

**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)  
Subcommittee Meeting**

Houston-Galveston Area Council

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday October 5, 2022

1:30 PM – 3:00 P.M.

**AGENDA**

**Item 1 – Subcommittee Roll Call**

**Item 2 – Previous Meeting Summary**

The summary of the September 7th, 2022 meeting will be available at the following link:  
<https://www.h-gac.com/transportation-advisory-committee/transportation-improvement-program-subcommittee/agendas-and-minutes>

**Item 3 – Cost Overrun Policy (Adam Beckom)**

**Item 4 – Project Selection Process Update (Vishu Lingala)**

**Item 5: Announcements**

- TAC Meeting – **October 19, 2022**, 9:30 a.m., Hybrid (Zoom).
- TPC Meeting – **September 28, 2022**, 9:30 a.m., Hybrid (Zoom)
- TIP Subcommittee Meeting – **November 2, 2022**, 1:30 p.m., Virtual (Zoom)

**Item 6. Adjourn**

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE**

---

**MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Houston-Galveston Area Council

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

---

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cory Taylor – Chambers County  
Loyd Smith – Harris County  
Stacy Slawinski – Fort Bend County  
Monique Johnson – City of Sugarland  
Michael Medwedeff – City of Alvin  
Veronica Davis – City of Houston-PW  
Trey Haskins – Brazoria County  
Yancy Scott – Waller County  
Michael Shannon – Galveston County  
Sherry Weesner – TIRZ 5/Memorial Heights  
Bruce Mann – Port Houston  
Mike Wilson – Port Freeport  
  
Adam Jack – TxDOT-BMT  
Clint Harbert – METRO  
Ruthanne Haut – The Woodlands Township  
Perri D'Armond – Fort Bend County

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Natalie Lopez – Chambers County  
Brannan Hicks – Liberty County  
Rick Staigle – Fort Bend County  
Rick Ramirez – City of Sugarland  
Dan Johnson – City of Manvel  
David Wurdlow – City of Houston-PW  
Karen McKinnon – Brazoria County  
Jared Chen – Waller County  
Nancy Baher – Galveston County  
Andrea French – Scenic Houston  
Rohit Saxena – Port Houston  
Amy Skicki – Baytran  
Catherine McCreight – TxDOT-HOU  
Martin Gonzalez – TxDOT-BMT  
Alan Clark – METRO  
  
Pamela LeBrane – Fort Bend Transit

### **Item 1 – Subcommittee Roll Call**

The meeting started with a roll call to determine the members and/or alternatives present.

### **Item 2 – Previous Meeting Summary**

The summary of the October 5th, 2022 meeting will be posted on the H-GAC website at: <https://www.h-gac.com/transportation-advisory-committee/transportation-improvement-program-subcommittee/agendas-and-minutes>

### **Item 3 – Cost Oerrun Policy (Adam Beckom)**

Adam Beckom noted that the subject of cost overruns had been discussed extensively by the TIP Subcommittee. Comments raised by subcommittee members have been incorporated in the policy abstract. Staff anticipate that the cost overrun policy will be taken to the TAC and the TPC for action during the month of October 2022.

Cost overrun requests are broadly described as **Foreseeable Overruns** (e.g. overruns due to changes in project scope or schedule delays), and **Unforeseeable Overruns** (e.g. overruns resulting from higher unit costs/increased right of way costs because of the ongoing market-wide inflationary pressure or because of unexpected policy changes such as revisions to federal design standards). A 50/50 federal/local funding split is recommended for the foreseeable overruns while an 80/20 split is recommended for overruns deemed unforeseeable.

Partners who anticipate cost overruns are advised to notify staff as early as nine (9) months prior to the anticipated time federal funds are needed.

#### Issues to Consider:

*How to treat/characterize cost overruns associated with policy changes by the local railroads or utility companies.*

### **Item 4 – Project Selection Process Update (Vishu Lingala)**

Vishu Lingala briefed the subcommittee on the meeting staff and a few TIP subcommittee members held with the TPC Workgroup on September 26, 2022. The main goals of the meeting were to update the workgroup on recent subcommittee activities and to seek guidance on the novel directions being considered for the 2026 TIP selection process. A follow-up meeting is being planned to complete the deliberations.

The meeting agenda included:

- Review of the TPC Guidance
- Update on TIP Subcommittee Activities
- Statement of Project Interests Summary
- Core Project Selection Issues
  - Multiple selection cycles v. one combined selection process
  - Relative weighting of TPC goals and priorities
- Next Steps/Adjournment

During the meeting with the workgroup, some time was spent going over certain issues that the TIP subcommittee had failed to resolve such as the urban/rural funding set-aside program, potential revisions to the project selection process, as well as the options being considered to address the

carryover balances. Response by the TPC Workgroup while generally supportive, was accompanied by a sense of urgency to reach a resolution on the project selection process. Positive comments raised by the workgroup members suggested they were intrigued by the multiple selection cycle approach. It is now up to staff and TIP subcommittee members to develop a workable framework for implementing this strategy which the TPC workgroup may evaluate.

**Item 5: Announcements**

- TAC Meeting – **October 19, 2022**, 9:30 a.m., Hybrid (Zoom).
- TPC Meeting – **October 28, 2022**, 9:30 a.m., Hybrid (Zoom)
- TIP Subcommittee Meeting – **November 2, 2022**, 1:30 p.m., Virtual (Zoom)

**Item 6. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.