

4. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, July 20, 2022, 9:30 A.M., ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Loyd Smith, 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 33 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Smith entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the June 15, 2022, meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Bruce Mann. The second motion for approval was made by Mr. Michael Shannon. 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/07212022-576/3/>.

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 of Resolution No. 2022-27 and 2022-28, which included the following amendment:

- Cancel the previously locally funded Galveston County FM 517 widening project (MPO 39/CSJ N/A) at the request of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District in agreement with the County from the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) as the project is not planned at this time. (-\$0, Total Cost: \$0)
- Program the City of Webster NASA Road 1 Extension (MPO ID 17081/CSJ 0912-72-359) funded with Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds in FY 2023. It was inadvertently left out of the 2023-2026 TIP. (+\$8.0M; Total Cost: \$8.0M)
- Change the sponsor of the Galveston Road Sims Bayou pedestrian/bicycle bridge construction project (MPO ID 18030/CSJ 0912-72-386) from the City of Houston to the Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) per their agreement. Change the matching funds for the federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) funding from a state to a local contribution. (Total Cost: \$4.4M)
- Align the City of Houston Shepherd-Durham Corridor (Phase 2) STBG-funded reconstruction project (MPO ID 18417/CSJ 0912-72-616) with the TxDOT 2-Year letting schedule with no change to the overall project timeline. Phase-1 of the Shepherd-Durham project (MPO ID 18086/CSJ 0912-72-607) which is funded with federal discretionary grant funds is currently underway. (Total Cost: \$50.0M)
- Program five revisions to The Woodlands Township FY 2019-2023 FTA Section 5339, Bus and Bus Facilities program apportionments. They include programming new projects in FYs 2022-2023 (MPO IDs 18863 and

18864) and updates to funding amounts for FY 2019-2021 (MPO IDs 18634, 18638 and 18642) (+\$1.0M, Total Cost: \$1.8M).

- Program three revisions to Fort Bend County Public Transportation FY 2020 FTA Section 5307, Urban Area Formula, program apportionments. Revisions include splitting out scope areas of Construction (MPO ID 18334), Bus Support Equipment (MPO ID 18873) and Other Capital Items (MPO ID 18874). (+\$0M, Total Cost: \$2.8M).

After Mr. Dickinson's presentation of the amendments to the Committee, Mr. Michael Shannon requested further discussion on the Galveston County amendment of the widening project. Mr. Dickinson mentioned to the Committee that contact will be made to TxDOT and the stakeholders involved to clarify sponsorship of this project.

Chair Smith suggested entertaining a motion to remove the Galveston County amendment in order that stakeholders can discuss further.

A motion was made by Mr. Michael Shannon to remove the Galveston County amendment and approve amendments listed in the presentation. A second motion for approval was made by Council Member John Bowen. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) TRIENNIAL GOAL 2023-2025

Ms. Neely Kim presented on the Approval of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Triennial Goal 2023-2025. The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Transportation Department receives federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) through the Federal Highway Authority (FHWA), the Federal Transit Authority (FTA), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Recipients of these federal funds are required to set an overall triennial 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. The Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Department has determined that the current DBE goal of 25% should be adopted for the 2023-2025 fiscal years. For more details on this item, please click below.

A motion was made by Mr. David Wurdlow and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. Morad Kabiri. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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THE 2023 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP)

Mr. Adam Beckom presented on the 2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). The Unified Transportation Program (UTP) is used by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) to plan and guide project development over a 10-year period. The UTP is developed annually to comply with the Texas Administrative Code (TAC §16.105) and is approved by the Commission every August. The UTP gives authorization for project construction, development, and planning. On July 8, 2022 The Texas Department of Transportation released the draft FY 2023 Unified Transportation Program for public review and comment. H-GAC staff are reviewing the UTP projects for consistency between the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. A copy of the draft FY 2023 UTP document is available at [Draft FY 2023 Unified Transportation Program](#). For further details on this presentation, please click on the link below.

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

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SOUTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY SUBREGIONAL STUDY

Mr. Mike Burns provided an update on the Southeast Harris County Subregional Study. The Southeast Harris County Subregional Study was funded through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and examined transportation conditions to recommend improvements aligned with the Regional Transportation Plan's goals to improve safety, condition, mobility, the economy, and our environment. H-GAC staff coordinated with the consultant team, led by Kimley-Horn and Associates, to study portions of five (5) cities, including Houston, South Houston, Pasadena, Deer Park, and La Porte.

