

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, June 13, 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:

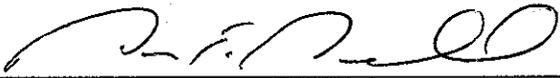
1. Call meeting to order;
2. Receive, consider and act upon adoption of the meeting agenda;
3. Receive, consider and act upon approval of the May 9, 2013 Ad Hoc Transportation Committee meeting minutes;
4. Receive, consider and act upon an update of demand-response mobility services for seniors and the disabled;
5. Receive, consider and act upon a discussion of the FTA 5310 Formula Grant;
6. Receive, consider and act upon the Park and Ride User Survey;
7. Receive, consider and act upon an update on Park and Ride operations;
8. Receive, consider and act upon outside committee and meeting updates;
 - Conroe/The Woodlands Urbanized Area (UZA);
 - Chamber Mobility Committee;
 - Montgomery County Precinct 3;
 - H-GAC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC);
 - Bicycle Advisory Task Force
 - South Montgomery County Mobility Study
9. Receive, consider and act upon discussion of the status of the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee;
10. Receive, consider and act upon updating the Framework for Mobility and Transportation Program Success Factors and presenting an update to the Township Board of Directors;

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.





President/General Manager for The Woodlands Township

**THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP
AD HOC TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
May 9, 2013
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 May 9, 2013, 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, Bruce Tough

STAFF/ADVISORS: Don Norrell, President/General Manager, Miles McKinney, Director of Legislative Affairs and Transportation, John Powers, Assistant General Manager for Community Services, Monique Sharp, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Administration, Karen Dempsey, Management Analyst, Attorney Mike Page, Bryan Brown, The Goodman Corporation, Barry Goodman, The Goodman Corporation

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

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 Director Tough.

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

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (3-0).

3. Receive, consider and act upon approval of the April 11, 2013 Ad Hoc Transportation Committee Meeting minutes:

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to accept the minutes as presented, second by Director Tough.

VOTE: **Ayes:** Mike Bass
Jeff Long
Bruce Tough
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (3-0)

4. Receive, consider and act upon a discussion of demand response mobility services for seniors and the disabled:

Don Norrell and Barry Goodman reviewed current paratransit facilities in the community, including a discussion of services offered by The Friendship Center, Interfaith and Brazos Transit District. The Executive Director of The Friendship Center presented an overview of its transit offerings, costs, funding sources and future needs. Director Tough directed staff to work with The Goodman Corporation to review and research collaborative efforts with transit providers, conduct an analysis of current users and funding and develop a recommendation for the 2014 budget season and to bring back such recommendation to the committee in 30 days.

5. Receive, consider and act upon the Houston-Galveston Area Council/The Woodlands Transit Plan Study:

Don Norrell introduced Ashby Johnson and Carlene Mullins of the H-GAC who discussed The Woodlands Transit Plan Study scope and recommended funding.

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to recommend that the Township Board of Directors approve The Woodlands Transit Plan Scope of Work for the study at its May meeting, with the revisions noted, as proposed by the Houston-Galveston Area Council; second by Director Tough.

VOTE: **Ayes:** Mike Bass
Jeff Long
Bruce Tough
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (3-0).

MOTION: Motion by Director Bass to recommend that the Township Board of Directors authorize the President/General Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council to perform the proposed transit study in a total amount not to exceed \$300,000, with H-GAC funding up to \$240,000 and local match funding by the Township up to \$60,000.

VOTE: Ayes: Mike Bass
Jeff Long
Bruce Tough
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (3-0)

6. Receive, consider and act upon a Houston-Galveston Area Council grant program regarding Park and Ride funding;

Don Norrell presented an overview of proposed funding scenarios for park and ride bus fleets, protecting potential federal funding opportunities and percentage participation between H-GAC and the Township. Monique Sharp discussed several funding scenarios and the Committee directed that the Township Board receive an update at its May meeting.

MOTION: Motion by Director Tough to provide an update on park and ride bus fleet funding to the Township Board at its May 22, 2013 meeting; second by Director Bass.

VOTE: Ayes: Mike Bass
Jeff Long
Bruce Tough
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (3-0).

