

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

DATE: Friday, July 23, 2021
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Webinar

Chair Kenneth Clark called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:30 a.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/07232021-647/2/>

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC, told the Council that no written public comments were submitted by email or correspondence as of the July 22, 2021, 5:00 p.m. deadline.

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

The public comments made during the meeting can be heard here:
<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/07232021-647/3/>

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Grady Prestage presented the June 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes summary to the Council. Secretary Prestage asked the Council for any modifications or corrections as presented. There were no modifications or corrections.

Secretary Grady Prestage made a motion for approval of the June 25, 2021 meeting minutes and was seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman. 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/07232021-647/4/>

ITEM 5. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP), JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC presented on the amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP.) Mr. Dickinson gave a recap on the following amendments:

- Delay the TXDOT Houston District SH 146 widening project (MPOID 468/CSJ 0389-06-088) in Galveston County from FY 2022 to FY 2023 due to engineering and permitting issues.
- Combine two (2) Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) vanpool program years, (MPOID 11760/CSJ 0912-00-600 and MPOID 17135/CSJ 0912-00-563) with federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funding into one project to improve administrative efficiencies. Total funding \$3.65M with 730K TDCs as match.
- Program an additional \$2,068,000 (Federal \$1.0M/Local \$1.0M) of Category-7 funding on the right-of-way (MPOID 17108/CSJ 0912-31-304) and construction (MPOID 17109/MPOID 0912-31-304) phases of the Brazoria County Road 58 widening project to cover additional costs caused by increased land value, improved drainage design and materials costs. Delay from FY 2021 to FY 2022.
- Program an additional \$5,999,000 (\$3.0M Federal/\$3.0M Local) of Category-7 funding on the right-of-way (MPOID 17106/CSJ 0912-31-305) and construction (MPOID 12760/CSJ 0912-31-305) phases of the Brazoria County Road 59 widening project to cover additional costs caused by increased land value, improved drainage design and materials costs. Delay from FY 2021 to FY 2022.
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District FM 1960 intersections improvements project (MPOID 14173/CSJ 1685-01-090) in Harris County from FY 2021 to FY 2022 due to delays in utility adjustments and obtaining a railroad permit.
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District FM 1960 intersection improvements project (MPOID 17051/CSJ 1685-01-092) in Harris County from FY 2021 to FY 2022 due to delays in utility adjustments.
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District FM 1960 intersection improvements project (MPOID 17088/CSJ 1685-01-088) in Harris County from FY 2022 to FY 2024 to coordinate the sequencing of other project completions in the corridor.
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District SH 288 grade separation construction project (MPOID 18401/CSJ 0598-02-111) in Brazoria County from FY 2022 to FY 2023 in order to complete the coordination of construction of a sound wall.
- Program \$23M (Federal \$7,701,113/State \$15,325,278) of Category-10 (Supplement Transportation Projects) funds on two (2) Texas Department of Transportation Houston District SH 87/Galveston

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Ferry projects for vessel mechanical upgrades (MPOID 18765/CSJ 0912-73-220) and construction of a parking garage (MPOID 18766/CSJ 0367-06-066) in FY 2022 of the TIP.

- Amend project information (Sponsor, Facility name, limits, Description, Fiscal Year, Total Project Cost, and cancellations) on 31 transit projects sponsored by METRO, currently included in the 2045 RTP as shown in the detail pages.
- Add 12 new projects sponsored by METRO to the 2045 RTP as shown in the detail pages attached. These projects are exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Determination.

Mr. Craig Raborn addressed the Council and said H-GAC staff would identify projects and their impact on the budgets. H-GAC would work with local partners through early stages of project development so that these projects would meet their obligation schedules and meet the timelines that were proposed when these projects were put in the Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Dickinson requested approval of TPC approval of Resolution 2021-21.

A motion was made by Council Member David Robinson and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole.

The Council voted and approved Resolution 2021-21.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/07232021-647/5/>

ITEM 6. REQUESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC.

Mr. Craig Raborn presented TAC recommendations on three major corridors, SH 35, IH610, and IH 10W to study and consider projects for 2050 RTP. Mr. Raborn requested approval of TAC recommendation and to instruct staff to develop the Planning and Readiness Predevelopment Program and then expedite and pilot the program with facilities included in the requested amendments.

