

4A. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023, 9:30 A.M., ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

Presiding Officer, Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński, 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 40 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.

To hear public comments made at the meeting, please click on the link below.

<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/03152023-709/3/>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Presiding Officer Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the February 15, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Bruce Mann. The second motion for approval was made by Mr. Ken Fickes. 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/03152023-709/4/>.

2023 TAC SUBCOMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Mr. Craig Raborn gave a brief introduction on the 2023 TAC Subcommittee Nominations. The presentation was then given by Mr. Morad Kabari, the TAC Nominating Committee Chair, to discuss recommendations made in the Nominating Committee meeting on March 8, 2023. The Nominating Committee reviewed and made recommendations to the TAC for TAC Officers and TAC Subcommittees that included the following: TAC Officers (Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair), Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee, Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee, Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee, Transportation Air Quality Subcommittee, Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee, and Transportation Systems Management and Operations Subcommittee.

The Nominating Committee Chair, Mr. Kabari, entertained a motion for approval of the 2023 TAC Officer recommendations (Chair, Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński, First Vice Chair, Morad Kabari, and Second Vice Chair, Perri D'Armond). A motion was made by Mr. Michael Shannon. The second motion for approval was made by Ms. Catherine McCreight. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

The Nominating Committee Chair presented recommendations to the Committee for approval to the TAC Subcommittees (Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee, Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee, Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee, Transportation Air Quality Subcommittee, Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee, and Transportation Systems Management and Operations Subcommittee). After further review and discussion, the Nominating Committee agreed to table the vote for approval of TAC Subcommittee recommendations until the next TAC Meeting in April. The Nominating Committee also requested further recommendations to fill vacancies across each subcommittee.

A slide presentation and audio recording of all presentations are available on the TAC website at:  
<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/03152023-709/5/>.

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented on the amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Staff sought TAC Recommendation for TPC approval, which included the amendments below. Staff also provided a chart of the proposed amendments to the TIP summarized by funding category which can be found in the March 15, 2023 TAC Packet.

#### CURRENT SITUATION

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A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP are included below for the Committee's review.

- Program METRO's Federal Transit Administration Transit Oriented Development Planning award (MPO ID 18884) with \$376K of federal Section 5309 Transit Capital Investment Program funds which will be matched with \$94K of local funding in FY 2023. (+\$470K)
- Program the Near Northwest Management District's FY 2022 Congressional Community Projects earmark award (MPO ID 18885) with \$1.0M of federal Category-10 funds which will be matched with \$250K of local funding in FY 2023. (+\$1.3M)
- Clarify the limit of the TxDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) Houston District SH 99 Segment B tollway construction project (MPOID 18872), change the sponsor to Brazoria County and delay the letting to FY 2027 of the Ten-Year Plan to allow more time to evaluate the financing. (Total Cost: \$604.9M)
- Clarify the limit of the TxDOT Houston District SH 99 Segment-B tollway construction project (MPOID 257) due to multiple intersections with FM 1462. (Total Cost: \$203.2M)
- Add \$24M total (\$19.2M Federal and \$4.8M State Match) of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding to the TxDOT Houston District SH 99 Segment-D tollway construction project (MPOID 18022) for construction of sound walls, frontage road intersection improvement and detention ponds required by Atlas 14 standards. (+\$24.M; Total Cost: \$83.0M)
- Add \$6.4M (\$5.12M Federal and \$1.28M State Match) of STBG funding to the TxDOT Houston District SH 99 Segment-D tollway construction project (MPOID 18021) for construction of sound walls and a frontage road intersection improvement at Kingsland Boulevard. (+\$6.4M; Total Cost: \$26.5M)
- Advance the TxDOT Houston District SH 99 Segment B-1 tollway construction project (MPOID 283) to FY 2025 to align its letting date with the adjacent SH 99 construction project MPO 257 (Total Cost: \$257.0M)
- Add Right-of-Way ("ROW") as an authorized phase with \$1.7M of federal ROW funding to the TxDOT Houston District FM 517 reconstruction and widening project (MPOID 16320) per TxDOT ROW Division policy. Delay to FY 2028 due to Right-of-Way issues. (+\$1.7M; Total Cost: \$16.2M)
- Add Right-of-Way ("ROW") as an authorized phase with \$12.5M of federal and state ROW funding to the TxDOT Houston District FM 518 reconstruction and widening project (MPOID

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10132) per TxDOT ROW Division policy. Delay to FY 2026 due to Right-of-Way and design issues. (+\$12.5M; Total Cost: \$53.7M)