This 21-month study began in September 2020 and ended in May 2022. A Steering Committee represented by area stakeholders met six (6) times to help compile issues, review alternatives, and comment on the draft study. The study was also informed by four (4) Stakeholder groups – school, public safety, business, and municipal representatives – and virtual public meetings during both the initial outreach and review phases. The team also coordinated with TxDOT's project team overseeing the SH 225/610E Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study, which abuts this study area.

Staff utilized an online engagement platform throughout the study – <https://engage.h-gac.com/southeast-harris-county-subregional-study> – to collect comments on existing concerns, opportunities, and to allow review and commenting on draft recommendations using a variety of interactive tools.

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PROJECTS SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE

Mr. Vishu Lingala gave an update to the Projects Selection Process. The goals, priorities, and policies for selection and prioritization of projects approved by the TPC, will be programmed in Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 10-Year Plan, and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). These goals, priorities, and policies guide the H-GAC staff, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and the TIP Subcommittee in development of project selection criteria and evaluation methodologies for project planning and programming.

Staff conducted a series of workshops with the TIP Subcommittee and TAC members to finalize development of the project selection criteria and scoring. Based on the discussion at the June 1st TIP Subcommittee meeting/Workshop staff requested the local project sponsors to submit lists of top priorities for short (0 to 5 years), medium (6 to 10 years), and long term (greater than 10 years). Mr. Lingala provided a summary on projects submitted and presented information on these results. Staff will continue to evaluate the projects list and provide a further update at the August 2022 TIP Subcommittee, TAC and TPC meetings. To view more information on this update, please click on the link below.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/07212022-576/8/>

CRITICAL URBAN FREIGHT CORRIDORS

Ms. Veronica Green gave an update on Critical Urban Freight Corridors. A key deliverable for the ongoing Regional Goods Movement Plan update is the identification of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) region's Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFC). The Texas Department of Transportation allotted the H-GAC

region 90.72 miles of the 372.78 miles allocated to the State of Texas. In collaboration with the Greater Houston Freight Committee, H-GAC designated the first iteration of Critical Urban Freight Corridors in 2017. Of the 36 corridors designated, 30 corridors were improved. The current iteration developed a new methodology using data driven measures to identify new corridors and rolled the corridors with no improvements into the new list. The new Critical Urban Freight Corridors, if approved, will be certified by the Federal Highway Administration, and included in the Texas Freight Mobility Plan.

Chair Smith inquired about the new methodology and eligibility for dedicated freight funding source. Chair Smith inquired if this new methodology is the dedicated funding source for eligible projects listed in the current TIP. Ms. Green explained that the new methodology provides an option for projects requiring additional funding or if funding falls through on these projects.

Chair Smith opened the floor for comments and discussion. To hear further comments and discussion, please click on the link below.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/07212022-576/9/>

SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) UPDATE

Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update on Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A). On May 16, 2022 the Discretionary grant program was announced by the FHWA. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) establishes the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program that will provide \$5-6 billion in grants over the next 5 years. Funding supports regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The SS4A program supports the Department's National Roadway Safety Strategy and a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways. FY22 Notice of Funding Opportunity is open and will end September 15, 2022. For further details on eligibility and funding please see slide presentation.

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PLANNING ACTIVITIES

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. After future amendments were presented, Chair Smith asked for clarification on amendments for SH99 and Brazoria County. Mr. Raborn concluded that a discussion with TxDOT was needed to clarify and resolve amendment for SH99 and Brazoria County. Furthermore, Mr. Raborn indicated that a larger meeting will be planned to involve all stakeholders interested in this project for further discussion.

Mr. David Wurdlow inquired about the I10 West widening project amendment regarding a change in scope. Ms. Catherine McCreight with TxDOT replied and indicated that research was being done to align the scope change in the TxDOT Connect system; moving the frontage roads out and that the frontage roads are currently not funded in the project.

Mr. Wurdlow also inquired about the US290 underpass construction project regarding discussion on request for additional funding and if more information would be forthcoming on a consistent policy for handling additional funding requests. Mr. Raborn indicated that this topic will be discussed at the TIP Subcommittee Meeting in August and will be brought back to TAC for information. For a summary of the administrative modifications and further discussion on future amendments presented, please view July 20, 2022 TAC Packet, or click on the link below.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. James Garland noted the following meetings and events:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Pedestrian and Bicyclist Quarterly Subcommittee Meeting	July 21	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC)	July 28	10.00 a.m.	Virtual
Next TPC Meeting	July 29	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	August 3	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Clean Cities Stakeholders Meeting	August 9	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Next TAC Meeting	August 17	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Performance Measures PM3 Public Comment Period	July 15 - August 14	N/A	N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:21 a.m.