The Council discussed the need to further study the corridors. During discussion, the Project Sponsor, TxDOT withdrew the request to add the projects to the Regional Transportation Plan on all three corridors, and no votes were taken by the Council.

The Council instructed staff to develop and discuss the Predevelopment and Readiness Program with TAC, and present to TPC as needed at a future meeting.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/07232021-647/6/>

ITEM 7. CALL FOR PROJECTS, VISHU LINGALA, H-GAC

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC, provided an update on the development of project evaluation criteria for the next Call for Projects. Mr. Lingala continued his update with an overview of the progress made

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and described the tasks and highlighted what had been completed. The project types were consolidated into five major investment categories and he described them in detail for the Council. Mr. Lingala said that staff are still in discussion with the TIP Subcommittee and others. Mr. Lingala concluded his presentation by describing a draft timeline of the project development criteria recommendations. The final draft project development criteria recommendations will be presented to TPC in November 2021.

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, told the Council that the Project Prioritization Workgroup would be reconvened next week to go over what was presented today.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/07232021-647/7/>

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 8. TITLE VI AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PLANNING, AYO JIBOWU, H-GAC

Mr. Ayo Jibowu, H-GAC provided an update of the draft Title VI Program as said as a condition for receiving federal funding, all MPO's must periodically certify they are compliant with Title VI and other non-discrimination laws and regulations. Mr. Jibowu elaborated that much of the MPO work is funded by the FTA and FHWA and both of those agencies require that H-GAC update the Title VI program and certify every three years. Mr. Jibowu described data that is included in the report and concluded his presentation describing the timeline for the approval of the draft Title VI Program Report by the TAC, TPC and H-GAC Board of Directors.

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ITEM 9. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Administrative Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, presented the Administrative Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP.

B. Future Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, presented on the Future Amendments to the 2022-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP

C. Public Comments on the 2022 Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC, gave an overview of the Unified Transportation Program (UTP). Mr. Lingala told the Council that the UTP covers 10 years of anticipated funding. It is approved by the Texas Transportation Commission every August. Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC provided an update regarding public involvement on the NHHIP and UTP.

D. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

A summary of Transportation Planning Activities and described specific MPO activities. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

E. H-GAC Board of Directors Report

A summary of Transportation items included on the agenda of the H-GAC Board of Directors Meeting held on August 17, 2021 was included in the TPC meeting packet.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/07232021-647/9/>

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ITEM 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

- Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – July 29, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
- Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan Virtual Public Workshops
 - August 3, 2021- Harris & Chambers Counties, 6:30 p.m.
 - August 4, 2021 - Fort Bend County, 6:30 p.m.
 - August 5, 2021 - Waller, Colorado, Austin, and Wharton Counties, 6:30 p.m.
 - August 10, 2021 - Galveston, Brazoria, and Matagorda Counties, 6:30 p.m.
 - August 11, 2021 - Montgomery, Walker, and Liberty Counties; 6:30 p.m.
- Next TAC Meeting – August 18, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- Next TPC Meeting – August 27, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Chair Kenneth Clark adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 12:36 p.m.

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Hon. Grady Prestage, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
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July 23, 2021

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	<u> X </u> 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	<u> X </u> Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works _____ 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	_____ Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works <u> X </u> Todd Hoover – 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	<u> X </u> Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor <u> </u> Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> </u> Honorable Jennifer Lane – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor <u> </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
Vacant	<u> </u> Vacant	
Brazoria County	<u> X </u> Honorable Matt Sebesta County Judge – Past Chair <u> </u> Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u> X </u> Honorable Billy Combs County Commissioner, Pct 4 <u> </u> Cory Taylor, P.E. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u> X </u> Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, Pct 2 <u> </u> Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u> X </u> Honorable Kenneth Clark County Commissioner - Chairman <u> </u> Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	<u> </u> Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge <u> X </u> John Blount, 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> X </u> David Douglas Engineering Administrator <u> </u> 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	<u> X </u> Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 2nd VC _____ Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	_____ Carrin Patman METRO Chair <u> X </u> 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	_____ Roger Guenther Executive Director, Port of Houston <u> X </u> 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> 24 </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	<u> </u> Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<u> X </u> Clint Schelbitzki	Union Pacific
Freight Rail Interests	<u> </u> Hugh McCulley	BNSF Railway
Texas State Legislator	<u> </u> Hon. Dennis Paul	8-County Region
Texas State Legislator	<u> X </u> Hon. Ed Thompson	8-County Region
Wharton County	<u> X </u> Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County