

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

DATE: Friday, July 28, 2023

TIME: 9:31 a.m.

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

The presiding officer, Chair David Robinson called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of July 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to order.

Chairman David Robinson made a statement to TPC members and others that he was the presiding officer at a meeting of the Transportation Policy Council being held in-person or by a video conference on Friday, July 28, 2023 and he was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027 and attested that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public and 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 & 2 CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman David Robinson recognized Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, for the Certification of the Quorum and she 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.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under Item 1 through 2 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 3. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Chairman David Robinson asked members of the Council to Declare Conflicts of Interest on any item on the agenda. No TPC members declared any conflicts.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under Item 3 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC informed the Council that Spanish translation services were available and introduced Lourdes McIntyre to provide instructions on how to make Public Comments in Spanish by video conference. Ms. Isbell also informed the Council that American Sign Language services were available to the and informed the Council the instructions were on a slide in Zoom. No public comments were received by

5:00 p.m. on July 27, 2023. No public comments were made in person. The Public comments made online can be heard [HERE](#)

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman David Robinson asked the Council if there was any discussion on the consent agenda. No items were requested to be pulled. Chair David Robinson asked for a motion on the Consent Agenda Items below:

- A. Request approval of June 23, 2023 TPC Meeting Minutes Summary
Approved June 23, 2023 TPC Meeting Minutes Summary.
- B. Request approval of the TPC Nominating Committee Recommendations
Approved the TPC Nominating Committee recommendations.

Chair David Robinson asked for a motion on the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Secretary Nancy Arnold and seconded by Judge Mark Keough. The Council voted and approved the July 28, 2023 Consent Agenda.

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

ITEM 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP), MR. JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, provided a presentation on the Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP are included below:

- Program the TxDOT Houston District's SH 99 Segment B direct connectors construction project at SH 35 in Brazoria County (MPOID 8088) in FY 2026 with state toll funding and federal right-of-way funding. (+\$88.4M)
- Program the City of Houston's \$21.0M federal *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity* (RAISE) grant for the rehabilitation of Telephone Road (MPOID 18933) in FY 2024. It will be matched with local funds. (+\$26.2M)
- Change the sponsor of the SH 99 Segment B direct connectors at IH 45 South construction project (MPOID 14249) from Galveston County to TxDOT Houston District. Delay it from FY 2025 to FY 2026 with increased state toll construction funding and \$4M of federal right-of-way (ROW) funding. Add ROW as an authorized phase of work. (+\$69.9M; Total Cost: \$145.9M)
- Delay TxDOT Houston District's SH 99 Segment B-1 construction project in Galveston County (MPOID 283) from FY 2025 to FY 2026 to coordinate its construction letting with other projects on the corridor and increase the state toll construction funding to cover the latest estimates for materials. (+152.6M; Total Cost: \$409.6M)

- Delay TxDOT Houston District’s SH 99 Segment B construction project in Brazoria County (MPOID 257) from FY 2025 to FY 2026 to coordinate its construction letting with other projects on the corridor. (Total Cost: \$203.1M)
- Delay TxDOT Houston District’s SH 35 main lanes and grade separations construction project in Brazoria County (MPOID 18027) from FY 2024 to FY 2026 to coordinate its construction letting with other projects on the corridor. (Total Cost: \$39.4M)
- Delay the City of Houston International Management District’s Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) funded bikeway construction project (MPOID 17120) from FY 2024 to FY 2026 to allow time to finalize the Advanced Funding Agreement with TxDOT Houston District. (Total Cost: \$2.6M)
- Delay the City of Houston’s Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funded Fondren Road reconstruction project (MPOID 17093) from FY 2024 to FY 2026 to allow time to finalize its design changes. (Total Cost: \$25.5M)
- Delay the City of Pearland’s Mykawa Road STBG funded widening project (MPOID 17082) from FY 2023 to FY 2026 due to ongoing ROW and utilities relocation issues. (Total Cost: \$39.0M)
- Delay the City of Pearland’s Mykawa Road STBG funded widening project (MPOID 7602) from FY 2024 to FY 2026 to continue ROW acquisitions. (Total Cost: \$2.9M)
- Delay the City of Pearland’s Smith Ranch Road STBG funded widening project (MPOID 11654) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 to continue ROW acquisitions and utilities relocations. (Total Cost: \$4.9M)
- Delay the City of Tomball’s Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor Projects (Category 2) funded FM 2920 reconstruction project (MPOID 17085) from FY 2025 to FY 2026 to allow time to finalize the public involvement process and design revisions. (Total Cost: \$28.6M)
- Delay Fort Bend County’s Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funded Wireless Traffic Signal Communication System construction project (MPOID 17062) from FY 2024 to FY 2025 due to environmental technical report developments. (Total Cost: \$9.3M)
- Program the allocations of FY 2021 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funding program as approved by the METRO Board of Directors on May 25, 2023, in FY 2023 of the TIP for capital, operating and planning expenditures.
 - Fort Bend County: \$4,450,000 (MPO IDs: 18338, 18339, 18340, 18341)
 - Harris County: \$5,541,604 (MPO IDs: 18625, 18626, 18627)
 - Gulf Coast Transit District: \$1,800,000 (MPO IDs: 18940, 18941, 18942, 18943)
- Program the allocations of FY 2022 FTA Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funding program as approved by the METRO Board of Directors on May 25, 2023, in FY 2023 and FY 2024 of the TIP for capital, operating and planning expenditures.

