

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

DATE: Friday, September 25, 2020

TIME: 9:32 a.m.

PLACE: Webinar

Chair Kenneth Clark called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:32a.m.

ITEM 1. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Secretary Tom Reid announced that a quorum of TPC membership was present; 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.

ITEM 2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Kenneth Clark invited introductions from Council members and staff.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09252020-597/2/>

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Neely Kim, H-GAC, addressed the Transportation Policy Council and read the names of the individuals who submitted public comments by email or correspondence into the record.

The public comments submitted by email or correspondence can be viewed here:
<http://www.h-gac.com/transportation-policy-council/meeting-gendas/documents/2020/september/public-comments.pdf>

The public comments made during the meeting can be heard here:
<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09252020-597/3/>

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Mayor Tom Reid made a motion for approval of the August 28, 2020 meeting minutes and was seconded by Council Member David Robinson. The Council voted and approved the minutes.

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ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF ALAN CLARK, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, H-GAC, CHAIR KENNETH CLARK

Chairman Clark recognized Alan Clark for his service and announced that an event celebrating Mr. Clark's service would occur at 11:00am after the Transportation Policy Council.

A motion was made by Chairman Kenneth Clark and seconded by Council Member David Robinson. The Council voted and Resolution No. 2020-31 was unanimously approved.

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ITEM 6. FEDERAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS, KAREN OWENS, H-GAC

Ms. Karen Owens gave an overview of Federal Performance Measures and Targets to the Council. Ms. Owens mentioned this report was a culmination of months of data analysis and reporting progress towards the meeting the targets that were set in 2018. Over the last three months, staff has received review and input from numerous committees, TxDOT and local governments. These committees have recommended the targets and reporting that is being presented. A public comment period was held in July and she pointed out where responses could be located for future reference. H-GAC will report to the Federal Highway Administration with new methodology in February 2021. Staff is recommending 2022 targets be adjusted to reflect 2020 actual and expected conditions. She requested the Council approve Resolution No: 2020-32.

Council Member David Robinson made a motion and was seconded by Dr. Carol Lewis. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2020-32

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ITEM 7. REGION VISION ZERO POLICY, STEPHEN GAGE, HGAC

Mr. Stephan Gage gave an overview on the Regional Vision Zero Policy. Mr. Gage proceeded to tell the Council that the Vision Zero initiative is a traffic safety strategy that seeks to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries. In 2019, the Texas Transportation Commission adopted the Road to Zero Initiative with a goal to eliminate all traffic fatalities by 2050. Mr. Gage described a graph and pointed out the federal projections versus actual fatalities in the 8 County Region. The item will be brought back to the Council for approval in October.

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ITEM 8. H-GAC'S SAFETY INITIATIVES, STEPHAN GAGE, H-GAC

Mr. Stephan Gage briefed the Council on H-GAC's Safety Initiatives and intersection safety audits and safety outreach efforts. Mr. Gage proceeded to describe the various areas of focus of the initiative and included examples.

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ITEM 9. AUTOMATED VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION PILOT PROJECT AT TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, THOMAS GRAY, H-GAC

Mr. Thomas Gray gave a brief overview on the automated vehicle pilot project. Committee Member, Dr. Carol Lewis, explained the demonstration pilot project. The partners involved were Texas Southern University, METRO and H-GAC. Dr. Lewis also mentioned that TSU provided administrative and research resources, METRO provided funding for vehicle acquisition and operations, and H-GAC provided funding support to conduct planning efforts, data collection and analysis. Dr. Lewis also described the various obstacles encountered during this study and the lessons learned. The pilot project operated June 5, 2019 to February 25, 2020.

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ITEM 10. PRESENTATION OF THE 10-YEAR PLAN, VISHU LINGALA, H-GAC

Mr. Vishu Lingala briefed the Council on the efforts to update H-GAC's 10-Year Plan, its relationship to the TIP and RTP. The 10-Year Plan and is updated every year. All projects included in the Draft 10-year plan were previously approved by the TPC. The draft does not include Federal Transit Administration formula funds. Mr. Lingala proceeded to describe the various projects in the plan and included major projects such as NHHIP Segment 3, Grand Parkway, and Inner Katy BRT among others. Staff will continue coordination with TxDOT and other sponsors. The Council will be updated on the 10-Year plan in October and the Final 10-Year Plan will be brought back to the TPC for action in November. The 10-Year Plan will be submitted to TxDOT in December.