7. Receive, consider and act upon the Park and Ride User Survey format;

The Committee and representatives from The Goodman Corporation discussed wording changes and methodology on a proposed park and ride user survey, one of the tools of an ongoing transit provider analysis.

No action was taken.

8. Receive, consider and act upon a discussion of the South Montgomery County Mobility Study;

Don Norrell provided an overview of the mobility study to be funded by the Township and surrounding entities. Proposed total funding is \$300,000 with funding from The Woodlands Township-up to \$50,000, Montgomery County-up to \$50,000, Woodlands Road Utility District #1-up to \$50,000, City of

Shenandoah-up to \$25,000 and City of Oak Ridge North-up to \$25,000 with maximum funding from Houston-Galveston Area Council of \$300,000.

MOTION: Director Bass moved to approve recommending to the Township Board to go forward with this project, scope and funding.

VOTE: Ayes: Mike Bass
 Jeff Long
 Bruce Tough
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

MOTION: Motion passed unanimously (3-0).

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

- **Conroe/Woodlands Urbanized Area (UZA)**
- **Chamber Mobility Committee**
- **Montgomery County Precinct 3**
- **H-GAC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC);**

Updates were provided for the above groups.

10. Receive, consider and act upon updating the Framework for Mobility and Transportation Program Success Factors;

Discussion took place concerning various tasks detailed on the framework, with Director Bass noting that the Committee's work was approaching completion. Items discussed were formalizing Board liaison position with the TPC, WRUD update, development of a bike friendly plan and removal of Spring Creek trails from the framework.

11. There was no Executive Session.

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

Park & Ride Survey with recommendations
Transit Report from The Goodman Corporation

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

**The Woodlands Township
Transportation and Mobility Program
(Updated April 24, 2013)**

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SUCCESS FACTORS	OPEN ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED	ACTION PLAN & STATUS
<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>The Township is working with H-GAC and local partners to support a mobility study for South Montgomery and North Harris Counties and a transit study for The Woodlands Township. The Township is continuing to seek memberships in HGACs Transportation Council (TPC). Until that occurs we will attend future meetings and seek to be seated as an Ad Hoc Non Voting Member of the TPC. It currently is represented in the Technical Advisory Committee.</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? (Completed)</p>	<p>Ai. Committee roles to be determined. Township Board appointed President/GM, or his designee, to serve on Precinct 3 Transportation Committee. The committee has not met as of June 7, 2013.</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? (Completed)</p>	<p>Bi. By action of the Township Board taken on December 6, 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, and; • The President or his designee was appointed as Township representative to the City of Shenandoah Mobility Strategic Evaluation Committee. However, City has decided not to have a mobility committee.

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		Bii. The Ad Hoc Transportation Committee on November 29, 2012 approved continuing Chamber Mobility Team participation as currently exists for staff.
	C. How will the Township interact/interface with all County Commissioners that have responsibility for Township roads?	Ci. To be determined.
2. Increase Township’s influence and leverage with regional and state entities responsible for allocating state and federal funding	A. How can the Township gain a seat at the H-GAC Transportation Planning Council (TPC)?	Ai. The Township sent a letter requesting membership on the H-GAC TPC and attended the January TPC meeting asking that the Township be included on the committee. The TPC declined the request of the Township at the January TPC meeting. The Township is continuing to seek memberships in HGACs Transportation Council (TPC) and has sent a second letter in February 2013 asking to be placed on the TPC. Until that occurs we will attend future meetings and seek to be seated as an Ex Officio Non Voting Member of the TPC. The Township is currently represented on the Technical Advisory Committee.

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	<p>B. Should the Township become a member of the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG)?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Completed)</p>	<p>Bi. The Ad Hoc Transportation Committee adopted a recommendation that the Township become a member of the Transportation Advocacy Group (TAG). The Township Board discussed the committee recommendation during the Township Board of Directors meeting on January 17, 2013. Based on Board deliberation, Staff was directed to apply for Township membership in TAG. Staff has taken necessary actions and the Township is a member of TAG effective February 2013 for a one year period.</p>
<p>3. Effectively collaborate in the planning for and management of the new Conroe-Woodlands Large Urbanized Area (UZA)</p>	<p>A. How will the UZA Interlocal Agreement between Conroe and the Township work? How will the new UZA Committee work and what support will be needed?</p>	<p>Ai. 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>Aii. 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. A meeting of City and Township representatives met to discuss the UZA on January 22 to discuss administrative matters concerning the UZA. Additional meetings have occurred.</p>

