

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

DATE: Friday, June 24, 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, Chair David Robinson called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of June 24, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. to order.

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, introduced Ms. Allie Isbell as one of two new Assistant Director's to the H-GAC Transportation Department to conduct the Certification of Quorum.

### ITEM 1. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC 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.

### ITEM 2. INTRODUCTIONS

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, June 24, 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

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### 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 June 24, 2022.

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### ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, began the presentation by informing the Council and the public that Spanish translation was available to the public and introduced the Spanish translator Daniel Brassiel who provided

instructions to make public comment by video conference in Spanish. Ms. Isbell also introduced American Sign Language Interpreters Dionna Griffin and Kenneth Niemietz and provided instructions on how to view them on video conference. Ms. Isbell said no written comments were received by 5:00 p.m. on June 23, 2022.

Chairman Robinson invited members of the public to make comments in person. Two comments were made in person. Members of the public were invited to make comments by video conference.

The public comments made in person, or made by video conference can be heard at this [LINK](#)

#### ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Nancy Arnold presented the May 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes summary to the Council. Ms. 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 Mayor Joe Zimmerman. 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 2022-21 AMD 2022-22, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Beckom provided a presentation on Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The amendments are listed below:

- Rescope the City of Galveston bus acquisition project (MPO 11025/CSJ N/A) to reflect the purchase of five (5) LPG buses instead of ten (10), reduce the federal funding to \$1.06M and change the funding source from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307, Urban Area Formula Program, to Section 5339, Bus and Bus Facilities Program. Assign 212K Transportation Development Credits in lieu of matching funds. (-\$2.5M, Total Cost: \$1.1M)
- Extend the limits of the Near Northwest Management District West Little York Road Pedestrian and Bike Improvements project to include a segment on West Tidwell Road. The extension will allow for full utilization of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds that were obligated in FY 2020. (+\$0M; Total Cost: \$2.7M)
- Add \$740K of federal STBG funding, matched with \$607K of local contribution, to the East End Management District Navigation Boulevard roundabout reconstruction project (MPO ID 17079/CSJ 0912-72-386) to cover the costs of inflation incurred over a three-year period. (+\$1.3M; Total Cost: \$4.4M)
- Add \$3.5M of federal STBG funding, split 50/50 with the City of Baytown, to cover additional costs incurred by inflation for the Garth Road widening project (MPO ID 17096/CSJ 0912-72-359). (+\$3.5M; Total Cost: \$41.7M)
- Program five regional Intelligent Transportation System installation projects from the TxDOT Statewide ITS Program (SCSJ 5800-00-915) that were funded with Category-2, Metropolitan Mobility and Urban Area Corridor Projects, into FY 2024 of the TIP with Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality, Category-5, funds (MPO ID 17090/CSJ 0598-02-120, MPO ID 17100/CSJ 0187-05-062, MPO ID 18404/CSJ 0187-05-062, MPO ID 18522/CSJ 0114-11-090, MPO ID 18523/CSJ 0050-04-029) (+\$39.1M, Total Cost: \$39.1M).

- Revise the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) Federal Transit Administration FY 2020 Section 5307, 5310 and 5339 apportionments in TIP. Funding revisions include Bus/Rail Capitalized Maintenance (MPO ID 18001), METROLift ADA Support (MPO ID 18008), and Rail Capitalized Maintenance (MPO ID 18153). New projects include the Regional Transit Fare Collection System (MPO ID 18857), West Bellfort Park & Ride Modifications (MPO ID 18858), Ride with HEART Transit Services (MPO ID 18859), The Village Learning Center Transit Service (MPO ID 18860), and Montrose Transit Access Improvements (MPO ID 18861). (+\$17.1M; Total Cost: \$115.5M).
- Program Fort Bend County’s approved, revised FY 2020 FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, formula grant in FY 2023 of the TIP. (+\$1.9M; Total Cost: \$1.9M)
- Program Near Northwest Management District’s approved, revised FY 2020 FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, formula grant in FY 2023 of the TIP. (+\$380K; Total Cost: \$380K)
- Revise the scope of the City of Baytown’s Garth Road widening and reconstruction project (MPO ID 18659) to specify that only reconstruction is being performed. Also, cancel a project section (MPO ID 18079) that duplicates the access management elements being performed in the funded segment between IH 10 and south of Archer Road (MPO ID 17096/CSJ 0912-72-359). These changes will allow the corridor to obtain a project level conformity determination for National Environment Policy Act (NEPA) approval.

