

6A. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA

DATE: Friday, January 24, 2025
TIME: 9:39 a.m.
PLACE: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027

The presiding officer, Chair Justin Beckendorff called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of January 24, 2025 at 9:39 a.m. to order.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chairman Justin Beckendorff recognized Ms. Jamila Owens, H-GAC, for the Certification of the Quorum and she conducted the Roll Call of the TPC membership. Fifteen (16) members comprise a quorum. A quorum was declared present and recorded on the Roll Call, which is included with these Minutes as Attachment 1. Ms. Owens proceeded to ask the new members to raise their hand so that they could be recognized. Chair Beckendorff asked the members to introduce themselves and their organizations. Chair Beckendorff of the Council to Declare Conflicts of Interest on any item on the agenda. No TPC member declared a conflict of interest. The presentation, comments, questions and discussion are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jamila Owens, H-GAC, gave instructions to the public on how to provide comments online and introduced Ms. Martha Isignares and asked her to provide Spanish translation instructions to the public on how to provide public comment. Ms. Jamila Owens also announced that American Sign Language translation services would be provided online by Ms. Rebecca Lintz and Mr. Kathleen Lascala. No written comments were submitted by 5:00 p.m. on January 23, 2025. One comment was provided in person. No comments online. The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under Item 4 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 5. MPO DIRECTOR REPORT AND ORIENTATION OF AGENDA, MS. ALLIE ISBELL, H-GAC

A. TPC Bylaws Overview

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, gave the Council a brief overview of the TPC Bylaws revisions that were provided from the floor during December TPC meeting. The amended TPC Bylaws were posted to the TPC website.

B. Planning Activities Report

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, gave a brief recap of highlights on the planning activities report and summarized various activities to the Council. The HART meeting was cancelled for Friday, January 24, 2025.

C. H-GAC Board Update

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, informed the Council the H-GAC Board meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and will be shifted to the February Board meeting.

The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 5 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Justin Beckendorff called for a motion to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded. The Council voted and approved the December 20, 2024, TPC Meeting Minutes Summary. The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 6 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

ITEM 7. RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION FOR OUTGOING TPC MEMBERS, CHAIR JUSTIN BECKENDORFF

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, announced resolutions for outgoing TPC members recognizing their service to the TPC. They are as follows:

Dr. Carol Lewis, Chair, Gulf Coast Rail District
Hon. Brandon Capetillo, Past Mayor-City of Baytown
Hon. Abbie Kamin, Council Member, City of Houston
Mr. Kyle Watson, Past Vice Chairman, The Woodlands Township Board
Mr. Jeff E. Ross, Director, Gulf Coast Rail District

Chair Beckendorff thanked them for their service and wished them best in their future endeavors. A robust round of applause was given by the Council. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded. The Council voted and unanimously approved TPC Resolution No. 2025-01, TPC Resolution No. 2025-02, TPC Resolution No. 2025-03, TPC Resolution No. 2025-04 and TPC Resolution No. 2025-05. The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 7 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 8. 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS, JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program is included below.

- Rescope METRO's FY 2025 \$29.2M Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funded bus replacement project (MPO ID 15243) from electric buses to compressed natural gas fueled (CNG) buses.
- Update the City of Conroe's funding increase request for their FY 2029 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funded Old Conroe Road widening and extension project (MPO ID 17101).
- Program the City of Conroe's \$4 .5M Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339, Bus and Bus Facilities Program, 'Lo-No Emissions' grant for procurement of four CNG buses (MPO ID 1 9239) in FY 2025 with 900K Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds.
- Program \$666K of the Gulf Coast Transit District's FY 2020 and FY 2023 apportionments of FTA Sections 5307, 5310 and 5339 formula fund grants in FY 2025 (MPO IDs 19240, 19241, 19242, 19243, 19247) with 223K TDCs in lieu of matching funds.
- Program the FY 2023 \$ 710K FTA Section 5310 formula fund apportionment for Harris

County Transit's purchase of services and mobility management projects in FY 2025 (MPO IDs 19245, 19246) with 142K TDCs in lieu of matching funds.

