

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

DATE: Friday, September 23, 2022  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027 and Video Conference

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The presiding officer, Chairman David Robinson called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of September 23, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. to order.

Chairman Robinson made a statement to TPC members and others that he was the presiding officer at a meeting of the Transportation Policy Council being held in-person or by a video conference on Friday, September 23, 2022 and he was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027. Chairman Robinson attested that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public. Chairman Robinson reminded each member of the governing body participating in via Zoom they must be visible and audible to be considered a participant in this meeting, and they must enable their video and microphone when responding to a roll call, voting on action items and asking questions

ITEM 1 & 2 CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Robinson recognized Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, for the Certification of the Quorum and conducted the Roll Call of the TPC membership. Fourteen (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.

Mr. Craig Raborn announced that Ms. Neely Kim, Finance and Administration Manager, H-GAC would be leaving H-GAC and today would be her last day. Mr. Raborn acknowledged her service to the Transportation Department, H-GAC and to the Transportation Policy Council. Chair Robinson also thanked her for service to H-GAC and to the Transportation Policy Council. The Council recognized her service with a round of applause.

ITEM 3. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

TPC Chair Robinson asked members of the Council to Declare Conflicts of Interest on any items on the agenda. No member declared a conflict of interest at the meeting of August 26, 2022.

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ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, began the presentation by informing the Council and the public Spanish translation as well as American Sign Language translation was available. Ms. Isbell proceeded to provided instructions on how to view the ASL translators. Ms. Isbell said no written comments were received by 5:00

p.m. on August 26, 2022 and one comment was made in person. Members of the public were invited to make comments by video conference. No comments were made by video conference.

The public comments made in person can be heard at this [LINK](#)

#### ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Nancy Arnold presented the August 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes summary to the Council. Secretary Arnold asked the Council for any modifications or corrections as presented. There were no modifications or corrections. A motion was made by Secretary Nancy Arnold and seconded by Chuck Wemple. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

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#### ITEM 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS 2022-33 AND 2022-34, JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, provided a presentation on Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TO) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

A summary of the amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP is included below for the Council's consideration.

- Add \$45K of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding and 9K Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) to the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Liberty County and Montgomery County Mobility Plans project (MPO ID 16354/CSJ 0912-00-614) to cover increase consultant costs related to the development of remote presentations required by the COVID-19 outbreak and network modeling issues. (+\$45K; Total Cost: \$1.2M)
- Cancel the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County's (METRO) US 290 Cypress HOV Ramp planning and design project (MPO ID 17010/CSJ 0050-06-088) and transfer its \$4.0M of Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to the construction phase (MPO ID 17041/CSJ 0050-06-093). Also, add the right-of-way (ROW) phase with \$5.8M of Local Contribution funds. (+\$9.8M; Total Cost: \$41.9M)
- Add \$7.3M of STBG funding to the City of Webster's NASA Road 1 Bypass construction project (MPO ID 17081/CSJ 0912-72-541) to cover design and drainage improvements, associated increased ROW needs and increased costs due to inflation. (+\$7.3M; Total Cost: \$15.3M)
- Update the Statewide Connectivity (Cat-4) and Strategic Priority (Cat-12) funding of the Texas Department of Transportation Houston District (TxDOT) IH-10 West widening project in Fort Bend County (MPO ID 18402/CSJ 0271-05-049) to match the approved funding in the 2022 Unified Transportation Program. (+\$24.0M; Total Cost: \$78.0M)
- Delay the TxDOT Houston District FM 2920 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) installation project (MPO ID 17045/CSJ 2941-02-054), funded with CMAQ, from FY 2023 to FY 2025 to coordinate construction letting with FM 2920 project CSJ 2941-02-056. (Total Cost: \$1.4M)
- Delay the TxDOT Houston District SH 288 ITS installation project (MPO ID 17090/CSJ 0598-02-120), funded with CMAQ, from FY 2024 to FY 2026 to allow for bridges on the corridor to be completed first. (Total Cost: \$8.0M)

