

**4. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, January 19, 2022
9:30 A.M., ZOOM ONLINE MEETING**

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Loyd Smith, called the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Committee members and staff introduced themselves. A list of Committee representatives and alternates attending the meeting is included with these minutes as Attachment 1. There were 38 members in attendance; 22 are required for a quorum.

The meeting agenda and materials are available on the TAC website at:

<http://www.h-gac.com/transportation-advisory-committee/meeting-agendas-and-minutes.aspx>.

In addition, the livestream recording is available at: <http://www.h-gac.com/transportation-advisory-committee/meeting-livestream-archive.aspx>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No written public comments were received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Smith entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the December 8, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Ken Fickes. The second motion for approval was made by Mr. Morad Kabiri. The Committee voted and the motion carried. The minutes were approved.

A link to the audio recording is available at:

<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01202022-567/4/>

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented on the amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Staff sought TAC Recommendation for TPC of Resolution No. 2022-1, which included the following amendment:

- Delay the City of Houston’s Fondren Road reconstruction project (MPO ID17093/CSJ0912-72-381) from FY 2022 to FY 2024 at TxDOT’s request to conform with their 2-year letting schedule. (Total Cost: \$25.5M)

A motion was made by Ms. Veronica Davis and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. David Fields. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01202022-567/5/>

RURAL FUNDING ALLOCATION

Mr. Adam Beckom presented on the Rural Funding Allocation. H-GAC staff and the TIP Subcommittee have been discussing definitions over the last two months, for the urban and rural areas in the 8-county Metropolitan Planning Area. The goal of establishing definitions for urban and rural areas is to ensure geographic equity in the project selection and prioritization process. Staff developed and presented four options using the accepted urbanized area as a guide. Maps presented were the 2020 Census map and the Adjusted Urbanized Area map which was developed by H-GAC and TxDOT in accordance with federal regulations. Staff Recommendations included the following:

- Create a rural funding allocation that uses the established adjusted urbanized area boundary.
- Allocate 9% of total available funds as a floor for projects located in rural area (ie., areas outside the adjusted urbanized area).
- Implement relative scoring of projects in rural areas.
- Establish a minimum threshold of points that projects in rural areas will need to meet for eligibility to receive funding. (Threshold level will be determined when final scoring criteria are adopted.)
- Provide an opportunity to all local agencies (all eligible agencies with the TMA) to assign additional points to one more high priority projects. This is intended to ensure projects are distributed across the region by giving agencies ability to identify their highest priority projects and including that in the scoring system. (The total number and distribution of additional points will be determined when final scoring criteria are adopted.)

Staff requested recommendation for Transportation Policy Council's approval of the above recommendation on rural funding allocation. TAC members discussed the item and requested more details on the scoring for the Call for Projects related to this item.

A motion was made by Mr. Cory Taylor to conditionally approve this item with a request to provide more details on the related scoring criteria. A second motion for approval was made by Mr. B.J. Simon. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN COUNTER PROGRAM

Mr. Christopher Whaley gave an update on the Bicycle-Pedestrian Counter Program. These counters offer the ability to separate traffic by mode and to automatically transmit data to a cloud-based interface. They can differentiate users by using two separate sensors, an infrared sensor that detects differences in ambient heat to capture pedestrian traffic and pressure sensitive inductive loops to capture bicycle traffic.

H-GAC has received Board approval to purchase additional permanent and mobile counters for the regional pedestrian and bicycle planning program. Staff also solicited and received community input on where new permanent counters might be needed in the region. The expansion of the program to more up-

to-date mobile counters and installation of the new permanent counters at more locations throughout the region is set to begin this year. For further details on this presentation, click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01202022-567/7/>

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS

Mr. David Fink provided an update about Transportation Safety Performance Measures and Targets. The Federal Highway Administration requires an annual submission of safety performance measure targets by state department of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations. The five federal safety performance measures are listed below:

1. Number of fatalities
2. Rate of fatalities (per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)
3. Number of serious injuries
4. Rate of serious injuries (per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)
5. Number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries (pedestrians and bicyclist).

Mr. Fink provided tables to show safety performance measure targets for 2022 and the 2020-2021 targets and observed tools. This information was also provided in the January 19, 2022 TAC Packet.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01202022-567/8/>

UPDATE ON THE REGIONALLY COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Sandy Klanfer provided an update on the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan. As the MPO for the Houston-Galveston region, H-GAC is required to develop and update its Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan (RCTP) every five years. This plan, covering a 13-county region, provides an inventory of transportation assets in public and human service transportation. It also assesses needs, gaps and opportunities for increased efficiencies and provides recommendations for improvements. The update offered recommendations for improving mobility in the region. The recommendations were organized around four key themes that grew out of the analyses done for the RCTP update, and the project's public outreach process that are new to the 2022 plan update.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01202022-567/9/>

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Administrative Modifications to the TIP and RTP

Mr. Jim Dickinson provided a brief overview of Administrative Modifications to the TIP and

RTP. For a summary of the administrative modifications, please view January 19, 2022 TAC Packet or click on the link below.