- Modify the descriptions and funding amounts of eleven (11) Gulf Coast Transit District FY 2021- FY 2023 apportionments of FTA Sections 5307, 5310 and 5339 formula funded projects previously programmed in FY 2025 (MPO IDs 18932, 18952, 18953, 18954, 19140, 19144, 19145, 1 91 46, 19147, 19152, 19153). Modifications are being made on the recommendation of METRO.
- Program the Port of Houston Authority's FY 2022-23 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) *Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities* Grant Program award of \$25.1M in FY 2025 (MPO ID 19 3 65). The demonstration project will purchase portable electric chargers, auxiliary power units, and a hydrogen fueling station, as well as reduce emissions from the existing truck fleet, perform a traffic assessment, and demonstrate the viability of zero-emissions vehicles. The Port will provide \$6.3M matching funds.

Mr. Dickinson requested approval of TPC Resolution No. 2025-06 and TPC Resolution No. 2025-07. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Council Member Howard Wood. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2025-06 and TPC Resolution No. 2025-07. The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in [Item 8](#) are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF TPC NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL, MAYOR JOE ZIMMERMAN

Mayor Joe Zimmerman, Chair of the 2025 TPC Nominating Committee informed the Council the TPC Nominating Committee met on January 22, 2025, to review and recommend the submitted nominations to the TPC. The TPC Nominating Committee recommended the following:

2025 TPC OFFICERS

Chair	Justin Beckendorff	Commissioner, Waller County
1st Vice Chair	Grady Prestage	Commissioner, Fort Bend County
2nd Vice Chair	Kevin Cole	Mayor, City of Pearland
Secretary	Lesley Briones	Commissioner, Harris County

Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion and seconded by Council Member Sally Branson. The Council voted and approved the 2025 TPC Officers.

2025 TPC SMALLER CITIES

Position 1- Primary	Joe Garcia	Council Member, City of Pattison
Position 1- Alternate	Chad Nesvadba	Mayor, City of Needville
Position 2-Primary	Lori Klein Quinn	Mayor, City of Tomball
Position 2-Alternate	Ross Gordon	Council Member, City of Bellaire
Position 3-Primary	John Escoto	Mayor, City of Shenandoah
Position 3-Alternate	Matthew Dantzer	Mayor, City of Magnolia

Mayor Joe Zimmerman requested a revision in the TPC Nominating Committee's recommendation to replace Mayor Lori Klein Quinn, City of Tomball with Council Member Sally Branson, City of Friendswood in the Position 2-Primary.

2025 TPC SMALLER CITIES - REVISED

Position 1 - Primary	Joe Garcia	Council Member, City of Pattison
Position 1 - Alternate	Chad Nesvadba	Mayor, City of Needville
Position 2-Primary	Sally Branson	Council Member, City of Friendswood
Position 2-Alternate	Ross Gordon	Council Member, City of Bellaire
Position 3-Primary	John Escoto	Mayor, City of Shenandoah
Position 3-Alternate	Matthew Dantzer	Mayor, City of Magnolia

Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion to amend the TPC Nominating Committee recommendation and Council Member Marie Robb seconded. The Council voted and approved the 2025 TPC Smaller Cities positions.

2025 GREATER HOUSTON FREIGH COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Co-Chair Position 1	Bruce Mann
Co-Chair Position 2	Chad Burke

Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. The Council voted and approved the 2025 Greater Houston Freight Committee Co-Chairs.