- Delay the TxDOT Houston District SS 10 ITS installation project (MPO ID 17100/CSJ 0187-05-061), funded with CMAQ, from FY 2024 to FY 2026 to allow TxDOT to balance multiple funding category construction lettings under fiscal constraints. (Total Cost: \$4.5M)
- Delay the TxDOT Houston District SH 36 ITS installation project (MPO ID 18404/CSJ 0187-05-062), funded with CMAQ, from FY 2024 to FY 2026 to allow TxDOT to balance multiple funding category construction lettings under fiscal constraints. (Total Cost: \$9.9M)
- Delay the TxDOT Houston District US 290 ITS installation project (MPO ID 18522/CSJ 0114-11-090), funded with CMAQ, from FY 2024 to FY 2025 to allow completion of Computerized Transportation Management System projects on the corridor. (Total Cost: \$11.2M)
- Delay the TxDOT Houston District SH 6 ITS installation project (MPO ID 18523/CSJ 0050-04-029), funded with CMAQ, from FY 2024 to FY 2025 to allow completion of Computerized Transportation Management System projects on the US 290 corridor. (Total Cost: \$5.5M)
- Delay the City of Houston Fondren Road reconstruction project (MPO ID 17093/CSJ 0912-72-381), funded with STBG, from FY 2023 to FY 2024. It was inadvertently advanced to FY 2023 during the 2023 TIP development. (Total Cost: \$25.5M)
- Split the City of Houston Antoine Drive reconstruction and widening project (MPO ID 18034/CSJ 0912-72-615) into two sections, creating (MPO ID 18879/0912-72-687) to assist with environmental documents, PS&E packages and construction lettings. Federal STBG funding will remain the same in the corridor. An additional \$16.5M of Local Contribution will be programmed. (+\$16.5M; Total Cost: \$115.2M)
- Program \$4.2M of District Discretionary federal/state funds for the TxDOT Houston District IH 610 direct connector ramp construction project at IH 10/US 90 (MPO ID 18876/CSJ 0271-15-099) to relieve an identified bottleneck on the corridor. (+\$4.2M; Total Cost: \$4.2M)
- Program the Greater Southeast Management District’s Federal Transit Administration Section 5304, Areas of Persistent Poverty, discretionary grant (MPO ID 18877/CSJ NA) in FY 2023 of the TIP. (+\$314K; Total Cost: \$314K)
- Program The Woodlands Township’s Federal Transit Administration Section 5307, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant (MPO ID 18878/CSJ NA) in FY 2023 of the TIP. (+\$400K; Total Cost: \$400K)

The proposed amendments to the TIP are summarized by funding category below.

Proposed September TPC Amendments - TIP Budget Effects <sup>1</sup>				
Total Federal Funding Programmed	As of May 2022	As of August 2022	Proposed Amendments (September Action)	Programming as of September 2022 (Pending TPC Approval)
Category 2 - Metro and Urban Area Corridors	\$1,453,610,240	\$1,463,539,500	-\$146,000,000	\$1,317,539,500
Category 5 - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$604,869,695	\$633,839,435	-\$22,899,500	\$610,939,935
Category 7 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	\$795,981,665	\$860,585,335	-\$23,089,232	\$837,496,103
Category 9 - Transportation Alternatives - Set Aside (TASA) Program	\$52,939,485	\$52,939,485	-\$1,452,000	\$51,487,485
<sup>1</sup> Includes Grouped and TIP status Project Fund Amounts.				

Mr. Dickinson requested TPC approval of Resolutions 2022-33 and 2022-34. A motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff and seconded by Council Member Larry Millican. The Council voted and approved Resolutions 2022-33 and 2022-34.

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ITEM 7. PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2022-35, KAREN OWEN, H-GAC

Ms. Karen Owen made presentation on Performance Measures. A performance-based transportation planning process is federal requirement in the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Ms. Owen provided the Council with a detailed overview of specific targets for 2022 which included Annual Cost of Congestion, Travel Reliability, Peak Hour Excessive Delay, Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle Work Trips, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality-Future targets. Ms. Owen also highlighted some of the project types and strategies that are ongoing.

Ms. Owen requested TPC approval of Resolution No. 2022-35. A motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff and seconded by Eliza Paul. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2022-35.