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1st Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)
July 20, 2022 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>
<u>Chair</u>				
Loyd Smith, P.E.	<u> X </u>	Harris County	Brannan Hicks	<u> </u>
1 st Vice Chair				
Veronica Chapa Gorczynski	<u> X </u>	Active Transportation	Ana Ramirez-Huerta	<u> X* </u>
2 nd Vice Chair				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u> X </u>	Smaller Cities	Jildardo Arias	<u> X* </u>
Michael Medwedeff	<u> </u>	Smaller Cities	Dan Johnson	<u> </u>
Timothy Magee	<u> </u>	Smaller Cities	Robert Reynolds	<u> </u>
Perri D'Armond	<u> X </u>	Transit	Pamela LeBrane	<u> </u>
Catherine McCreight	<u> X </u>	Transit	Vacant	<u> </u>
Ruthanne Haut	<u> X </u>	Transit	Todd Stephens	<u> </u>
Carl Woodward	<u> X </u>	Environmental	Craig Maske	<u> </u>
Katherine Parker	<u> X </u>	Environmental	Dr. Carol Lewis	<u> </u>
David Fields	<u> X </u>	Planning	Jennifer Ostlind, AICP	<u> X* </u>
David Wurdlow	<u> </u>	Planning	Faustino Benavidez, P.E.	<u> </u>
	<u> X </u>			<u> </u>
Lisa Kocich-Meyer	<u> </u>	Planning	Jessie Li, Ph.D., P.E.	<u> X </u>
Marlisa Briggs	<u> X </u>	Business Interests	Vacant	<u> </u>
Elijah Williams	<u> X </u>	Business Interests	Amy Skicki	<u> X </u>
Jonathan Brooks	<u> </u>	Citizens Interests	Dexter Handy	<u> X </u>
Andrea French	<u> </u>	Citizens Interests	Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u> X </u>
	<u> </u>			<u> </u>
Bruce Mann	<u> X </u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	<u> </u>
Michael Wilson	<u> </u>	Port Freeport	Jason Miura	<u> </u>
Heather Jinkins Cantu	<u> </u>	Toll Road	Kate Lanzarone	<u> X </u>
Jimmy Thompson	<u> </u>	Toll Road	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Joe Cutrufo	<u> X </u>	Active Transportation	Lisa Graiff	<u> </u>
Bill Zrioka	<u> X </u>	Airport	Beth Rosenbaum	<u> </u>
Rick Guerrero	<u> </u>	Regional Planning	Onyinye Akujuo	<u> X </u>
Clint Harbert	<u> X </u>	METRO	Alan Clark	<u> X* </u>

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
James W. Koch, P.E.	X	TxDOT-Houston District	Vacant	
Martin N. Gonzalez, P.E.		TxDOT-Beaumont District	Adam Jack, P.E.	
Karen McKinnon, P.E.		Brazoria County	Trey Haskins	
Cory Taylor		Chambers County	Natalie G. Lopez	X
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.	X	Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	
Michael Shannon, P.E.	X	Galveston County	Nancy Baher, P.E.	
David Douglas		Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	
Jeff Johnson, P.E.	X	Montgomery County	Brian Clark, P.E.	
Yancy Scott, P.E.		Waller County	Jared Chen, P.E., PMP	
Frank Simoneaux, P.E.		City of Baytown	Martin Scribner	
Rafael Carrasquillo, P.E.		City of Conroe	Chris Bogert, P.E.	
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	X	City of Galveston	Brandon Cook	
Veronica O. Davis, P.E.	X	City of Houston	Fabio Capillo	
Christopher Sims		City of League City	Council Member John Bowen	X
Todd Hoover	X	City of Missouri City	Shashi Kumar	
Council Member Cary Bass		City of Pasadena	Dan Pennington	
Trent Epperson	X	City of Pearland	Robert Upton, P.E.	
Monique Johnson	X	City of Sugar Land	Rick Ramirez, P.E.	
Kim Golden, P.E.	X	City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	
	<u>44</u>	Total Voting Membership		
	<u>33</u>	Total Voting Membership Present		
	<u>22</u>	Required for Quorum		

Ex Officio: Roger E. Rees

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