- Fort Bend County: \$5,650,000 (MPO IDs: 18343, 18344, 18345, 18346)
- Harris County: \$6,992,709 (MPO IDs: 18628, 18629, 18630)
- Gulf Coast Transit District: \$1,100,000 (MPO IDs: 18944, 18945, 18946, 18947)
- Program the allocations of FY 2021 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Funding program as approved by the METRO Board of Directors on May 25, 2023, in FY 2023 of the TIP for operating and purchase of services expenditures.
 - Fort Bend County: \$1,100,000 (MPO ID: 18837)
 - Harris County: \$1,100,000 (MPO IDs: 18927, 18948)
 - Gulf Coast Transit District: \$250,000 (MPO IDs: 18928, 18951)
- Program the allocations of FY 2022 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Funding program as approved by the METRO Board of Directors on May 25, 2023
 - Fort Bend County: \$1,100,000 (MPO ID: 18838)
 - Harris County: \$1,430,000 (MPO IDs: 18931, 18949)
- Program the allocations of FY 2021 FTA Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Funding program as approved by the METRO Board of Directors on May 25, 2023, in FY 2023 of the TIP for capital and planning expenditures.
 - Gulf Coast Transit District: \$275,000 (MPO IDs: 18929, 18950)
- Program the allocations of FY 2022 FTA Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Funding program as approved by the METRO Board of Directors on May 25, 2023, in FY 2023 of the TIP for capital and planning expenditures.
 - Gulf Coast Transit District: \$1,900,000 (MPO IDs: 18932, 18952, 18953, 18954)
- Program the City of Conroe’s FY 2023 sub-allocations of Conroe-The Woodlands Urbanized Area (UZA) FTA formula funds per the interlocal agreement between the City of Conroe and The Woodlands Township in FY 2023 of the TIP for capital, operating and planning expenditures.
 - Section 5307: \$836,216 (MPO IDs: 18937, 18938, 18939)
 - Section 5310: \$286,690 (MPO ID: 18935)
 - Section 5310: \$286,690 (MPO ID: 18936)

Proposed July 2023 TPC Amendments - TIP Budget Effects				
Total Federal Funding Programmed	As of May 2022	As of June 2023	Proposed Amendments (July Action)	Programming as of July 2023 (Pending TPC Approval)
Category 2 - Metro and Urban Area Corridors	\$1,453,610,240	\$1,043,453,232	\$0	\$1,043,453,232
Category 5 - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$604,869,695	\$641,094,933	\$2,022,906	\$643,117,839
Category 7 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	\$795,981,665	\$867,727,577	\$0	\$867,727,577
Category 9 - Transportation Alternatives - Set Aside (TASA) Program	\$52,939,485	\$51,877,364	\$0	\$51,877,364
¹ Includes Grouped and TIP status Project Fund Amounts.				

A discussion period occurred after the presentation among TPC members and H-GAC Staff. Mr. Dickinson requested approval of TPC Resolution No. 2023-25 and TPC Resolution 2023-26. A motion was made by Mayor Kevin Cole and seconded by Chuck Wemple. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2023-25 and TPC Resolution No. 2023-26.

