

4. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, June 15, 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 30 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.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Smith entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the May 18, 2022, meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Alan Clark. The second motion for approval was made by Mr. Bruce Mann. 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/06162022-667/4/>

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

Mr. Adam Beckom 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. 2022-21 and 2022-22, which included the following amendment:

- 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)

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- 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.

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

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/06162022-667/5/>

APPROVAL ON AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

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 thereto 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). These significant project changes will require a new demonstration of air quality conformity. For more details on this item, please click below.

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Wilson and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. David Fields. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) TRIENNIAL GOAL UPDATE 2023-2025

Ms. Neely Kim gave an update on Disadvantage 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. This is based on various data collected on DBEs in the H-GAC region. As part of the DBE triennial goal process, the Transportation DBE program will hold a DBE workshop and public meeting for feedback. After the update, the committee further discussed recommendations to build higher percentage goals in lower categories. To see more information on the DBE Draft, please go to <https://www.hgac.com/disadvantaged-business-enterprises>.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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FUTURE OF WORK SURVEY RESULTS

Ms. Francis Rodriguez gave an update on the Future of Work Survey Results. In 2020 The Houston-Galveston Area Council's Commute Solutions program launched an Employer Survey on Covid-19 Impact to better understand how company operations changed during the pandemic. A follow-up survey was launched to learn how organizations plan to work moving forward. The survey revealed the impacts of Covid-19 on worksites. The data gathered showed how organizations operated before the pandemic, how they are operating now, and what they envision the workplace to look like moving forward. In addition, the survey looked at benefits offered such as commuting subsidies and other transportation related allowances. H-GAC's Commute Solutions team, in partnership with a small consultant team from AECOM, worked to distribute the survey to employers large and small across the eight-county region. The survey was promoted online through the website and social media, shared with management districts and partners through emails and phone calls, and included in multiple external agency newsletters. The survey received close to 200 responses. For further details on the work survey results please go to the following link [HERE](#).

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UPDATE TO THE 2023 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PLAN (UTP)

Mr. Adam Beckom gave an update to the 2023 Unified Transportation Plan (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. In June 2022, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will release the draft 2023 UTP for public review and comment. Additional information on the UTP and the funding categories is available at the following website: [Unified Transportation Program - UTP \(txdot.gov\)](https://www.txdot.gov/unified-transportation-program-utp)

To view further details on this presentation, please click on the link below.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/06162022-667/9/>

PROJECTS SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE

Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update to the Projects Selection Process. At the March 2020 Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting the Council approved goals, priorities, and policies for selection and prioritization of projects to 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. At the June 1st TIP Subcommittee meeting/Workshop staff discussed various possibilities to gather a list of improvements/projects that could be evaluated for programming in the TIP, 10-Year Plan and the RTP. To view more information on this update, please click on the link below.

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PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Adam Beckom provided a brief overview of Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP. For a summary of the administrative modifications, please view June 15, 2022 TAC Packet or click on the link below.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/06162022-667/11/>

North Houston Highway Improvement Project Update

Mr. Craig Raborn gave a brief update on the North Houston Improvement Project. For a summary of the update on the North Houston Improvement Project, please view June 15, 2022 TAC Packet or click on the link below.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Isbell noted the following meetings and events:

- a. DBE Triennial Goal Meeting- June 13, 2022, 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Virtual, repeat meetings)
- b. Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee Meeting – June 15, 2022, 2:00 p.m. (Virtual)
- c. Greater Houston Freight Committee Meeting – June 23, 2022, 1:00 p.m. (Virtual)
- d. Next TPC Meeting – June 24, 2022, 9:30 a.m. (Hybrid)
- e. Transportation Safety Committee Meeting – June 28, 2022, 1:30 p.m. (In-person, H-GAC)
- f. TIP Subcommittee Meeting- June 29, 2022, 1:30p.m. (Virtual)
- g. Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) Meeting – June 30, 2022, 10:00 a.m. (Virtual)
- h. Next TAC Meeting – July 13, 2022, 9:30 a.m. (Hybrid)

- i. Regional Transit Subcommittee Meeting – July 14, 2022, 9:30 a.m. (Virtual)
- j. Pedestrian and Bicyclist Quarterly Subcommittee Meeting – July 21, 2022, 9:30 a.m. (Virtual)

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:19 a.m.

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1st Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)**

NOTES:

June 15, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

- Attendance is marked with "X" in the corresponding column for the Member and/or Alternate.
- 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, P.E., CFM	<u> </u>
Michael Medwedeff	<u>X</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>X*</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> </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>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Dexter Handy	<u>X*</u>
Andrea French	<u> </u>	Citizens Interests	Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u>X*</u>
	<u>X</u>			<u> </u>
Bruce Mann	<u>X</u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	<u> </u>
Michael Wilson	<u>X</u>	Port Freeport	Jason Miura	<u> </u>
Heather Jinkins Cantu	<u>X</u>	Toll Road	Kate Lanzarone	<u> </u>
Jimmy Thompson	<u> </u>	Toll Road	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Joe Cutrufo	<u> </u>	Active Transportation	Lisa Graiff	<u> </u>
Bill Zrioka	<u> </u>	Airport	Beth Rosenbaum	<u>X</u>
Rick Guererro	<u>X</u>	Regional Planning	Onyinye Akujuo	<u> </u>
Clint Harbert	<u> </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.	_____	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	<u> X </u>
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.	_____	Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	_____
Michael Shannon, P.E.	<u> X </u>	Galveston County	Nancy Baher, P.E.	_____
David Douglas	_____	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	_____
Jeff Johnson, P.E.	<u> X </u>	Montgomery County	Brian Clark, P.E.	_____
Yancy Scott, P.E.	_____	Waller County	Jared Chen, P.E., PMP	_____
Frank Simoneaux, P.E.	<u> X </u>	City of Baytown	Martin Scribner	_____
Rafael Carrasquillo, P.E.	_____	City of Conroe	Chris Bogert, P.E.	_____
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	_____	City of Galveston	Brandon Cook	_____
Veronica O. Davis, P.E.	<u> X </u>	City of Houston	Fabio Capillo	_____
Christopher Sims	_____	City of League City	Council Member John Bowen	<u> X </u>
Todd Hoover	<u> X </u>	City of Missouri City	Shashi Kumar	_____
Council Member Cary Bass	_____	City of Pasadena	Dan Pennington	_____
Trent Epperson	<u> X </u>	City of Pearland	Robert Upton, P.E.	_____
Monique Johnson	<u> X </u>	City of Sugar Land	Rick Ramirez, P.E.	_____
Kim Golden, P.E.	_____	City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	_____
	<u> 44 </u>	Total Voting Membership		
	<u> 30 </u>	Total Voting Membership Present		
	<u> 22 </u>	Required for Quorum		

Ex Officio: Roger E. Rees _____

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