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ASSESSMENT

Mr. Craig Raborn provided a brief report of the Environmental Justice Assessment. For more information on this report, please view January 19, 2022 TAC Packet or click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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STATEMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Mr. Craig Raborn gave a brief update on Statement of Transportation Needs. For more information on this report, please view January 19, 2022 TAC Packet or click on the link below.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Smith noted the following meetings and events:

- a. Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee Meeting – January 12, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
- b. Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee Meeting - January 13, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
- c. Greater Houston Freight Committee Meeting - January 13, 2022, 10:00 am
- d. Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee Meeting – January 19, 2022, 1:30 p.m.
- e. Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee Meeting – January 20, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
- f. Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan Virtual Open House Meetings - January 20, 2022, 6:30 p.m., January 25, 2022, 2:30 p.m., and January 25, 2022, 2:30 p.m.
- g. Next TPC Meeting – January 28, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
- h. Transportation Systems Management Operations (TSMO) Subcommittee Meeting – February 3, 2022, 2:00 p.m.
- i. Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee Meeting - February 10, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
- j. Next TAC Meeting – February 16, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
- k. Transportation Safety Committee Meeting, February 22, 2022, 1:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 12:01 p.m.

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1st Vice Chair

Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)

January 19, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

NOTES:

1. Attendance is marked with “X” in the corresponding column for the Member and/or Alternate.
2. Where both the Member and Alternate are present, the Alternate is marked with an asterisk (*) after the “X” to indicate that this person does not count toward quorum or votes for this meeting.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
<i>Chair</i>				
Loyd Smith, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Harris County	Brannan Hicks	
1 st Vice Chair				
Veronica Chapa Gorczynski	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Joe Cutrufo	
2 nd Vice Chair				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Larry Buehler	
Ricardo Villagrand, CFM	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Jorge Flores	
Sean Landis		Smaller Cities	Teresa Evans	
Perri D’Armond	<u>X</u>	Transit	Yvette Maldonado	
Ken Fickes	<u>X</u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	<u>X*</u>
Ruthanne Haut	<u>X</u>	Transit	John Powers	
Carl Woodward	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Craig Maske	
Katherine Parker	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Dr. Carol Lewis	
David Fields	<u>X</u>	Planning	Jessie Li, Ph.D, P.E.	
Faustino Benavidez, P.E.		Planning	Reynaldo Guerra, PhD	
Lisa Kocich-Meyer		Planning	Fabio Capillo	<u>X</u>
Marlisa Briggs	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	Elijah Williams	
B.J. Simon	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	Stephanie Pizzoferrato	
Jonathan Brooks	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Oscar Slotboom	<u>X*</u>
Andrea French	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Sherry Weesner, P.E.	
Bruce Mann	<u>X</u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	
Michael Wilson	<u>X</u>	Port Freeport	Brett Milutin	
Heather Jinkins Cantu	<u>X</u>	Toll Road	Dr. David Abraham	
Jimmy Thompson		Toll Road	(Vacant)	
Ana Ramirez-Huerta	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Catherine McCreight	
Bill Zrioka	<u>X</u>	Airport	Beth Rosenbaum	<u>X*</u>
Jeff Taebel	<u>X</u>	Regional Planning	Meagan Coughlin	
Clint Harbert	<u>X</u>	METRO	Alan Clark	<u>X*</u>
Adam Jack, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Beaumont District	Scott Ayers, P.E.	<u>X*</u>
James W. Koch, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Houston District	Andrew C. Mao, P.E.	<u>X*</u>

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<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
Matt Hanks, P.E.	_____	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	X
Billy Combs, P.E.	_____	Chambers County	Cory Taylor	X
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.	X	Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	_____
Michael Shannon, P.E.	X	Galveston County	Nancy Baher, P.E.	_____
David Douglas	X	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	_____
Jeff Johnson, P.E.	X	Montgomery County	Brian Clark, P.E.	_____
Yancy Scott, P.E.	X	Waller County	Jared Chen	_____
Nick Woolery	_____	City of Baytown	Frank Simoneaux	_____
Adam France	_____	City of Conroe	Chris Bogert, P.E.	_____
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	X	City of Galveston	Daniel Christodoss, P.E.	_____
Veronica O. Davis, P.E.	X	City of Houston	David Wurdlow	X*
Christopher Sims	_____	City of League City	Hon. John Bowen	X
Todd Hoover	X	City of Missouri City	Shashi Kumar	_____
Robin Green, P.E.	_____	City of Pasadena	Sarah Benavides, P.E.	X
Trent Epperson	X	City of Pearland	Robert Upton, P.E.	_____
Monique Johnson	X	City of Sugar Land	Rick Ramirez, P.E.	_____
Doug Kneupper, P.E.	_____	City of Texas City	(Vacant)	_____
	44	Total Voting Membership		
	38	Total Voting Membership Present		
	22	Required for Quorum		

Ex Officio:
Roger E. Rees

_____ Port of Galveston