- Add Right-of-Way ('ROW') as an authorized phase with \$1.1M of federal ROW funding to the TxDOT Houston District SL 336 widening project (MPOID 16343) per TxDOT ROW Division policy. (+\$1.1M; Total Cost: \$21.2M)
- Update the project description of the TxDOT Houston District IH 45 South reconstruction and widening project (MPOID 282) to incorporate the direct connector construction transferred from MPOID 15490. Delay to FY 2025 due to environmental permitting, Right-of-Way, and utilities issues. (Total Cost: \$108.6M)
- Update the project description of the TxDOT Houston District SL 8 frontage roads access management implementation project (MPOID 18035) with additional details to resolve a FHWA STIP 'Exception'. Delay to FY 2026 due to design issues. (Total Cost: \$9.0M)

After Mr. Dickinson's presentation, the Committee discussed the proposed revisions for Segment B on SH99. Mr. Dickinson indicated that the proposed revisions were inclusive of the changes implied by TxDOT. Ms. Catherine McCreight, with TxDOT, confirmed that Brazoria County is retaining primacy on Segment B-2 and Brazoria County has given the State primacy to build Segment B-1. Please see video for further details on this discussion.

A motion was made by Mr. Michael Shannon and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. Bruce Mann. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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#### PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE

Mr. Vishu Lingala presented on the Project Selection Process Update. In July 2022, more than 40 sponsors identified their high priority projects by submitting the initial Statements of Projects Interests (SOPI). On February 3, 2023, MPO staff emailed an updated SOPI seeking additional project information by February 24, 2023. By February 24, 2023, 36 sponsors submitted a total of 622 projects with an estimated total project cost of \$54.5 billion. Additional information submitted by sponsors included:

- Whether previously submitted projects should be included in the project selection process
- Identify the investment categories where the sponsor would like each project to be considered
- Indicate the preferred selection outcome for each project
- Whether the project will be completed within the next 3 years
- Identify the anticipated or approved environmental clearance level

Mr. Lingala provided table summaries of SPOIs submitted and the information can be found in the TAC Meeting Packet for the March 15, 2023, TAC Meeting.

For Information Only. No action needed.

A slide presentation and audio recording of all presentations are available on the TAC website at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/03152023-709/7/>.

#### METRORAPID INNER KATY PROJECT UPDATE

Ms. Jamila Owens gave a brief introduction, and the presentation was given by Amma Cobbinah, Senior Project Manager for METRORapid Inner Katy Project. The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) is advancing the METRORapid Inner Katy Project to provide a dedicated rapid transit route between Uptown and Downtown. The Inner Katy Project improves regional mobility by providing an exclusive, bi-directional transit guideway along I-10 from I-610 into Downtown. The guideway would be used by METRO's existing express and Regional Express buses and future METRORapid Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) buses. Ms. Cobbinah's presentation provided an update on continued project development activities on the METRORapid Inner Katy Project. For further details, please click on the link below.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/03152023-709/11/>.

#### AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY AND 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Ms. Graciela Lubertino gave a brief update on the Air Quality Conformity and 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. Public meetings were conducted from May through July 2022 to understand the public's needs through surveying. The Prioritization Phase followed with public meetings in October through December 2022. This Phase gathered feedback on ideas and strategies to address what was heard during the Visioning Outreach. Public Review, Phase 3 of the RTP Update public outreach period began March 15th through April 17th to allow the public to review the draft document and provide comment prior to the RTP being approved by the Transportation Policy Council on April 28, 2023. Air Quality Conformity will be reviewed as part of the Regional Transportation Plan Update's Public Review process. Staff will provide an overview of Air Quality Conformity findings to be shared during the Public Review Process, as well as the associated outreach strategy planned for the final phase of the RTP update. After Ms. Lubertino's presentation, Ms. Robyn Egbert gave a brief update on Public Outreach accomplishments for Phase 1 and Phase 2 and goals for Phase 3 Outreach. For further details, please click on the link below.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/03152023-709/9/>.

#### UPDATE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN MEASURES

Ms. Jamila Owens gave a brief update on Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Measures. In compliance with the federal laws Moving Ahead with Progress-21 (MAP -21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) developed a Public Transportation Agency Safety Program on August 11, 2016, that adopted a Safety Management System as the foundation for developing and implementing a safety program. FTA is committed to developing, implementing, and consistently improving strategies and processes to ensure that transit achieves the highest practicable level of safety.

The Transit agencies in the Houston-Galveston Region were required to submit a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) to the FTA by December 31, 2022. Each agency developed performance targets or measures in the following safety areas, including the number and rate of fatalities, injuries, safety events, and the mean

distance between mechanical failures. Agencies reported performance of past years along with measures identifying future goals. All agencies incorporated Vision Zero with respect to fatalities in their plans. Colorado Valley Transit and Brazos Transit completed their plans in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation and are not included in H-GAC's regional plan. H-GAC is required to set Regional Public Transportation Agency Safety Performance Measures by April 30, 2023. For further details, please click on the link below.

