

**Regional Public Transportation Coordination  
IMPLEMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE  
Thursday, April 12, 2007  
10:00 am– 12:00 pm  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
3555 Timmons Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room C  
Meeting Summary**

**ATTENDING**

American Red Cross	Martha Mayes	Liberty County	Kellie Buchanan
BATP/UW-BASC	Becky Jasso	METRO	Becky Phillips
BCCIL	Charmane Barrow	METRO	Mary Ann Dendor
Care for Elders	Jane Bavineau	METRO	Edie Lowery
City of Galveston	Mike Worthy	TSU	Lalita Sen
Harris Co. RIDES	Vernon Chambers	TX Dot	Wanda Carter Dyer
H-GAC	Kari Hackett	TX DOT	Lucy Lapaglia
H-GAC	Ursula Williams	TXDOT/MTP	Beverly Bradley
H-GAC	Lydia Abebe		

Overview of Funding Sources / Projects

A. JARC & New Freedom:

- i. TX DOT staff provided clarification on the Small Urban and Rural program that TX DOT is administering and the areas that qualify for those grants. TX DOT is sponsoring a video conference on May 1<sup>st</sup> to address questions on these funds.
- ii. The Urbanized projects will be handled under a joint agreement between H-GAC and METRO, with HGAC handling the call for projects and review and METRO being the grant recipient.

B. Projects proposed under 5307 have been discussed at the Transit Stakeholders meeting. 5 areas qualify for those funds: Houston Urbanized (includes METRO service area, sections of Fort Bend and non-METRO Harris Co. and sections of Brazoria & No. Galveston County); Woodlands, Texas City, Lake Jackson and Galveston. 5311 covers rural providers in Fort Bend Co., Gulf Coast Center, Colorado Valley, Galveston & Brazoria Counties. Montgomery and Liberty are under Brazos Transit.

C. H-GAC staff discussed the availability of Enterprise Funds through their SBA Loan Fund Grants. These cover the 13 county rural areas and can help support intercity bus programs. Interested parties should contact Ursula Williams.

D. Pilot Project Discussion: The Mobility Manager and Ambassador Programs may fall under the scope of the New Freedom funds, but would need to meet requirement of taking service beyond ADA requirements.

Regional Activity: May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Regional Coordination Meeting at the Commission level.

Status of Committee: Kari Hackett reported that the Sub-Committee will continue meeting under the auspices of H-GAC.

Other Funded Programs: Beverly Brady provided an update on TX DOT Medical Transportation Program operations.

Announcements: American Red Cross has an opening for Transportation Director. Martha Mayes has been promoted.

Next Meeting: Group agreed to meet Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-12 pm to continue discussing the potential pilot projects that could move forward. Meeting location will be announced. (Since set at American Red Cross, 2700 Southwest Freeway).