

**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION
MANAGEMENT AREA**

DATE: Friday, April 23, 2021

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Webinar

Chair Kenneth Clark called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:30a.m.

ITEM 1. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Secretary Grady Prestage announced that a quorum of TPC membership was present; 14 members comprise a quorum. A quorum was declared present and recorded on the Roll Call, which is included with these Minutes as Attachment 1.

ITEM 2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Kenneth Clark invited introductions from Council members and staff.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04232021-608/2/>

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC, addressed the Transportation Policy Council and let the Council know that no public comments had been submitted by email or correspondence as of the April 22, 2021 deadline.

Mr. Mandapaka proceeded to give instructions to public on addressing the Council with their comments. Mr. Mandapaka also introduced the Spanish and American Sign Language Interpreters and let public know that they were available.

A public comment was made by Mr. David Hagy, Executive Director, The American Council of Engineering Companies of Houston.

The public comments made during the meeting can be heard here:
<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04232021-608/3/>

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ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Grady Prestage presented the March 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes summary to the Council. Secretary Prestage asked the Council for any modifications or corrections as presented. There were none.

Council Member David Robinson made a motion for approval of the March 26, 2021 meeting minutes and was seconded by Chuck Wemple. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04232021-608/4/>

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP), ALAN RODENSTEIN, H-GAC

Mr. Alan Rodenstein, H-GAC gave a presentation on the Congestion Management Process (CMP) and explained the CMP is an ongoing process designed to address congestion in the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management area. It is a requirement of the Federal Highway Administration and is required for certification as a Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mr. Rodenstein proceeded to describe the basic elements of the CMP process are to identify regional congestion and its causes, apply a variety of mitigation strategies designed to improve the system, and evaluate strategies' effectiveness and make necessary adjustments.

Mr. Rodenstein briefed the Council on the 45-day Public Comment process from November 22, 2020 to January 7, 2021. A public meeting was held online December 3, 2020 with 5 questions and comments received. Seventy-three (73) comments were received from groups and individuals. All comments can be seen on the website.

Mr. Rodenstein finished his presentation by describing changes made to the CMP based on the comments received. The CMP update will be submitted to Federal Highway Administration in late Spring. A future more extensive update was planned to be conducted as a next phase of revision to this document.

A motion was made by Dr. Carol Lewis and seconded by Council Member David Robinson.

The Council voted and approved Resolution 2021-12.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04232021-608/5/>

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ITEM 6. RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MAY AS BIKE MONTH, SUSAN JAWORSKI, H-GAC

Ms. Susan Jaworski, H-GAC, presented a resolution recognizing May 2021 as Bike Month. Ms. Jaworski gave a brief history of Bike Month and described the Regional Bike Network, the 2045 Active Transportation Plan and the impact of Covid-19 on biking in the region. Ms. Jaworski concluded her presentation by describing the activities and events that are a part of Bike Month.

A motion was made by Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid and seconded by Council Member David Robinson

The Council voted and approved Resolution 2021-13.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04232021-608/6/>

ITEM 7. FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE RTP AMENDMENT PROCESS, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, made a presentation on the framework for Regional Transportation Plan amendment process. Mr. Beckom described the steps involved in RTP amendments based on the level of amendments. Changes to the regional transportation plan will be categorized as either an Administrative Modification or a TPC Amendment (Level 1 or Level 2). He provided a flowchart that illustrated his presentation. Mr. Beckom finished his presentation by giving a timeline for these amendments and the expected outcome of a comprehensive amendment process.

A motion was made by Council Member David Robinson and seconded by Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid.

The Council voted and the motion was approved.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04232021-608/7/>

ITEM 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE 2045 RTP AND THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY, VISHU LINGALA, H-GAC

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC, provided an update on public comments received on amendments to the 2045 RTP and the Air Quality Conformity. Mr. Lingala informed the Council that H-GAC opened the first public comment period in December 2020 with a virtual public meeting held on December 3, 2020. The second public comment period opened on March 26, 2021. The second round of virtual public meetings were held on April 8, 2021 and a total of 99 attendees were present at the meeting. Interested parties can view proposed amendment materials and make a comment at <http://www.2045rtp.com/>. The public comment period was open until April 28, 2021.

