

#### 4. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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.

##### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Smith entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the September 14, 2022, meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Bruce Mann. The second motion for approval was made by Mr. Christopher Simms. 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/10192022-913/4/>.

##### 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. 2022-36, which included the following amendment:

A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP are included below for the Committee's consideration.

- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District BU-90 widening project (MPO ID 60/CSJ 0028-01-067) for Category-2, Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor Projects, and add Category-4, Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects, to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). (-\$881K; Total Cost: \$23.6M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District SH 36 widening project (MPO ID 263/CSJ 0188-01-016) for Category-2 and add Category-4 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$15.5M; Total Cost: \$45.0M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District SH 146 widening project (MPO ID 468/CSJ 0389-06-088) for Category-2 and add Category-4 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$42.3M; Total Cost: \$177.8M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District FM 646 widening project (MPO ID 514/CSJ 3049-01-022) for Category-2 and add federal Right-of-Way funding to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$5.9M; Total Cost: \$37.5M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District SH 105 widening project (MPO ID 965/CSJ 0338-02-032) for Category-2 and add Category-4 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$441.7K; Total Cost: \$91.6M)

- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District IH 10 West widening project (MPO ID 6056/CSJ 0271-04-070) for Category-12, Strategic Priority, and add Category-4 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (-\$44.8M; Total Cost: \$248.0M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District SH 105 widening project (MPO ID 10124/CSJ 0338-04-066) for Category-2 and add Category-4 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$0; Total Cost: \$81.4M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District FM 646 widening project (MPO ID 10144/CSJ 0978-02-053) for Category-2 and add Category-4 and federal Right-of-Way funding to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$2.7M; Total Cost: \$14.8M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District FM 646 widening project (MPO ID 10920/CSJ 3049-01-023) for Category-2 and add Category-4 and federal Right-of-Way funding to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$9.4M; Total Cost: \$33.3M)
- Cancel the TxDOT Houston District IH 45 single point urban interchange project at the Woodlands Parkway (MPO ID 15454/CSJ 0110-04-198), funded with Cat-2, at TxDOT's request. (-\$49.1M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District FM 521 widening project (MPO ID 17110/CSJ 0111-03-059) for Category-2 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$7.0M; Total Cost: \$82.2M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District SH 35 widening project (MPO ID 18027/CSJ 0178-02-092) for Category-2 and add Category-4 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$0M; Total Cost: \$37.4M)
- Update the funding and scope of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) FY 2023 bus replacement project (MPO ID 18369/CSJ N/A) specifying the purchase of electric buses and charging infrastructure with Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities program (Section 5339) funding. (-\$36.8M; Total Cost: \$25.2M)

After the presentation, Chairman Smith opened the floor to the Committee for questions. Mr. Alan Clark with METRO inquired about an update for funding for Section 5339. Mr. Clark informed Staff of a recent federal award received with 80% funding for Section 5339. Mr. Clark inquired if a motion to amend the amendment of Section 5339 would be appropriate or if subsequent action should be taken in the future. It was determined that Staff and METRO will make the adjustment to the amendment and take to Transportation Policy Council (TPC) for action.

Ms. Catherine McCreight with TxDOT inquired about the amendment for MPO ID 282. Ms. McCreight recommended that the amendment be updated to reflect no Federal ROW (Right of Way) and to show modification only for Category 2 funding.

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

Chairman Smith entertained a motion for staff recommendation to the amendment on METRO to accommodate 80/20 federal split for Section 5339 and a motion to clarify no Federal ROW for MPO ID 282.

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

A slide presentation and audio recording of all presentations are available on the TAC website at:

<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10192022-913/5/>

#### CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

Mr. David Fink presented on Crash Responders Safety Week. The Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) initiative, recognizing all traffic incident management (TIM) response communities, will take place this year from November 14-18, 2022. In recognition of first responders and their agencies, both career and volunteer, police, fire, and Emergency Medical Service departments, hazmat companies, Safety Service Patrol/Courtesy Patrol, Vehicle Towing & Recovery Companies, Public Agencies safety and maintenance personnel, and other organizations in public safety, come together as first responders to aid the public in the event of an emergency or traffic incident. In recognition of Crash Responder Safety, H-GAC staff requested recognition for the week of November 14-18, 2022, as Crash Responder Safety Week in support of all men and women who provided for safe, quick roadway clearance.

For more details on this discussion, please click below.

A motion was made by Ms. Veronica Davis and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. Rick Guerrero. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10192022-913/7/>

#### COST OVERRUN POLICY

Mr. Adam Beckom gave a brief update of the Cost Overrun Policy. In June 2022, H-GAC staff began discussions with the TIP Subcommittee regarding cost overruns brought to the Transportation Policy Council for consideration. Project sponsors faced higher costs due to ongoing supply chain issues, higher unit costs, and increased costs due to drainage requirements. In effort to provide guidance to local project sponsors, staff identified some parameters for considering cost overruns at an 80/20 funding share as well as the 50/50 funding share. To hear further discussion on this item, please click on the link below.