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#### PLANNING ACTIVITIES

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

Mr. Jim Dickinson provided a brief overview of Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP. For a summary of the Future Amendments, please view March 15, 2023, TAC Packet or click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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**\*Due to the time limit, Item#8 Regional Transit Connectivity, and Item#12 Safety Performance Measures were not presented. These items will be presented at the next TAC Meeting in April.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Chapa-Gorczyński noted the following meetings and events with some updates:

Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	March 24	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) Meeting	March 30	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	April 5	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting	April 12	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee Meeting	April 13	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	April 19	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee Meeting	April 20	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Safety Committee (TSC) Meeting	April 25	1:30 p.m.	Virtual

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chapa-Gorczyński adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:28 a.m.

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1st Vice Chair  
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)  
March 15, 2023 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>				
Veronica Chapa Gorczynski	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	David Kim	<u>X*</u>
Patrick Mandapaka, Ph.D, AICP	<u>X</u>	Harris County	Susan Fraser, P.E.	<u>X*</u>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</i>				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Jildardo Arias	<u>X*</u>
Ricardo Villagrand	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Brian Winningham	
Jeremiah Hill		Smaller Cities	Janet Corte	<u>X</u>
Perri D’Armond	<u>X</u>	Transit	Sarah Coulter	
Ken Fickes	<u>X</u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	<u>X*</u>
Ruthanne Haut	<u>X</u>	Transit	Todd Stephens	
Carl Woodward		Environmental	Sue Theiss	<u>X</u>
Katherine Parker	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Amy Skicki	<u>X*</u>
David Fields	<u>X</u>	Planning	Jennifer Ostlind, AICP	
David Wurdlow	<u>X</u>	Planning	Faustino Benavidez, P.E.	<u>X*</u>
Catherine McCreight	<u>X</u>	Planning	Brenda Bustillos	<u>X*</u>
Marlisa Briggs		Business Interests	Elijah Williams	<u>X</u>
Dexter Handy	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Amy Skicki	<u>X*</u>
Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Gabe Cazares	<u>X*</u>
Bruce Mann	<u>X</u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	
Michael Wilson	<u>X</u>	Port Freeport	(Vacant)	
Brian Alcott		Toll Road	(Vacant)	
Robert Hill		Toll Road	(Vacant)	
Andrea Ranft	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Patricia Kievlan	<u>X*</u>
Bill Zrioka	<u>X</u>	Airport	Marcel Allen	
Joe Compian	<u>X</u>	Regional Planning	Wil Kennedy	
Clint Harbert	<u>X</u>	METRO	Alan Clark	<u>X*</u>

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
James W. Koch, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Houston District	Catherine McCreight	<u>X*</u>
Scott Ayres, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Beaumont District	Ana I. Mijares, P.E.	<u>          </u>
Wael Tabara, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	<u>          </u>
Cory Taylor	<u>          </u>	Chambers County	Natalie G. Lopez	<u>          </u>
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.	<u>          </u>	Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	<u>X</u>
Michael Shannon, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Galveston County	Nancy Baher, P.E.	<u>          </u>
David Douglas	<u>X</u>	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	<u>          </u>
Jean Mann	<u>X</u>	Montgomery County	John McKinney	<u>X*</u>
Yancy Scott, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Waller County	Jared Chen, P.E., PMP	<u>          </u>
Brant Gary	<u>X</u>	City of Baytown	Martin Scribner	<u>X*</u>
Jordan Cruz	<u>X</u>	City of Conroe	Chris Bogert, P.E.	<u>          </u>
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	<u>          </u>	City of Galveston	Brandon Cook	<u>X</u>
Veronica O. Davis, P.E.	<u>X</u>	City of Houston	Fabio Capillo	<u>          </u>
Christopher Sims	<u>          </u>	City of League City	Cara Davis	<u>X</u>
Marcus Snell	<u>X</u>	City of Missouri City	Shashi Kumar	<u>          </u>
Sarah Benavides	<u>X</u>	City of Pasadena	Mark Gardemal	<u>          </u>
Trent Epperson	<u>X</u>	City of Pearland	Rajendra Shrestha, P.E.	<u>          </u>
Monique Johnson	<u>X</u>	City of Sugar Land	Melanie Beaman	<u>X*</u>
Kim Golden, P.E.	<u>X</u>	City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	<u>          </u>
	<u>44</u>	<b>Total Voting Membership</b>		
	<u>40</u>	<b>Total Voting Membership Present</b>		
	<u>22</u>	<b>Required for Quorum</b>		

Ex Officio: Roger E. Rees           

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