-Noise reduction strategies</li> <li>-Park &amp; Ride Improvements</li> <li>-Town Center Transit and Mobility Needs</li> <li>-Bike Lane System</li> <li>-Integration of Village and other Commercial Area needs</li> </ul> <p>B. What planning information exists? How well do past plans match Township current needs? Developer has traffic control and road way planning information that could be benefit to Township planning efforts? To what extent should the developer be involved in Township planning efforts?</p> <p>C. Where and how does possible involvement and future investment by the Township in the Spring Creek Greenway bike pathway fit into Township transportation plans?</p> <p>D. How should Township deal with the impact of the ExxonMobil and Springwoods development and link to Township and Town Center? Do plans exist for the expansion of the Gosling and Kuykendahl bridges south of Woodlands Parkway?</p> <p>E. What internal and external engineering and staff resources does the Township need in order to contribute to future planning efforts?</p> <p>NOTE: To be prepared to secure grant funding, the preliminary engineering and environmental design work for high priority projects will be need to be defined in sufficient detail to be considered “shovel ready.”</p>	<p>A. Determine whether to invite H-GAC representatives to Ad Hoc Transportation Committee meeting to provide overview and discuss sub-regional planning studies that H-GAC offers and manages for government clients and transit providers.</p> <p>B. Developer to present information to Committee members during 01-10-13 meeting.</p> <p>B. In September 2009, The Goodman Corporation developed a Town Center and Pedestrian Corridor Five-Year Transit Plan for the Township. The plan provided for additional park and ride capabilities, a multi nodal parking complex and expansion of the Trolley system to the Village Centers. A draft of an updated plan has been prepared but not yet approved. The updated plan will be discussed at the 01-10-13 Committee meeting.</p> <p>C. Budget planning and scope documents were prepared in July 2012 covering both the Spring Creek bike pathway and development of bike lanes. As part of the Bike Friendly Community Designation, the League of American Bicyclist also</p>
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<p>5. Provision of local matching funds required to gain government grant funds.</p>	<p>A. Does the Township have an interest and financial capability to provide matching dollars for potential government grant funds (matching dollars involve providing funds for project definition activities and a percent of construction costs). How would providing match dollars impact Township debt and capital reserve strategy?</p> <p>B. What is the projected five year financial outlook for transportation and mobility initiatives and the impact on Township funding and grant needs? What Grant Funding is approved today for use in the Township and what projects does the funding represent? What deficit exists today and how can we manage any deficit without adversely impacting property tax rates?</p> <p>C. The five year projection model should be used to evaluate the impact of new possible initiatives as they are defined over the course of the Committee's work.</p> <p>D. What is the Township position on the future role of the WRUD No.1 and Township involvement? Will the WRUD be willing to seek additional bond authorization for project funding? Who will own, operate and maintain non-roadways projects constructed by the WRUD?</p>	<p>A. To be determined.</p> <p>B. Information being developed by The Goodman Corporation for Committee review.</p> <p>C. To be considered.</p> <p>D. Committee members received a briefing on the authority, scope and role of WRUD No.1 during the December 13, 2012 Committee meeting. Issues to be considered over time.</p>
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