\*This item was tabled for action and will be brought back to the Committee later. Staff will update the Committee on the final draft cost overrun policy as attached in the TAC Packet sent out on 10/17/22.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10192022-913/6/>

#### ADDITION OF FACILITIES TO THE FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Mr. Adam Beckom gave an update on the Addition of Facilities to the Federal Functional Classification System. The Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS) provides a framework for identifying the role of a roadway in moving vehicles through the network of highways. The FFCS groups roadways into seven categories according to the service they are intended to provide: Interstates, Other Freeways & Expressways, Other Principal Arterials, Minor Arterials, Major Collectors, Minor Collectors, and Local Roads. The Federal Functional Classification system is used in determining the eligibility of funding under the Federal-aid program. Please find the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures [here](#). To hear this discussion and updates requested by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), please see TAC Packet sent out on 10/17/22 or click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10192022-913/8/>

### UPDATE ON LIBERTY COUNTY MOBILITY PLAN

Mr. Thomas Gray gave an update on Liberty County Mobility Plan. The Liberty County Mobility Study was funded through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and was purposed with examining existing transportation conditions and recommending multi-modal improvements intended to manage growth, maintain mobility and focus on safety of the transportation system for all users within Liberty County, with special emphasis on conditions in and around the cities of Cleveland, Dayton and Liberty. For further details on this update, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10192022-913/9/>

### BIKE SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE

Ms. Susan Jaworski provided an update on Bike Safety Training. Both the 2020-2021 UPWP, and the 2022-2023 UPWP include support for promoting traffic safety in the region through public outreach and providing information and outreach about best practices for bicycle safety. H-GAC partnered with a consultant to provide adult safety education for bicyclist and motorists. These courses are supported through an Advanced Funding Agreement with TXDOT. Motorist and in-person courses were held in Harris County early in the project. The courses in Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller Counties were postponed due to COVID and are currently being restarted. In Person Bike Handling Classes and Motorists classes for 2022-2023 are currently being scheduled and will launch this fall. The course calendar is available online -

[Bike Safety | Houston-Galveston Area Council \(H-GAC\)](#)

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10192022-913/10/>

### PLANNING ACTIVITIES

#### A. 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. For a summary of the Future Amendments, please view October 19, 2022 TAC Packet, or click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10192022-913/11/>

#### B. Regional Transportation Plan Public Meeting Schedule

Mr. Mike Burns provided a brief overview of the Regional Transportation Plan Public Meeting Schedule. For further details on the RTP Public Meeting Schedule, please view October 19, 2022 TAC Packet, or click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Smith noted the following meetings and events with some updates:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting	October 12	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee (RTCS) Meeting	October 13	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Greater Houston Freight Committee (GHFC) Meeting	October 18	1:00 p.m.	Virtual
Pedestrian Bicyclist (Ped-Bike) Subcommittee Meeting	October 20	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Safety Committee (TSC) Meeting	October 25	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	November 2	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Clean Cities Coalition Meeting	November 8	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	November 9	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization (AERCO) Meeting	November 10	2:00 p.m.	Hybrid
Special Meeting of RTCS	November 17	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	November 18	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:25 a.m.

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1st Vice Chair  
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)  
October 19, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.**

NOTES:

- 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair				
Veronica Chapa Gorczynski	<u>  X  </u>	Active Transportation	Ana Ramirez-Huerta	<u>      </u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u>      </u>	Smaller Cities	Jildardo Arias	<u>  X  </u>
Michael Medwedeff	<u>      </u>	Smaller Cities	Dan Johnson	<u>      </u>
Timothy Magee	<u>  X  </u>	Smaller Cities	Robert Reynolds	<u>      </u>
Perri D'Armond	<u>  X  </u>	Transit	Pamela LeBrane	<u>      </u>
Catherine McCreight	<u>  X  </u>	Transit	Ken Fickes, CCTM	<u>  X*  </u>
Ruthanne Haut	<u>  X  </u>	Transit	Todd Stephens	<u>      </u>
Carl Woodward	<u>  X  </u>	Environmental	Craig Maske	<u>      </u>
Katherine Parker	<u>      </u>	Environmental	Dr. Carol Lewis	<u>      </u>
David Fields	<u>      </u>	Planning	Jennifer Ostlind, AICP	<u>  X*  </u>
David Wurdlow	<u>      </u>	Planning	Faustino Benavidez, P.E.	<u>      </u>
Lisa Kocich-Meyer	<u>  X  </u>	Planning	Jessie Li, Ph.D., P.E.	<u>      </u>
Marlisa Briggs	<u>  X  </u>	Business Interests	Vacant	<u>      </u>
Elijah Williams	<u>      </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>
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>      </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>  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.	X	TxDOT-Houston District	Vacant	
Adam Jack, P.E.		TxDOT-Beaumont District	Scott Ayres, P.E.	X
Karen McKinnon, P.E.	X	Brazoria County	Trey Haskins	
Cory Taylor	X	Chambers County	Natalie G. Lopez	
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.		Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	X
Michael Shannon, P.E.	X	Galveston County	Nancy Baher, P.E.	
David Douglas		Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	
Jeff Johnson, P.E.		Montgomery County	Brian Clark, P.E.	
Yancy Scott, P.E.	X	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	X	City of League City	Council Member John Bowen	
Todd Hoover		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.		City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	
	<u>44</u>	<b>Total Voting Membership</b>		
	<u>30</u>	<b>Total Voting Membership Present</b>		
	<u>22</u>	<b>Required for Quorum</b>		

Ex Officio: Roger E. Rees                      Port of Galveston