2025 TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE

Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management	Primary	1	Brian Bagwell
Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management	Alternate	1	Chad May
Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management	Primary	2	Trey Baxter
Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management	Alternate	2	Mark Seals
Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management	Primary	3	Sgt. Saul Luera
Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management	Alternate	3	Jarred Thomas
Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management	Primary	4	Brian Mason
Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management	Alternate	4	Adam Colley
Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management	Primary	5	Brian Mason
Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management	Alternate	5	Lisa Camp
Healthcare/Education/Social Service/Advocacy Groups or Interested Citizens	Primary	1	Dr. Chara Bowie
Healthcare/Education/Social Service/Advocacy Groups or Interested Citizens	Primary	2	Meer Jumani
Private Shippers & Carriers	Primary	1	Billy Combs
Public Transit, State, City, County Engineering & Planning	Primary	1	Ken Fickes
Public Transit, State, City, County Engineering & Planning	Alternate	1	Vernon Chambers
Public Transit, State, City, County Engineering & Planning	Primary	2	Ian Hlavacek
Public Transit, State, City, County Engineering & Planning	Alternate	2	Johana Clark
Public Transit, State, City, County Engineering & Planning	Primary	3	Jessi Li
Railroads and Ports	Primary	1	Bruce Mann
Railroads and Ports	Alternate	1	Rohit Saxena
Railroads and Ports	Primary	2	Jack Hannigraf

Mayor Joe Zimmerman presented the recommended Transportation Safety Committee and informed the Council there were no nominations for Healthcare, Education, Social Services, Advocacy Groups or Interested Citizens category. Mayor Zimmerman requested that TPC members reach out to individuals that might fit into those categories to participate in the TSC. A motion was made by Mayor Zimmerman and seconded by Commissioner Adrian Garcia. Commissioner Garcia nominated Dr. Chara Bowie in the Healthcare category from Harris County, Precinct 2 and as her alternate Mr. Meer Jumar from Harris County Precinct 2. A motion was made by Mayor Zimmerman to amend the previous motion to include Dr. Bowie and Mr. Jumar and it was seconded by Commissioner Lesley Briones. The original motion was brought to the Council, the Council voted and approved the 2025 Transportation Safety Committee.

2025 TAC AT-LARGE POSITIONS

Active Transportation Position 1 Primary	Dr. Brenda	Bustillos, P.E.
Active Transportation Position 1 Alternate	Lisa	Graiff
Active Transportation Position 2 Primary	Yuhayna	Mahmud
Active Transportation Position 2 Alternate	Luis	Guajardo
Airports Position 1 Primary	James	Brown
Airports Position 1 Alternate	Bill	Zrioka
Business Interests Position 1 Primary	Marlissa	Briggs
Business Interests Position 1 Alternate	Kris	Larson
Business Interests Position 2 Primary	Amy	Skicki
Business Interests Position 2 Alternate	Scott	Harper
Cities of Less Than 50,000 Position 1 Primary	Andy	Rodgers
Cities of Less Than 50,000 Position 1 Alternate	Brian	Winningham
Cities of Less Than 50,000 Position 2 Primary	Kathie	Reyer
Cities of Less Than 50,000 Position 2 Alternate	Byron	Hebert
Cities of Less Than 50,000 Position 3 Primary	Morad	Kabiri
Cities of Less Than 50,000 Position 3 Alternate	Jildardo	Arias
Citizen Interests Position 1 Primary	Irma	Sanchez
Citizen Interests Position 1 Alternate	Dexter	Handy
Citizen Interests Position 2 Primary	Alan	Steinberg
Citizen Interests Position 2 Alternate	Sherry	Weesner
Environmental Position 1 Primary	Andrea	French
Environmental Position 1 Alternate	Sue	Theiss
Environmental Position 2 Primary	Scott	Nichols
Environmental Position 2 Alternate	Shelly	Sekula-Gibbs
Planning Position 1 Primary	Catherine	McCreight
Planning Position 1 Alternate	Jeffrey	English
Planning Position 2 Primary	David	Wurdlow
Planning Position 2 Alternate	Katherine	Parker
Planning Position 3 Primary	Marlene	Gafrick

