



## Transportation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | 9:30 am

Moran Lecture Hall, Houston Museum of Natural Science  
5555 Hermann Park Dr., Houston, TX 77030

### MEETING NOTES

**Attendees:** Kathie Easterly (University Place Association); Richard Fitzgerald (UT MD Anderson Cancer Center); Edwin Friedrichs (Walter P Moore); Evalyn Krudy (Blvd Oaks Neighborhood); Allison Kellogg (Houston Museum of Natural Science); Greg Marshall (Rice University); Kathleen O'Reilly (Museum Park Super Neighborhood); Abbey Roberson (Texas Medical Center); Linda Trevino (METRO); Kyle Wolfe (Hermann Park Conservancy); Susan Young (SMA Transportation Committee Co-Chair); Claude Wynn (SMA Transportation Committee Co-Chair); Maureen Maiuri & Kristi Marchand (SMA Executive Administration team / Manifest Creative)

**Welcome & Introductions:** SMA Transportation Committee Co-Chair Susan Young convened meeting and introductions were made.

**TIRZ 28 Presentation:** Abbey Roberson provided an update on the new TIRZ in the Texas Medical Center area. Request made from Museum Park Super Neighborhood to work closely with the TIRZ to identify opportunities in the Museum Park area, along Hermann Dr. where the two areas intersect / overlap. They hope the TIRZ takes into account the plans Museum Park already has in place from the Livable Centers study. Susan mentioned that Abbey Roberson will be SMA's next chair, which will provide SMA a great opportunity to collaborate with the TIRZ and establish a strong partnership between the two organizations.

**NHHIP:** The \$9 billion dollar project is moving ahead with all segments around downtown. First segment is being designed in-house by TxDOT, which means it will happen more quickly (starting with Spur 527 to 288, then going to 45, etc.) but it will still be a few years before they start. Estimated time for Segment 3 (which is the first segment they are doing) is 3 years. TxDOT will be at the June meeting of the SMA Transportation Committee to provide an update.

**METRO University Line BRT (Bus Rapid Transit):** the group thanked Linda Trevino from METRO for all she's doing to help facilitate communications between community and METRO, including the public meetings she has arranged and the future ones she has in the works. Concerns from the adjacent neighborhoods have been shared with METRO, including primary concern of two lanes on Richmond (one lane in each direction) lost to vehicular traffic and instead dedicated to BRT, which METRO reassures won't be an issue once they complete signaling updates along Richmond. All are currently awaiting traffic impact studies that have been completed, but not yet assessed or made available. Linda said she understands the community and SMA is interested in details. Linda will plan more METRO public meetings once the traffic study results are ready. Currently looking at South Main Baptist or Montrose Center for public meetings. METRO welcomes ideas on how to improve outreach to the community, which has been a real challenge, particularly businesses along the route. They've started robo-calling; there's a possibility a business coalition in the area will be formed, which would be helpful. Linda has asked for a pop-up in the area (great convenience factor!) so she's more accessible for the community to drop in, voice their concerns, look at maps, etc. A survey for the businesses in the area has been created and Linda is working to get as many out and collected as possible. Comment made about how much information is on the METRO website about this topic and how challenging it is to find the info one needs. Any additional questions or comments should be directed to Linda Trevino at METRO.

**90A Direct Connectors:** No update.

**Adjourn:** Susan Young adjourned the meeting.

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**SMA Transportation Committee  
2023 Meeting Schedule**

*Meetings are typically held the  
SECOND WEDNESDAY of alternating months from 9:30 am – 10:30 am  
(Unless otherwise noted)*

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

**Location: NRG Stadium, Conference Rooms 1-2, Park One, NRG Park Houston, Texas 77054**

**Wednesday, August 9, 2023**

**Location: NRG Stadium, Conference Rooms 1-2, Park One, NRG Park Houston, Texas 77054**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

**Location: NRG Stadium, Conference Rooms 1-2, Park One, NRG Park Houston, Texas 77054**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

**Location: NRG Center, HCSCC Boardroom (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), Park One, NRG Park Houston, Texas 77054**