

Agenda Item 5
TPC Meeting Packet – 3/25/22

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

DATE: Friday, February 25, 2022

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027 and Video Conference

The presiding officer called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:30 a.m. and made a statement to TPC members and others that this meeting was a special called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council being held in-person or by a video conference on Friday, February 25, 2022. The TPC Chair Robinson stated that he was the presiding officer of the board and was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027. Chair Robinson attested that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public. Chair 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. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, 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

Chair Robinson invited introductions from Council members and staff.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka began the presentation by providing instructions on making public comments and introducing the Spanish and American Sign Language Interpreters. Mr. Mandapaka said there were no written public comments provided by 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2022. Mr. Mandapaka invited the public to make comments by videoconference and in person and provided instructions.

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

ITEM 4. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr. Craig Raborn provided a brief overview of the addition of the conflicts of interest item to the TPC agenda and that members of the Council would be able to declare potential conflicts of interest in

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accordance with the TPC's Ethics Policy. Mr. Raborn also gave an update of the staff's review of an open letter read during the Public Comments portion of the November TPC meeting.

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 February 25, 2022.

The public comments made in person and by videoconference during the meeting are included in the meeting recording at this [LINK](#)

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Nancy Arnold presented the February 4, 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.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at this [LINK](#)

ITEM 6. RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION FOR OUTGOING MEMBERS, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC, read the Resolutions of Commendations for outgoing Council Member Andy Mann, Chris Bogert, Doug Kneupper and Judge Matt Sebesta which thanked them for their service to the TPC and wished them well in their future endeavors.

A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by 1st Vice-Chair Justin Beckendorff. The Council voted and unanimously approved Resolutions No. 2022-6, Resolution No. 2022-7, Resolution No. 2022-8, and Resolution No. 2022-9

Chair Robinson invited Judge Sebesta to address the Council and Judge Sebesta made comments. Chair Robinson personally thanked Judge Sebesta for his friendship and wisdom and for his years of service.

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ITEM 7. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP), ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, presented on amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP. The amendments are listed below:

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- Split the Houston-Galveston Area Council’s FY 2022 Regional Planning Studies project (MPO ID 18528/CSJ 0912-00-632) into three regional planning studies projects: South Regional Planning Projects (MPO ID 18528/CSJ 0912-00-632); Central Regional Planning Projects (MPO ID 18819/NA) and Southeast Regional Planning Projects (MPO ID 18820/NA) and reprogram to FY 2023. (Total Cost: \$2.7M)
- Split the Houston-Galveston Area Council’s FY 2023 High-Capacity Transit Feasibility Studies project (MPO ID 18618/CSJ 0912-00-633) into two projects: High-Capacity Transit Bundle 1: Transit Studies for the Outer West Park Corridor and Regional Bus (MPO ID 18618/CSJ 0912-00-633) and High-Capacity Transit Bundle 2: Additional High-Capacity Transit Studies in the eight county Transportation Management Area (MPO ID 18821/NA). (Total Cost: \$2.5M)

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, requested TPC approval of Resolutions 2022-2 and 2022-3.

A motion was made by Past-Chair Kenneth Clark and the motion was seconded. The Council voted and Resolution 2022-2 and Resolution 2022-3 was approved.

During a delay due to technical difficulties, Tom Lambert, METRO, introduced the new METRO Chairman of the Board, Sanjay Ramabhadran to the Council. Mr. Ramabhadran comments can be heard at this [LINK](#)

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ITEM 8. ADOPTION OF THE 2022-2026 REGIONALLY COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN, SANDY KLANFER, H-GAC

Mr. Sandy Klanfer presented on the 2022-2026 Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan. H-GAC is required to develop and update its Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan (RCTP) every five years. This plan, covering a 13-county region, is focused on identifying cost effective ways to fill gaps in the region’s transportation network. The draft RCTP plan has been completed and was made available for public comment for a 30-day period starting January 5 to February 4, 2022. A completed and approved plan is expected to be submitted to TxDOT by February 28, 2022. Mr. Klanfer described the four key themes identified in the plan and discussed some of the recommendations that are included in the plan. Mr. Klanfer also discussed the various public engagement tools used in the public comment process, types of public comments received, and the modifications made to this process based on feedback.

Mr. Klanfer requested TPC approval of Resolution No. 2022-4.