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Please view all submitted comments at <https://www.h-gac.com/regional-transportation-plan/submitted-public-comments>

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04232021-608/8/>

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 9. UPDATE ON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING STUDIES, ALLIE ISBELL, H-GAC

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC provided an update on three subregional planning studies in Southeast Harris County, Montgomery County Precinct 2, and Liberty County. Ms. Isbell proceeded to tell the Council the purpose of these studies is to identify short, medium, and long-term solutions to existing and future transportation issues in more specific subregions in our MPO region. Ms. Isbell proceeded to brief the Council on the three public meetings held for each study and on a new public engagement platform used for these meetings at <https://engage.h-gac.com/>. Ms. Isbell said the public meetings for the Southeast Harris County and Montgomery County Precinct 2 recordings were available to view on <https://engage.h-gac.com/> and a Public Meeting would be held for the Liberty County Study on April 29, 2021 at 6:00pm.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04232021-608/9/>

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ITEM 10. EMPLOYER SURVEY RESULTS, DEBORAH MAYFIELD, H-GAC

Ms. Deborah Mayfield, H-GAC, presented the results of the Regional Employer Survey Impact of COVID-19. Ms. Mayfield informed the Council that the survey was conducted from December 2020 to January 2021. The Houston-Galveston Area Council in conjunction with area management districts and transportation partners helped to distribute the survey and 237 worksites responded. The data collected was based on five categories:

- Survey Responders Profiles
- Operations
- Teleworking
- Future of Office Space
- Commute Mode and Benefits

Ms. Mayfield let the Council know the information received will be used by H-GAC to help guide for future planning and programs in transportation, small business, land use, workforce development and more. The results of the survey are available at <datalab.h-gac.com/employersurvey>.

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ITEM 11. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Administrative Amendments

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, updated the Council on Administrative Amendments received by the Council in their meeting packet.

B. Future Amendments

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, updated the Council on the following future amendments that will be brought to the TPC in May 2021 for approval.

- Remove federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funding, as well as the state matching funds, and replace them with local funding for the SH 99 (Grand Parkway) overpass construction project at Peek Road (MPO ID 18032/CSJ 0912-72-381) at the request of Fort Bend County.
- Modify the scope of work of the City of Houston Fondren Road six-lane widening project (MPO ID 17093/CSJ 3510-04-049) to a reconstruction of the existing four lanes with intersection, safety, multimodal, and drainage improvements at the City's request.

C. Planning Activities Report

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, updated the Council on the H-GAC's call for planning study sponsors for the Livable Centers Program, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program, a letter from the Texas Department of Transportation regarding lapsing Federal funds for Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) and the re-convening of the Project Prioritization Workgroup.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04232021-608/11/>

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ITEM 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

- Montgomery County Precinct 2 Mobility Study Public Meeting – April 22, 2021, 6:30pm
- Liberty County Mobility Study Public Meeting- April 29, 2021, 6:30pm
- The next TAC Meeting, May 19, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Online
- The next TPC Meeting, May 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Online

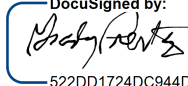
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- Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – May 27, 2021, 10:00am

Chair Kenneth Clark adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 10:30 a.m.

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Hon. Grady Prestage, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

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Attachment 1
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
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ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable Heather Betancourth Council Member, District 4 _____ Honorable Brandon Capetillo – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	_____ Thomas Woolley Interim Director of Engineering _____ Chris Bogert – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	_____ Honorable David Collins Council Member _____ Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – 1 st - Vice Chair _____ Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member _____ Honorable Sallie Alcorn - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	_____ Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works <u> X </u> Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 _____ Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<u> X </u> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works _____ Clifford Brouhard – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	_____ Honorable Cary Bass Council Member _____ James Rodriguez – Alternate	City of Pasadena

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Pearland, City of	_____ Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor <u> X </u> Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	_____ Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> X </u> Honorable Jennifer Lane – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	_____ Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor <u> X </u> Doug Kneupper, P.E. - Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, City of Waller	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Seabrook, City of	_____ Honorable Natalie Picha - Alternate	
Brazoria County	<u> X </u> Honorable Matt Sebesta County Judge – Past Chair _____ Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u> X </u> Honorable Billy Combs County Commissioner, Pct 4 _____ Cory Taylor, P.E. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u> X </u> Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, Pct 2 _____ Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u> X </u> Honorable Kenneth Clark County Commissioner - Chairman _____ Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	_____ Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge <u> X </u> John Blount, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	_____ Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 <u> X </u> Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	_____ David Douglas Engineering Administrator _____ Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

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Montgomery County	<u> X </u> Honorable Mark Keough County Judge _____ Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	_____ Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 2nd VC _____ Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u> X </u> Carrin Patman _____ METRO Chair _____ Thomas Lambert	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u> X </u> Chuck Wemple _____ Executive Director _____ Jeff Taebel – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<u> X </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. _____ District Engineer _____ Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	<u> X </u> Chad Bohne, P.E. _____ District Engineer _____ Adam Jack, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port of Houston Authority	<u> X </u> Roger Guenther _____ Executive Director, Port of Houston _____ Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport - Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u> X </u> Dr. Carol Lewis _____ Chairman, GCRD _____ Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u> 28 </u> Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 22 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

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<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Texas State Senate	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<input type="checkbox"/> Clint Schelbitzki	Union Pacific
Freight Rail Interests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hugh McCulley	BNSF Railway
Texas State Legislator	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Dennis Paul	8-County Region
Texas State Legislator	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Ed Thompson	8-County Region
Wharton County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County
TxDOT Yoakum District	<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Reitz, P.E. District Engineer	TxDOT Yoakum District