Mr. Beckom requested approval for TPC Resolution No. 2022-21 and 2022-22. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Commissioner Billy Combes. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2022-21 and Resolution 2022-22.

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#### ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS AND TPC RESOLUTION 2022-24, GRACIELA LUBERTINO, H-GAC

Ms. Graciela Lubertino presented on the Approval on Air Quality Conformity Analysis. H-GAC is required to ensure that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amendments there to are consistent with the region’s air quality goals. This determination is referred to as Air Quality Conformity and involves the modeling of emissions produced by vehicles within the 8-county Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Nonattainment Area. The transportation conformity determination for the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2019-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) received federal approval on August 2, 2019. Since that time H-GAC has taken action to amend the 2045 RTP and 2021-2024 (TIP). Ms. Lubertino provided the Council a list of Amendments to the 2045 RTP and 2021-2024 TIP. The most significant projects include the following:

- a. Reconstruct and widen San Jacinto river bridge on IH 10 E
- b. Reconstruct Houston Ship Channel Bridge on IH 610 E
- c. Reconstruct IH 610 S between SH 35 (Mykawa Rd/SS 5) and SH 288 and IH 610 direct connectors at SH 35 (Mykawa Rd/SS 5)
- d. Widen Grand Parkway (SH 99) by adding Segments E and F.
- e. Reconstruct and Widen Beltway 8 (BW 8) frontage roads between E of Hardy Toll Rd to E of Aldine Westfield Rd
- f. Convert SH 288 to Freeway between future SH 99 to FM 1452

- g. Advance the IH 45 N interchange change at IH 10 W reconstruction and addition of IH 10 express lanes and IH 45 managed lanes part of the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP) Segment 3 project to FY 2024.

A complete listing of the projects in the RTP and TIP that affect this conformity analysis will be included in Appendix 3 of the conformity report. Ms. Lubertino concluded her presentation by describing a table containing the draft Air Quality Conformity calculations, results, and a timeline for approval.

Ms. Lubertino requested TPC approval for Resolution No. 2022-24. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2022-24.

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#### ITEM 8. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE) TRIENNIAL GOAL UPDATE, NEELY KIM, H-GAC

Ms. Neely Kim, H-GAC provided an update on the Disadvantaged Businesses Enterprises (DBE) Triennial Goal. Ms. Kim let the Council know that H-GAC received federal assistance from the U.S. DOT through the Federal Highway Authority, The Federal Transit Authority, and at times the Federal Aviation Administration. Recipients of these funds are required to set an overall goal for participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in their DOT assisted contracts in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26: "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in Department of Transportation Programs." The triennial goal is established to ensure that DBE firms have reasonable opportunity to participate in DOT-Assisted contracts. Ms. Kim described the guidance for these goals, the criteria describing a DBE, demographics, contracts that are offered and a service area map. Ms. Kim also described the two-step process in the development of the DBE goal and concluded her presentation with a timeline for approval and submission.

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For Discussion Information Only. No action needed.

#### ITEM 9. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, provided an update on the Project Selection Process. The TIP subcommittee met in workshop format to help develop this process and they are on ready to start down the path of project selection. Mr. Raborn described the goals for a workable and fair project selection process, implement TPC workgroup priorities, spend down growing carryover balances and establish a funded project list. Mr. Raborn also elaborated on an evolving approach to gathering statements of priority project interest, developing initial unfunded project list, initial assessment and finalize project scoring based on initial unfunded list. Mr. Raborn told the Council this request would be distributed after the June TPC meeting and responses are due Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and described the next steps to develop final scoring Criteria and Selection process.

A comment, question and answer period occurred after this presentation.

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ITEM 10. NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NHHIP) UPDATE, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, told the Council that this update was requested at the April TPC meeting. This update did not occur at the May TPC meeting due to TxDOT being scheduled to present on the NHHIP to the Texas Transportation Commission the following week. Mr. Raborn gave an overview of the project and described the TPC's direct interests in the project. Mr. Raborn introduced Eliza Paul, TxDOT who provided an update on the North Houston Highway Improvement Project.

