

Community Integration Subcommittee Meeting Summary

Texas Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Advisory Committee

Virtual Meeting // May 15, 2024, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm CST (Meeting No.: 4)

Chair: Jim Perschbach

Vice Chair: Amanda Nelson

Committee Attendance: Amanda Nelson, Angel Newhart, Brent Skorup, Ernest Huffman, Jeff Bilyeu

Summary:

The meeting commenced with a comprehensive review of the agenda, which included a summary of legislative tips, an in-depth discussion to refine community integration recommendations, and a review of the remaining recommendations. The initial part of the meeting provided an overview of the legislative tips. This was done to aid in the revision of the recommendations. The participants were reminded to consider the crawl, walk, run, and soar phases of AAM to ensure that their requests were based on the current stage of AAM development.

The subcommittee then moved on to discuss the AAM public awareness recommendation. After a thorough discussion, it was agreed that this aspect would be better suited as a highlight in the report rather than a standalone recommendation. The conversation also touched upon the need to establish a position at the Office of the Governor. The aim of this position would be to elevate Texas' profile in the AAM sector, rather than focusing solely on raising public awareness about AAM.

The meeting progressed to revisit previous committee discussions about conducting a short-term economic impact study to support the recommendations. The subcommittee deliberated on whether there was a consensus within the Texas industry to invest in this study with a target delivery date in November. A few subcommittee members agreed to concentrate on their industry use cases to prepare this report. The discussion also encompassed the funding for the AAM research and development recommendation. The subcommittee decided to adjust the funding amount to match federal funds.

Lastly, the subcommittee reviewed the remaining recommendations. However, no modifications were made following this review.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2024, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm CST (Virtual)