

**Attending Organizations and Neighborhoods:**

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County	International Billiards
Office of Council Member Karla Cisneros	Bill King Campaign
Office of Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen	Asakura Robinson
Office of Council Member Amanda Edwards	Buffalo Bayou Brewing Company
Texas 334th District Court	Greater Heights Super Neighborhood Council
Office of State Senator Carol Alvarado	TIRZ 13
Office of State Representative Sarah Davis	Midway Companies
City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods	Avenue CDC
American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)	Tacodeli
LINK Houston	Washington Avenue Parking Benefit District
Citizen Transportation Coalition	Rene Aguiluz
Houston Police Department	Fresh Arts   The Silos at Sawyer
Community Impact Newspaper	Bob Kirby
Districts C and H, and At-Large Candidates	Jeannette Rodriguez
Messiah Lutheran Church	Holloway Environmental + Communications
Super Neighborhoods 14, 15, and 51	Camp Logan Memorial Civic Club
Super Neighborhood Alliance	Crestwood/Glen Cove Civic Club
English + Associates Architects Inc.	Cottage Grove Civic Association
Robbins Monuments	First Ward Civic Council
Revolver Reloaded	Magnolia Grove Civic Club
MECA Houston	Old Sixth Ward Neighborhood Association
Julep Houston	Rice Military Civic Club
Berg Hospitality	West End Civic Association
	Woodcrest Neighborhood Civic Association

**Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.**

**I. Introductions**

**II. Acceptance of Minutes from Meeting Held on May 16, 2019**

**III. Presentation A: Proposed Light Rail on Washington Avenue – METRO President & CEO, Tom Lambert**

METRO's President & CEO, Tom Lambert, began by thanking everyone for attending and reminding the audience that he and his leadership team were there to hear from stakeholders. But first, Tom shared a quick video on METRONext—the new regional transit plan—to give the audience context. In essence, the population in the greater Houston region will increase from 6M today to nearly 10M people in the next 20 years. It raises a lot of questions about how we live our lives and get to places we need to go. METRO is planning now for a transportation system that meets the needs of our continually evolving, dynamic and diverse region. METRO wants to know what kind of transit system would best meet the needs of you and your family. Whether you currently use public transportation or not, they want to work with us to find solutions that best serve residents, communities, businesses, and visitors. Priya Zachariah, METRO's manager of capital planning, walked through the [METRONext presentation](#) to explain the components of the plan. After Priya's presentation, it was asked why the last minute option of light rail on Washington Avenue is being considered. The suggestion came to METRO from the Downtown Management District when Bob Eury made a presentation to METRO's board. It included an extension from downtown on Washington Avenue to Yale. METRO did an analysis of what ridership and cost would be. The line would extend a little more than two miles, with 5,000 riders daily at a cost of about \$250M. Questions were asked by attendees about the specifics of how this would work and the process. No real answers were given because the details have not been worked out. Some did not agree with adding light rail on Washington Avenue, and others were open to some sort of high-occupancy transit, such as [Bus Rapid Transit \(BRT\)](#), a streetcar that could make frequent stops along a fixed route, or new technology systems. METRO agreed to come back at a later date to discuss options. For now, METRO has tabled the idea because there has not been enough study or community input. As part of the 2013 Livable Centers Study by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) regarding mobility, high-quality, high-frequency transit options were identified as one of four improvements for the Washington corridor. Funds for light rail were prioritized to the east side of downtown, however, bus service has been upgraded. METRO board meetings are public and held on the fourth Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted. The meeting schedule and archived meetings are available [here](#). To address METRO's board at a meeting, you must provide 48 hours notice by registering your name, address, telephone number and the subject of your proposed remarks with the assistant secretary to the board at 713-739-4834. Your request may be made in person, in writing or by telephone. Please contact [Rosa Diaz](#) if you need more information. Comments to METRO's leadership may also be provided [online](#).

**IV. Motion to Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.**

Next meeting: July 18, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.