

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

DATE: Friday, July 29, 2022
TIME: 9:30 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 29, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. to order.

Chairman 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 29, 2022 and he was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027. Chairman Robinson attested that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public. Chairman Robinson 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 Robinson recognized Mr. James Garland, H-GAC, for the Certification of the Quorum and he 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.

Mr. Garland introduced Ms. Fizza Hassan, Intern, was H-GAC's Environmental Defense Fund Climate Corp Fellow for 2022. Mr. Garland gave an overview of her academic background and said that Ms. Hassan's work at H-GAC has focused on an overview of the use and implementation of Environmental Justice, Equity and Health Effects in Local and Regional project planning. Mr. Garland said that it was Ms. Hassan's last day to work as an intern and her work was appreciated and wanted to recognize her and introduce her to the Transportation Policy Council. Ms. Hassan was recognized by the Council with a round of applause. Chair Robinson thanked her for her contributions and wished her the best of luck.

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ITEM 3. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

TPC Chair Robinson asked members of the Council to Declare Conflicts of Interest on any items on the agenda. No member declared a conflict of interest at the meeting of July 29, 2022.

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ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. James Garland, H-GAC, began the presentation by informing the Council and the public that Spanish translation was available to the public and introduced the Spanish translator Lourdes McIntyre who provided instructions to make public comment by video conference in Spanish. Mr. Garland also introduced American Sign Language Interpreters Dionna Griffin and Kenneth Niemietz and provided instructions on how to view them on video conference. Mr. Garland said no written comments were received by 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2022.

Chairman Robinson invited members of the public to make comments in person. No comments were made in person. Members of the public were invited to make comments by video conference. Three comments were made by video.

The public comments made by video conference can be heard at this [LINK](#)

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Craig Raborn, H-GAC presented the June 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes summary to the Council. Mr. Raborn asked the Council for any modifications or corrections as presented. There were no modifications or corrections. A motion was made by Chuck Wemple and seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

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ITEM 6. RESOLUTIONS OF RECOMMENDATION FOR OUTGOING TPC MEMBERS, CHAIRMAN DAVID ROBINSON

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, recognized the service of Mr. Adam Jack, TxDOT-Beaumont as an outgoing Alternate TPC member from January 2015 until May 2022. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by First Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff. The Council voted and unanimously approved Resolution 2022-23

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, recognized the service of Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Lane, City of Sugarland, as an outgoing Alternate TPC member from 2018 until June 2022. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. The Council voted and unanimously approved Resolution 2022-26

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, recognized the service of Mr. Raymond McDonald, as an outgoing Primary TPC member for the City of Conroe from January 2022 to May 2022. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. The Council voted and unanimously approved Resolution 2022-25

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ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF 2022 TPC NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, MAYOR JOE ZIMMERMAN

The TPC Nominating Committee Chair, Mayor Joe Zimmerman, told the Council the 2022 TPC Nominating Committee met on July 27, 2022 to consider the nominee for one vacant TAC At-Large- Alternate Transit position. He presented their recommendation to the Council as follows:

Number of Positions	Position	Primary	Organization	Alternate	Organization
1	PUBLIC TRANSIT	Catherine McCreight	TxDOT-Houston	Ken Fickes	Harris County Transit

A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Council Member Larry Millican. The Council voted and unanimously approved Ken Fickes, Harris County Transit, as member of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

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ITEM 8. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS 2022-27 AND 2022-28, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Beckom provided a presentation on Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The amendments are listed below:

- 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).

- Program Harris County Public Transit FY 2020 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, in FY 2023 with 94K TDC's as match (+470K)

Mr. Beckom requested approval for TPC Resolution No. 2022-27 and 2022-28. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff.

There was period of comment and discussion among the TPC members before the Council voted. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2022-27 and Resolution 2022-28. Council Member Larry Millican opposed.

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ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE) TRIENNIAL GOAL 2023-2025 AND REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2022-29, NEELY KIM, H-GAC

Ms. Neely Kim, H-GAC provided a presentation on the Disadvantaged Businesses Enterprises (DBE) Triennial Goal. The Triennial Goal was established to ensure that DBE firms have reasonable opportunity to participate in DOT assisted contracts and follows all DBE guidance, conforms to DOT standards and adheres to TxDOT's federally approved program. Our DBE goal is based on our own data and follows all the correct federal DBE criteria. In establishing the DBE Triennial Goal, the definition of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) is as follows:

- At Least 51 Percent Ownership by Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals
- Management and Daily Operations Controlled by Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Individuals (Owners)
- Small Business with less than \$22.51 Million Gross Receipts

A small business must be owned by a U.S. Citizen or lawful permanent resident, women, African American, Hispanic American, Native American, Asian American, Asian-Indian American, Others as described by the Small Business Administration. Ms. Neely also described a table that listed various contract types the Transportation department has and the percent of each goal for DBE. The overall DBE Goal is 25%. Ms. Kim described a service area map. A majority of the contracts are in Harris, Waller, Montgomery and Fort Bend Counties. Ms. Kim continued her presentation by saying the DOT assisted contract awards by the H-GAC Transportation Department have consistently been made on a race neutral basis. Also, H-GAC consequently resolves that the proposed overall DBE goal of 25% will be achieved by race neutral means and that no race conscious measures will be applied towards meeting the goal.