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ITEM 7. PAVEMENT & BRIDGE PERFORMANCE MEASURES, MS. KAREN OWEN, H-GAC

Ms. Karen Owen, H-GAC, provided a presentation on the Pavement and Bridge Performance measures. Ms. Owen informed the Council the Federal Measures are focused on the National Highway System what we refer to the as (NHS) on the Pavement side the measures are in two subsets. Ms. Owen presented a map to the Council that illustrated The Interstate highlighted in red and Non-Interstate highlighted in black (Beltway 8, US 290 and Highway 105.) H-GAC has a responsibility of setting regional targets in the 8-County area. Ms. Owen described the Performance Measures and Targets and discussed the process on setting targets, she also presented and described the targets met and not met. Ms. Owen told the Council that there are no penalties for missing the targets. Ms. Owen provided information on H-GAC analysis of regional data sets and described agency coordination, past and future pavement conditions for interstate and non-interstate, bridge conditions, regional investments by category, setting future targets, and staff recommendations for future targets. Ms. Owen concluded her presentation with a timeline for Pavement and Bridge Performance Measure approval. Ms. Owen requested approval of the Pavement & Bridge Performance Measures and TPC Resolution No. 2023-27. A question-and-answer period occurred after the presentation among TPC member and H-GAC Staff. A motion was made by Mayor Kevin Cole and seconded by Judge Mark Keough. The Council voted and TPC Resolution No. 2023-27 was approved.

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ITEM 8. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDEMENT, MR. CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC provided a presentation on the Unified Planning Work Program and informed the Council the UPWP is two-year plan, that runs from October 1, 2021-September 30, 2023 and described regional transportation planning activities and programs. The current UPWP was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) on August 27, 2021 and most recently amended on February 24, 2023. Mr. Raborn described the amendment to be added to Task V, Sub-Task 5.2. to the Council as follows:

1. Task V, Sub-task 5.2 – Corridor, Technology, and Special Studies
[Amendment Action: Add activity and document partner funding grant]
[Partner Special Study] City of Houston “Gulfton and Beyond” planning grant:
 - The City of Houston received an FHWA Reconnecting Communities Discretionary Grant for FY2023 to conduct a planning study to examine connections between Hillcroft Avenue in Gulfton and destinations including Hillcroft Transit Center, Wisdom High School, and Bray’s Bayou, that are currently separated by infrastructure, including Southwest Freeway, Westpark Tollway, and other busy roads.
 - The grant is for \$552,160 of discretionary grant funds, with a local match of \$138,040 provided by the City of Houston. The total project amount will be \$690,200. (These FHWA grant funds are not reflected in the UPWP Funding Tables because the work will be conducted by a partner agency.)

Mr. Raborn requested approval of the Unified Planning Work Program and UPWP Resolution No: 2022/23-8. A motion was made by 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. The Council voted and approved the amendment to the UPWP and approved UPWP Resolution No: 2022/23-8.

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ITEM 9. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE, MR. ADAM BECKHOM, H-GAC

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, provided a presentation on the Project Readiness Questionnaire and described H-GAC staff efforts to spend down carry-over balances. Mr. Beckom informed the Council that Project Readiness questionnaires were sent out to over 230 sponsors and were sent to agencies that indicated their projects were ready for construction in 0-3 years. The agencies have 3 weeks to return the questionnaire. Mr. Beckom also informed the Council that agencies would only need to fill out questionnaire once. Mr. Beckom described the Regional Goods Movement investment category and staff would focus on those first and informed the Council that 88 projects were submitted and 24 were over \$100 M and would move on the major project selection and 64 projects were less than 100 M and were scored through this effort. Mr. Beckom concluded his presentation with draft RGM projects, next steps and timeline.

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

ITEM 10. 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM, (UPWP), MR. CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, provided a presentation on the draft 2024 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Raborn informed the Council about the current UPWP progress status and described the activities completed, activities underway, under procurement, under development and 12 planned activities will carryover. Mr. Raborn also described delays with some funding agreements, procurements and staffing shortages. The 2024 UPWP will be a one-year rather than two-year program and will focus on completing carryover tasks. Mr. Raborn further elaborated the UPWP will incorporate the new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements, have an approximately \$12.5 million planned budget, have significant reformatting and restructuring and there will be opportunities to add activities or studies through amendment. Mr. Raborn described specifics tasks and activities under those tasks, budget, funding sources and timeline for TPC approval.