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		<p>Aiii. The City of Conroe and the Township are working to establish the Conroe/The Woodlands UZA Advisory Committee. At the April 18, 2013 Township Board meeting the Township Board of Directors approved the Advisory Committee Bylaws.</p>
	<p>B. What Consulting services 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? (Completed)</p>	<p>Bi. Upon recommendation of the Transportation Committee, the Township Board of Directors took action at the January 17, 2013 Board meeting to approve a contract for 2013 consulting services for Township transit services with 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? (Completed)</p>	<p>Ci. The Township's relationship with the Brazos Transit District for the UZA has been defined in an Interlocal Agreement executed by the parties in 2013.</p>

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<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 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"> - Roadway & Traffic Control Improvements - Noise reduction strategies - Park & Ride Improvements - Town Center Transit and Mobility Needs - Bike Lane System - Integration of Village and other Commercial Area needs 	<p>Ai. Township representatives attended a meeting hosted by Commissioner Noack where H-GAC discussed the possibility of having H-GAC lead a sub-regional mobility study that could include all elements of concern as identified by the Committee. A number of interests were represented at the meeting and it was decided that H-GAC will develop a draft scope for a south Montgomery - north Harris County mobility study for the parties to consider. The H-GAC study will now focus on road mobility and has been posted as The South Montgomery County Mobility Plan for bids by consulting firms.</p>
		<p>Aii. As a result of other parties not being interested in transit planning for the Township area, Ad Hoc Transportation Committee members and staff worked with H-GAC to develop a scope for a Woodlands Township Study for the Township Board to consider funding. Based on development of The Woodlands Township Transit (WTT) Plan by H-GAC, the Township Board of Directors approved funding in the amount of \$60,000 toward the H-GAC study that is estimated to cost \$300,000. A contract will be let to a consulting firm in August 2013 to develop the WTT Plan with anticipated delivery of the plan in mid-2014</p>

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		<p>Aiii. Developer representative presented information on Developer mobility planning efforts relevant to the Township to Committee members during the January 10, 2013 committee meeting.</p>
	<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>Bi. 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-modal parking complex and expansion of the Trolley system to the Village Centers. The updated plan was discussed at the January 10, 2013 Committee meeting. More information should be presented in April 2013. The need for a Town Center Transit Center will be proposed to be a part of H-GAC's The Woodlands Township Transit Study. The updated plan was approved by the Township Board on April 18, 2013. Goodman is to submit the updated plan to FTA.</p>
		<p>Bii. Committee has reviewed road construction improvements done to date by Developer and WRUD #1. Committee has received a briefing on road way improvements they believe would be beneficial in the future.</p>

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	<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>Ci. 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 provided several key measures the Township should consider to improve cycling in the community. A Bicycle Advisory Committee is being formed to support transportation committee deliberations.</p>
		<p>Cii. The Township Board approved creation of a Bicycle Advisory Task Force that will report to the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee and provide input on bicycle related matters. Four individuals were appointed to the task force.</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>Di. To be determined as part of the H-GAC Woodlands Township Transit Study.</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>Ei. Deferred until the H-GAC Woodlands Township Transit Study is complete.</p>

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	<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>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>Ai. To be determined. Further work deferred until H-GAC South Montgomery County Mobility Study is completed.</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? 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>Bi. Information has been developed by The Goodman Corporation and provided for Committee review and subsequent presentation to the Township Board. To be determined as part of the H-GAC /The Woodlands Township Transit Study.</p>

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	<p>C. 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>Ci. Committee members received a briefing on the authority, scope and role of WRUD No.1 during the December 13, 2012 Committee meeting. An overview update of the WRUD No. 1 was presented at the February 20, 2013 Committee meeting. No recommendations regarding WRUD No. 1 have been developed.</p>

The Woodlands Township Ad Hoc Transportation Committee
Status of the Committee's Work (May 16, 2013)

Introduction The Township Board of Directors formed the Adhoc Transportation Committee in November 2012 to address and provide recommendations on a series of transportation and mobility issues detailed in its charter. The Committee is considered to be temporary in nature. Its charter specifies that the Committee will cease to exist as of December 31, 2013 unless its charter is extended by The Township Board.