Planning Position 3 Alternate	Christina	Cabral
Ports Position 1 Primary	Dean	Corgey
Ports Position 1 Alternate	Rob	Lowe
Public Transit Position 1 Primary	Ruthanne	Haut
Public Transit Position 1 Alternate	Todd	Stephens
Public Transit Position 2 Primary	Ken	Fickes
Public Transit Position 2 Alternate	Vernon	Chambers
Public Transit Position 3 Primary	Perri	D'Armond
Public Transit Position 3 Alternate	Shawn	Davis
Toll Roads Position 1 Primary	Brian	Alcott
Toll Roads Position 1 Alternate	Amar	Mohite
Toll Roads Position 2 Primary	Robert	Casteneda
Toll Roads Position 2 Alternate	David	Gornet

Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion and seconded by Council Member Sally Branson. First Vice Chair Grady Prestage requested a revision to the Public Transit Position 3 Alternate position recommending Shawn Davis and recommending Pamela LaBran as a replacement to Perri D'Armond.

Public Transit Position 1 Primary	Ruthanne	Haut
Public Transit Position 1 Alternate	Todd	Stephens
Public Transit Position 2 Primary	Ken	Fickes
Public Transit Position 2 Alternate	Vernon	Chambers
Public Transit Position 3 Primary	Perri	D'Armond
Public Transit Position 3 Alternate	Pamela	LeBrane

Commissioner Grady Prestage made an amended motion to replace Shawn Davis in the Public Transit alternate Position 3 with Pamela Le Brane. Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved the motion. The Council voted on the first motion and approve the 2025 TAC at large positions. The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in [Item 9](#) are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 10. PROJECT SELECTION PROJECT LIST

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC, gave a presentation on the Project Selection Process Draft Project List. Mr. Lingala described the projects that are included in the 5 investment categories- Major Projects, High-Growth Area Needs, Operational Improvements, Congestion Management, Resiliency, State of Good Repair, Transit and Active Transportation. Mr. Lingala described funding instructions, available funding and available total funding including local match. Mr. Lingala also informed the Council of the draft recommendations for all categories and next steps. A lengthy discussion period occurred after the presentation. The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in [Item 10](#) are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 11. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES, STEPHEN KEEN, H-GAC

Mr. Stephen Keen, H-GAC, presented an overview of the Safety Performance Measures. The Houston-Galveston Area Council and TxDOT are required to annually submit safety performance measures to the Federal Highway Administration. The MPO supports the State's Safety Performance Measures. The five safety performance measures are listed below:

- Number of Fatalities
- Rate of fatalities (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled)
- Number of Serious injuries
- Rate of Serious injuries (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled)
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries

Mr. Keen described the 2024 performance Proposed Measures and 2024 Actuals, Fatalities, Serious injuries, non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries which has been an increasing trend since 2020, and 2025 Performance Proposed Measures, current and ongoing activities. A discussion period occurred after the presentation. The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 11 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

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ITEM 12. UPDATE ON MPO DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT, TERI RAMSEY, H-GAC

Ms. Teri Ramsey, H-GAC, provided an update on the MPO Director position recruitment. Ms. Ramsey informed the Council H-GAC has partnered with Mackenzie Eason, a recruiter specializing in finding executive talent. Ms. Ramsey introduced Mr. Darren George from Mackenzie Eason who provided an update to the TPC Executive Committee prior to the TPC meeting. H-GAC initiated a search for the MPO Director position earlier this fall and Human Resources posted the position on September 26, 2025, on several platforms. After this posting, H-GAC received 75 applications for this position but only five candidates met the qualifications for the MPO Director. Ms. Ramsey concluded the update with the ongoing activities associated with this search. The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 12 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 13. FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, provided a summary of the proposed revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program is included below.

- Program TxDOT Houston District's SH 99 direct connectors construction project at IH 45 North (MPO ID 15591) with \$47.4 of State Toll funding in FY 2027 at TxDOT's request.

The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion under this Item 13 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJORNMENT

Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC), January 30, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – Virtual
MPO 101 for TPC Members, February 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – In Person
Transportation Advisory Committee, February 19, 2025 – 9:30 a.m. – In person
Transportation Policy Council, February 28, 2025 – 9:30 a.m. – In person

Chairman Justin Beckendorff adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion are included in the meeting recording

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Hon. Lesley Briones, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council