Ms. Neely Kim requested the approval of Resolution 2022-29. A motion was by 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff and seconded by Chuck Wemple. The Council voted and approved Resolution 2022-29

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ITEM 10. APPROVAL OF COMMENTS ON THE FY 2023 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC 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.](#) Public Comments must be received by 4:00p.m. on August 8, 2022.

Mr. Adam Beckom asked for TPC approval to develop and submit comments for the 2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) A motion was made by 1st Vice Chair Beckendorff and seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman.

There was period of comment and discussion among H-GAC Staff and TPC members before the Council voted. The Council voted and approved the development and submission of comments for the 2023 Unified Transportation Program

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ITEM 11. SOUTHEAST HARRIS PLAN UPDATE, MIKE BURNS, H-GAC

Mike Burns, H-GAC 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 that relied heavily on virtual engagement. 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.

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For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 12. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC gave an update to the Projects Selection Process. The Projects Selection Process has three primary goals to achieve to develop a workable, fair Project Selection Process and include implementing TPC Workgroup Priorities, spend down growing carryover balances and establish a funded project list. Mr. Lingala said at the last TPC Meeting they invited the TPC, TAC, Subcommittee members and Project Sponsors to submit Statement of Priority Project Interest and this information was due to staff by July 15th. H-GAC staff are reviewing the projects. Mr. Lingala the continued his presentation by describing the Draft Statements of Interest, types of projects, desired outcomes, improvement types and next steps.

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ITEM 13. CRITICAL URBAN FREIGHT CORRIDORS

Ms. Veronica Green, H-GAC 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.

There was a brief comment period after this presentation.

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ITEM 14. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Future Amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP AND 2045 RTP

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC presented on Future Amendments to the 2023-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet

B. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

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

C. H-GAC Board of Directors Report

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee	August 3	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Clean Cities Stakeholders Meeting	August 9	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting	August 17	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Policy Council	August 26	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Performance Measures PM3 Public Comment Period	July-August	N/A	N/A

Chairman Robinson adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Nancy Arnold

E-signed 2022-08-29 12:48PM CDT
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Attachment 1
 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
 FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
July 29, 2022

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable Brandon Capetillo Mayor _____ Hon. Heather Betancourth – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	_____ Vacant _____ Thomas Woolley – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	_____ <u>X</u> Honorable David Collins 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	_____ <u>X</u> Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 _____ Honorable John Bowen - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	_____ Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works _____ Todd Hoover – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	_____ Honorable Cary Bass Council Member _____ Dan Pennington, Alternate	City of Pasadena

Agenda Item 5
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<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Pearland, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor <u> * </u> Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> </u> Honorable Stewart Jacobson – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor <u> X </u> Jon Branson. - Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, Secretary	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Vacant	<u> </u> Honorable Sally Branson-Alternate	
Brazoria County	<u> X </u> Honorable Matt Hanks, JD, P.E. County Engineer <u> </u> Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u> X </u> Honorable Billy Combs County Commissioner, Pct 4 <u> </u> Cory Taylor, P.E. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u> X </u> Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, 2nd Vice Chair <u> </u> Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u> </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> Robert 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> David Douglas Engineering Administrator <u> </u> Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Montgomery County	_____ Honorable Mark Keough County Judge _____ Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> X </u> Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 1st Vice Chair _____ Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u> X </u> Sanjay Ramabhadran METRO Chair _____ Thomas Lambert	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u> X </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director _____ Onyinye Akujuo – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	_____ 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 _____ Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port Freeport	<u> X </u> Phyllis Saathoff Executive Director, Port Freeport Roger Guenther, Port Houston - _____ Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u> X </u> Dr. Carol Lewis Chairman, GCRD _____ Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u> 28 </u> Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 20 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

Agenda Item 5
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<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Texas State Senate	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<input type="checkbox"/> Clint Schelbitzki	Union Pacific
Freight Rail Interests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hugh McCulley	BNSF Railway
Texas State Legislator	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Dennis Paul	8-County Region
Texas State Legislator	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Ed Thompson	8-County Region
Wharton County	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County