Overall Accomplishments and Status The Adhoc Transportation Committee has been very proactive and has accomplished a great deal since it was formed. This can be seen in the Committee's more detailed status report. In fact, so much has been accomplished that the Committee envisions that its services will not be needed beyond September or October, 2013. With the exception of the following issues, the Committee believes that all the items delegated by The Township Board to the Committee have been resolved. Most of the remaining issues are those requiring ongoing involvement and action by the Board or Township Staff.

Committee Task	Status	Recommended Future Action
<p>1. Develop recommendations for the development of a Five Year Mobility Plan.</p> <p align="center"><u>COMPLETE</u></p>	<p>The recommended scope for the planning effort has been finalized with HGAC and will be partially funded by them. The planning effort will actually be composed of two coordinated planning studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The South County Mobility Plan - The Woodlands Township Transit Plan <p>The South County Mobility Plan will cross County Precinct boundaries and will fully incorporate The Township. It will be the responsibility of Commissioner Noack to coordinate with his fellow Commissioners</p> <p>The two studies will address many of the issues indentified by the Board, such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Exxon/Mobil project impact - Park and Ride Improvements - Bike Lane and Pedestrian Path Improvements - Town Center mobility and parking needs <p>At this time, it should not be necessary for the Committee to spend any more time on these issues.</p>	<p>Unless the Township Board directs the Transportation Committee otherwise, it should not be necessary for the Committee to spend any more time on these issues. We consider our work on the development of a Five Year Plan and these two studies to be complete. The outstanding action items are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Township Board will need to designate its representatives to both Transit Study Project Management Committee and the South County Mobility Study Project Steering Committee. b) Execute the Interlocal Agreement for both Studies. c) Designate a representative to participate in the HGAC Committee to select the consultant for the Township Transit Study. <u>It is important to select a Firm that will provide both the best and most objective and unbiased advice.</u>

Committee Task	Status	Recommended Future Action
Item 1 Continued	<p>At the May16, 2013 Township Board Meeting the Board took the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approved The Woodlands Transit Plan Scope of Work for the study as proposed by the Houston-Galveston Area Council and recommended by The Woodlands Township Ad Hoc Transportation Committee and authorize the President/General Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Houston-Galveston Area Council to perform the proposed transit study in a total amount not to exceed \$300,000 with H-GAC funding up to \$240,000 and local match funding by the Township up to\$60,000. b) Approve the South Montgomery County Mobility Plan Scope of Work, subject to any minor revisions and authorize funding the plan study in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the Township’s share utilizing \$26,000 from the transportation consulting budget and the remaining \$24,000 from the Operating Contingency Fund. 	
<p>2. Extend the influence of The Township to state, regional and local entities having a more direct responsibility for transportation and funding.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>IN PROCESS</u></p>	<p>The Board has approved a significant level of the Township’s participation in various committees and groups having influence over the transportation matters and funding.</p> <p>The Township has not yet obtained a “seat” at the HGAC Transportation Policy Council (TPC) but that should come in time. In the interim, Director Bass, as a representative of the Transportation Committee, has been attending all the TPC Meetings in order to strengthen The Township’s relations with the other 28 entities serving on TPC and maintaining open lines of communications.</p> <p>The Woodlands Road Utility District #1 has been instrumental in building all the roadways with The Township. Its continued existence and involvement is very important in being able to fund future roadway improvements. Potential new legislation may enable the WRUD Board</p>	<p>Continue to lobby for an interim seat on the TPC as an Ad Hoc Non-Voting Member and full member status in 2014. In the meantime, a Township Director should continue to serve as an informal liaison to the TPC.</p> <p>The Transportation Committee should brief the Township Board on the nature, accomplishments and future of the WRUD.</p>