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ITEM 8. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDMENT, ECO COUNTERS, NEELY KIM, H-GAC

Ms. Neely Kim, H-GAC, provided a presentation on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment on Eco Counters UPWP Task IV-subtask 4.6b.1. Ms. Kim let the Council know that currently, the UPWP stated staff will “Maintain and purchase bike and pedestrian counters to meet national best practice for data collection of a region of H-GAC size”. Therefore, the new verbiage would be as state “Maintain, purchase, and install bike and pedestrian counters to meet national best practice for data collection of a region of H-GAC size”.

Ms. Kim asked for TPC approval of UPWP Resolution No. 23/24-5. A motion was made by Council Member Larry Millican and seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Justin Beckendorff. The Council voted and approved UPWP Resolution No. 23/24-5.

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ITEM 9. PLANNING ACTIVITIES, H-GAC

A. Administrative Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickenson provided a presentation on the Administrative Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet.

B. Future Amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP AND 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC presented on Future Amendments to the 2023-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet

C. Update of Cost Overrun Policy

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, updated the Council on the proposed Cost Overrun Policy in effort to provide some guidance to local project sponsors, staff has identified some parameters for considering cost overruns at an 80/20 funding share as well as the 50/50 funding share.

D. Update of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, gave an update on Safe Streets and Roads for all. H-GAC submitted an application for an Action Plan grant on behalf of the region. She described the joint applicants and partner included in the application. The decision will be made in early 2023

E. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update on Transportation Planning Activities. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

F. H-GAC Board of Directors Report

Mr. Craig Raborn presented information on transportation items on the H-GAC Board of Directors meeting on September 20, 2022. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

G. Project Selection Process

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC, updated the Council on the Project Selection Process. Mr. Lingala let the Council know that H-GAC staff sent out a request of Statements of Interest and received 585 projects at a cost of \$47.9B. Mr. Lingala described the projects by project types and described the project selection process goals. TIP Subcommittee discussion on progress and process is ongoing and a working group meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

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For Information Only. No action needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting	October 19	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Policy Council	October 28	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid

Chairman Robinson adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

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Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council

**Attachment 1**  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)  
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON  
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA  
**August 26, 2022**

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Brandon Capetillo Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Heather Betancourth – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Howard Wood Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Woolley – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable David Collins Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – <b>Chairman</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Sallie Alcorn - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable John Bowen - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Todd Hoover – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Cary Bass Council Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Pennington, Alternate	City of Pasadena

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Pearland, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor <u>      </u> Trent Epperson-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u>      </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u>  X  </u> Honorable Stewart Jacobson – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor <u>  *</u> Jon Branson. - Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, <b>Secretary</b>	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Vacant	<u>      </u> Honorable Sally Branson-Alternate	
Brazoria County	<u>  X  </u> Matt Hanks, JD, P.E. County Engineer <u>      </u> Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u>      </u> Honorable Billy Combs County Commissioner, Pct 4 <u>  X  </u> Cory Taylor, P.E. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u>      </u> Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> <u>  X  </u> Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u>      </u> Honorable Robin Armstrong County Commissioner <u>  X  </u> Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	<u>      </u> Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge <u>  X  </u> Robert Treviño, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<u>      </u> Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 <u>  X  </u> Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	<u>      </u> David Douglas Engineering Administrator <u>      </u> Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Montgomery County	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Mark Keough County Judge <u>      </u> Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</b> <u>      </u> Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u>      </u> Sanjay Ramabhadran METRO Chair <u>  X  </u> Thomas Lambert	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u>  X  </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director <u>      </u> Onyinye Akujuo – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<u>  X  </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. <u>      </u> District Engineer <u>      </u> Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	<u>  X  </u> Martin Gonzalez, P.E. <u>      </u> District Engineer <u>      </u> Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port Freeport	<u>      </u> Phyllis Saathoff Executive Director, Port Freeport <u>      </u> Roger Guenther, Port Houston - <u>      </u> Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u>      </u> Dr. Carol Lewis Chairman, GCRD <u>  X  </u> Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u>  28  </u> <b>Total Voting Membership</b>	
	<u>  23  </u> <b>Voting Membership Present</b>	
	<u>  14  </u> <b>Required Quorum</b>	



AGENCY

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

REPRESENTING

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 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	Wharton County