A comment, question and answer period occurred after this presentation.

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ITEM 11. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

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

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC presented on Future Amendments to the 2023-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP. The following is a list of Future Amendments:

- Cancel the FM 517 widening project (MPO ID 39) from FY 2023 of the 2045 RTP per the agreement between Galveston County and TxDOT Houston District (-\$0; \$0)
- Program the City of Webster NASA Road 1 extension (MPO ID 17081) in FY 2023 with STBG (+\$8.0; \$8.0M)
- Change sponsorship of the Galveston Road Sims Bayou ped/bike bridge construction (MPO ID 18030) from the City of Houston to Harris County and the matching funds from State to Local (+\$0M; \$4.4M)
- Align the City of Houston Shepherd-Durham Corridor reconstruction (MPO ID 18417) with the TxDOT 2-Year letting schedule (+\$0; \$50.0M)

B. Future of Work Survey Results

Ms. Francis Rodriguez, H-GAC, presented on the Future of Work Survey Results. Employer Impact of Covid 19 Survey launched in 2020. It had 193 responses. 54% of employers have a formal telework policy in place now. 24% before Pandemic

- 84% of responders are executive leaders
- 20% of the organizations have employees working off-site three days or more per week
- 17% state they will make it easier for employees to work remotely in case of future emergencies
- 85% responded needing some sort of additional resources

C. Update on the FY 2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

Adam Beckom, H-GAC, gave a presentation on the FY 2023 Unified Transportation Program. The UTP covers 10 years of anticipated funding. It is funded by the Texas Transportation Commission. The UTP is also a statewide transportation project development guide and not a budget or a guarantee of project implementation. Mr. Beckom gave a summary of if district proposals, focus areas and the next steps regarding the Public Comment period and the anticipated Texas Transportation Commission approval in August 30, 2022.

D. Infrastructure Investment and Job Acts (IIJA) Grant

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, gave a presentation of the Infrastructure Investment and Job Acts (IIJA) Grant. He provided a table of grants that MPO's, Regions, State and Local governments and authorities that have transportation functions can apply for, their status and eligible activities.

E. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

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ITEM 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

- Transportation Safety Committee Meeting- June 28, 2022, 1:30 p.m. (In-person)
- TIP Subcommittee Meeting – June 29, 1:30 p.m. (Virtual)
- Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) Meeting – June 30, 2022, 10:00 a.m. (Virtual)
- Next TAC Meeting - July 13, 9:30 a.m. – (Hybrid)
- Next TPC Meeting – July 22, 9:30 a.m. – (Hybrid)

Chairman Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

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Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council

**Nancy Arnold**

E-signed 2022-08-09 10:05AM CDT  
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**Attachment 1**  
 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)  
 FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON  
 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA  
**June 24, 2022**

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable Brandon Capetillo Mayor _____ Honorable Heather Betancourth – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	_____ Raymond McDonald Mayor Pro Tem _____ X Thomas Woolley – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	_____ Honorable David Collins Council Member _____ Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	_____ X Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – <b>Chairman</b> _____ Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	_____ X Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member _____ x* Honorable Sallie Alcorn - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	_____ X Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works _____ x* Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	_____ X Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 _____ Honorable John Bowen - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	_____ X Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works _____ Todd Hoover – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	_____ Honorable Cary Bass Council Member _____ 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>  x*  </u> Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor _____ Honorable Jennifer Lane – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	_____ Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor <u>  X  </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	_____ Honorable Sally Branson-Alternate	
Brazoria County	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Matt Hanks, JD, P.E. County Engineer _____ 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	_____ 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	_____ Vacant County Commissioner – <b>Past Chair</b> _____ Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	_____ Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge <u>  X  </u> Robert Treviño, 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	<u>  X  </u> David Douglas Engineering Administrator _____ Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County



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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> oNU – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<u>  X  </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. District Engineer <u>      </u> Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	<u>  X  </u> Martin Gonzalez, P.E. District Engineer <u>      </u> Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port Freeport	<u>  X  </u> Phyllis Saathoff Executive Director, Port Freeport <u>      </u> Roger Guenther, Port Houston - 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>  24  </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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hugh McCulley	BNSF Railway
Texas State Legislator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hon. Dennis Paul	8-County Region
Texas State Legislator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hon. Ed Thompson	8-County Region
Wharton County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County