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Item 2 Continued	to expand its Board to include the County and The Township. In the meantime, Director Bass, as a representative of the Transportation Committee, has been attending the WRUD Board meetings in order to strengthen The Township's relations with the WRUD and keep communications lines open.	
<p>3. Develop plan to support the Bicycle Friendly Community Initiative</p> <p><u>IN PROCESS</u></p>	<p>The mobility studies to be done will include the identification of bike lane and pedestrian path needs. However, the needs of a Bike Friendly Community extend beyond just addressing bike lanes. The Transportation Committee is working with the Bicycle Advisory Task Force to develop the additional needs of the bicycle community. A recommendation from the Task Force will be covered at the June Committee Meeting</p>	<p>By the end of July, the Transportation Committee will complete a recommended plan to support the Bicycle Friendly Community Initiative. This plan will then require further Board input and action.</p>
<p>4. Develop a plan and alternatives to insure that the Woodlands Express Park and Ride operations can be sustained over the long term with no adverse impact to local taxpayers.</p> <p><u>IN PROCESS</u></p>	<p>The past success of the Park and Ride operations have been adversely impacted by the bankruptcy of Coach USA, increasing the operating costs and complaints regarding quality of service, quality of buses and routes offered. Recently, two short term changes have occurred in an effort to indentify and make some short term improvements to reverse this adverse trend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Conduct of a ridership survey to identify improvements that are needed b) Brazos has awarded a bus contract for Sterling Ridge to First Class Coach. They have also added a new Medical Center route at this location. First Class will be providing newer 2011 buses but at a much higher operating rate. <p>But additional changes are required to return the program to a self sustaining position.</p> <p>The Transportation Committee has worked with the Brazos Transit District and the Goodman Corporation to develop a 10 year financial projection for the system illustrating the impact of operating and funding alternatives.</p>	<p>At the May 16, 2013 Township Board Meeting the financial projection, alternatives and recommendations were reviewed. No action was requested or taken. Over the June- July timeframe, the Board will need to make a final decision on the desired course of action for the future. If the purchase of new buses is desired, Township Staff will need to prepare a response to the HGAC's Call for Projects</p> <p>The Park and Ride Ridership Survey results should be completed by the Goodman Corporation in July. These results will be evaluated by the Transportation Committee and the results and recommendations will be presented to the Township Board. The Board can then decide how it wishes to proceed and what future steps should be taken.</p> <p>The Transportation Committee will be working with the Goodman Firm to evaluate what the Ridership Fee should be.</p>

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<p>5. Identify how future investment in the Spring Creek Greenway bike pathway fit into the Township transportation plan.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>COMPLETE</u></p>	<p>The plans for this greenway are not for a paved bike pathway but for a hike and bike nature trail. In this sense, the pathway is more of a recreational amenity. Some work has been done by volunteers on the pathway. Grant funding is available but will require a relative small local match. Precinct 3 had originally committed to providing this match but it is not clear that they now have the money.</p>	<p>The Transportation Committee does not see this to be a transportation issue. The future of this area is part of the scope of the South County Mobility Study.</p> <p>If the Board wishes to consider supporting the completion of this new amenity, the Committee suggests that a plan be developed partnering with Precinct 3 and the matter be considered during the 2014 Township Budget process as part of a Parks and Recreation initiative.</p>
<p>6. Identify the need for and approach to providing Demand-Response Transit Services within The Township's portion of the UZA.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>IN PROCESS</u></p>	<p>Section 5310 FTA Funding is designed to provide enhanced mobility services for Seniors and Disabled Individuals. Today, three entities (Brazos Transit District, The Friendship Center and Interfaith) provide these services. The approach and cost to providing these services varies widely from entity to entity. Interfaith currently receives no 5310 Funding.</p> <p>Due to the newness of the Conroe- Woodlands UZA, for 2013 TxDot agreed to serve as the Designated Recipient for these funds and granted a six month apportionment of \$34,000 to the Friendship Center, far short of the \$264,890 they requested.</p> <p>There are at least two questions that need to be answered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who will be the Designated Recipient in 2014 to receive the funds to be apportioned? - What is the most cost effective approach to deliver these services? <p>The Goodman firm is reviewing this area and will be reporting back to the Committee in June with their preliminary findings and recommendations.</p>	<p>In June, based on the input received from the Goodman Corporation, the Committee will need to determine the next steps in resolving this potential issue and develop recommendations for consideration by the Conroe-Woodlands UZA and the Township Board.</p>