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For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 11. AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY STATUS UPDATE, MR. CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, provided an update to the Council on the Air Quality Conformity Status and informed the Council that the Air Conformity is required by Federal law and demonstrates that projected emissions from transportation projects are within emission limits (Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets) established by the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and ensures federal funding and approval is applied to transportation projects that are consistent with air quality planning goals. Air Conformity is triggered by adoption of new Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) or Transportation Improvement Program. (TIP) A new RTP and TIP must be found to conform before being accepted by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Previous Regional Transportation Plan approved by FHWA August 2, 2019 and the Conformity expires August 2, 2023. The new Regional Transportation Plan and Conformity Determination approved by TPC on April 28, 2023 and FHWA Conformity determination needed by August 2, 2023 to avoid going into the this grace period. Mr. Raborn continued his presentation by informing the Council that all initial documentation submitted 90 days before deadline. Also, staff has responded to all comments from EPA, TCEQ, and TxDOT and partners prepared to route Conformity Determination letters. Staff is waiting for comments FHWA and responses usually take 1-2 days. If the deadline is reached without conformity, the region enters "Conformity Lapse Grace period. Staff was notified informally that deadline will not be met. Mr. Raborn concluded his presentation with a timeline, an overview about the basics of lapse grace period, and key take-aways.

A question, answer and comment period occurred after this presentation.

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ITEM 12. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Administrative Amendments to the 2023-2025 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, provided a presentation on the Administrative Amendments to the 2023-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet. Discussion among H-GAC staff and the Council occurred during the presentation.

B. Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP AND 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickenson provided a presentation on 14 Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet

C. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update on various Transportation Planning Activities. Information was provided to the TPC members in the meeting packet.

D. H-GAC Board

Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update of Transportation items approved at the July 18, 2023 meeting of the H-GAC Board. Information was provided to the TPC members in the meeting packet.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD)

Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization Meeting	8/9/23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting	8/16/23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Policy Council	8/25/23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid

Chairman David Robinson adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m

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08/31/2023

Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
July 28, 2023

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable Brandon Capetillo Mayor <u> X </u> Jason Reynolds – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Howard Wood Council Member _____ Norman McGuire – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Marie Robb 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	<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	_____ Honorable John Bowen Council Member _____ Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	_____ Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works _____ Marcus Snell – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<u> X </u> Sarah Benavides, P.E. Sr. Assistant Public Works Director _____ Mark Gardemal- Alternate	City of Pasadena

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Pearland, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor <u> </u> Trent Epperson-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> X </u> Honorable Suzanne Whatley – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor <u> </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> </u> Honorable Sally Branson-Alternate	
Brazoria County	<u> X </u> Matt Hanks, JD, P.E. County Engineer <u> </u> Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u> X </u> Honorable Ryan Dagley County Commissioner <u> </u> Honorable Tommy Hammond. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u> </u> Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, 2nd Vice Chair <u> </u> Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u> X </u> Honorable Robin Armstrong County Commissioner <u> </u> Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	<u> </u> Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge <u> X </u> Roberto Treviño, 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> Melinda Soliday Department Administrator <u> </u> Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Montgomery County	<u> X </u> Honorable Mark Keough County Judge <u> </u> Commissioner, Matt Gray – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> X </u> Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 1st Vice Chair <u> </u> Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u> </u> Sanjay Ramabhadran METRO Chair <u> X </u> Thomas Lambert	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u> X </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director <u> </u> Onyinye Akujuo – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<u> </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. District Engineer <u> X </u> Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	<u> X </u> Martin Gonzalez, P.E. District Engineer <u> </u> Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Other Transportation Interests	<u> </u> Roger Guenther Executive Director, Port Houston <u> X </u> Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport- Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u> X </u> Dr. Carol Lewis Chairman, GCRD <u> </u> Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u> 28 </u> Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 24 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

AGENCY

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

REPRESENTING

Texas State Senate

 Hon. Carol Alvarado

8-County Region

Freight Rail Interests

 X Clint Schelbitzki

Union Pacific

Texas State Legislator

 Hon. Dennis Paul

8-County Region

Texas State Legislator

 Hon. Ed Thompson

8-County Region

Wharton County

 X Hon. Phillip Spenrath

Wharton County