A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and was seconded by 1st Vice-Chair Justin Beckendorff. The Council voted and Resolution No. 2022-4 was approved.

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ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS, DAVID FINK, H-GAC.

Mr. David Fink provided gave a presentation about Transportation Safety Performance Measures and Targets. The Federal Highway Administration requires an annual submission of safety performance measure targets by the State Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Mr. Fink told the Council that H-GAC has aspirational goal of Vision Zero 2050, passed a Resolution by TPC in October 2020 and sent a letter of support to the state in September 2020 supporting the State’s Safety Performance Measures and Targets. Mr. Fink also recognized the City of Houston and Harris County for their Vision Zero goals of reaching zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2030.

The five federal safety performance measures are listed below:

1. Number of fatalities
2. Number of serious injuries
3. Rate of fatalities (per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)
4. Rate of serious injuries (per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)
5. Number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries (pedestrians and bicyclist).

Mr. Fink also described tables with Safety Performance Measures and Targets as well as a list of Safety Initiatives implemented by the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Mr. Fink requested approval of Resolution No. 2022-5.

A discussion occurred among the Council members after this presentation. An establishment of a Safety Task Force was recommended by Chair Robinson and other members of the Council.

A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Commissioner Billy Combs. The Council voted and approved Resolution 2022-5

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ITEM 10. UPDATE ON HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT PHASE II FEASIBILITY STUDIES, THOMAS GRAY, H-GAC

Mr. Thomas Gray, H-GAC, provided an update High-Capacity Transit Phase II Feasibility Studies. Mr. Gray told the Council the High-Capacity Task Force was created by the TPC in summer of 2017. The purpose was to “identify extent to which High-Capacity Transit is needed to support economic growth, mobility and quality of life” and estimate amount of investment needed. The High-Capacity Transit Task Force developed an unconstrained Vision Network and financially constrained

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Priority Network for inclusion in 2045 RTP. Mr. Gray described the map of the unconstrained Vision Network with over a \$100 billion in capital costs and a map of the Priority Network which is financially constrained but can still accomplish some key goals. In the spring of 2019, the TPC included the Priority Network in the 2045 RTP, as its Transit component. Mr. Gray elaborated on Phase II in detail on staff recommendations and regional partners, the proposed studies, type of projects and a timeline for completion of studies.

A brief comment period occurred after this presentation.

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For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 11. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Future Amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP AND 2045 RTP

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, provided information on the Amendment modifications to the TIP and RTP. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

B. 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.

- Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update regarding the Call for Projects. Mr. Raborn let the Council know that staff has continued discussion with the TAC, TIP and other subcommittees regarding the rural set aside, investment categories, overall scoring, funding targets and ranges. Staff will continue discussion regarding requirements on project readiness and programming.

C. H-GAC Board of Directors Report

The H-GAC Board of Directors meeting was held on February 15, 2022. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at this [LINK](#)

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ITEM 12 & 13 ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

- Greater Houston Freight Committee Meeting-March 3, 2022, 1:00 p.m.


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- Next TAC Meeting- March 16, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
- Next TPC Meeting – March 25, 2022, 9:30 a.m. (in-person or videoconference)

Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 10:40 a.m.

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Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

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Attachment 1
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
February 25, 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 _____ Thomas Woolley – 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 – Chairman _____ Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	_____ Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member <u> X </u> Honorable Sallie Alcorn - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	_____ Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works <u> X </u> Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 _____ Honorable John Bowen - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<u> X </u> 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

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Pearland, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor _____ 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, Secretary	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Vacant	<u> X* </u> 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	<u> X </u> Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, 2nd Vice Chair _____ Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u> X </u> Honorable Kenneth Clark County Commissioner – Past Chairman _____ 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	_____ Honorable Mark Keough County Judge _____ Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> X </u> Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 1st Vice Chair _____ 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> Martin Gonzalez, P.E. District Engineer _____ Adam Jack, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port of Houston Authority	<u> X </u> Phyllis Saathoff Executive Director, Port Freeport _____ Roger Guenther, Port Houston - 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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NON-VOTING MEMBERS

REPRESENTING

Texas State Senate	<u> </u> Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<u> </u> Clint Schelbitzki	Union Pacific
Freight Rail Interests	<u> X </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 * Attended Feb. 25th Meeting	8-County Region
Wharton County	<u> X </u> Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County