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ITEM 11. BRIEFING ON FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented a briefing on future TPC Amendments to the TIP and RTP. He described the following projects:

- Program the \$896K City of Conroe FY 2020 Federal Transit Administration Buses and Bus Facilities (Section 5339) award in FY 2021 of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. The award will be matched with \$224K of local funding and used to purchase transit vehicles.
- Program two FY 2019 Federal Railroad Administration Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program awards in FY 2021 of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. The \$700K City of Dayton Rail Crossings Improvement Project award will be matched with \$300K of local funds. It will provide for preliminary engineering, environmental analysis and documentation necessary to improve four at-grade crossings on Union Pacific Railroad track. The \$666K Greater Southeast Management District award will be matched with \$334K of local funds. It will provide alternatives analysis, preliminary engineering and federal environmental analysis, and documentation to grade-separate four current at-grade highway-rail crossings at the intersection of Griggs Road, Mykawa Road, and Long Drive with Union Pacific Railroad and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway in Houston.
- Program the City of Houston Antoine Drive 6-lane widening project in FY 2025 of the Ten-Year Plan (10Y). The 2018 Call-for-Projects \$79M federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) award will be matched with \$39M of local funds. The five-mile project includes turn lanes, pedestrian, bicyclist and intersection improvements and construction of a railroad grade separation.

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ITEM 12. UPDATE TO THE FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (FFCS)
ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Adam Beckom provided information on the proposed updates to the FFCS. TxDOT is requesting an update to three Waller county roadways:

Woods/Jordan Road

Update the federal functional classification of Woods/Jordan Road in Waller County from Local to Major Collector from IH 10 to US 90 (0.617 miles). Woods/Jordan Road is proposed to be widened

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from 2 to 4-lanes with left turn treatments. This project (MPOID: 241) is programmed in fiscal year 2024 of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Cardiff Road

Update the federal functional classification of Cardiff Road in Waller County from Local to Major Collector between US 90 and Morton Road (2.058 miles).

Morton Road

Update the federal functional classification of Morton Road in Waller County from Local to Major Collector between FM 2855 and FM 362 (4.175 miles).

These proposed functional classification updates are consistent with Waller County's major thoroughfare plan and the FHWA functional classification update requirements.

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ITEM 13. H-GAC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Mr. David Fink provided a brief update on Motorist Assistance Program, (MAP), Tow and Go expansion and Media Campaign, Houston Quick Clearance Crash Pilot Project, SHRP2 Traffic Incident Management Training (still on hold), and Tow and Go Stats(no cost tow, average clearance time, and the percentage of tows found by wreckers).

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09252020-597/13/>

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ITEM 15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next TAC Meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 9:30 a.m., Online
The next TPC Meeting will be Friday, October 23, 2020, 9:30 a.m., Online.

Chair Kenneth Clark adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 11:01 p.m.

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Tom Reid

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Hon. Tom Reid, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

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Attachment 1
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
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ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable Robert Hoskins Council Member, District 5 _____ Hon. Heather Betancourth – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	<u> X </u> Thomas Woolley Interim Director of Engineering _____ Chris Bogert – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Craig Brown Council Member _____ David Collins - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – 1 st - Vice Chair _____ Hon. Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member _____ Hon. Sallie Alcorn - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	_____ Vacant	City of Houston
	<u> X </u> Maureen Crocker – Alternate	
League City, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 _____ Hon. Greg Gripon - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<u> X </u> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works _____ Clifford Brouhard – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	_____ Honorable Cary Bass Council Member _____ James Rodriguez – Alternate	City of Pasadena

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<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Pearland, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Tom Reid Mayor - Secretary _____ Jon Branson –Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	_____ Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> X </u> Hon. Jennifer Lane – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Phil Roberts Mayor Pro Tem _____ Doug Kneupper, P.E. - Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, City of Waller _____ Honorable Natalie Picha - Alternate	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Seabrook, City of		
Brazoria County	<u> X </u> Honorable Matt Sebesta County Judge – Past Chair _____ Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u> X </u> Billy Combs Commissioner _____ Cory Taylor, P.E. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	_____ Grady Prestage County Commissioner, Pct 2 _____ Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u> X </u> Kenneth Clark County Commissioner - Chairman _____ Judge Mark Henry – Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	_____ Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge <u> X </u> John Blount, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	_____ Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 _____ Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	_____ David Douglas Engineering Administrator _____ Judge Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

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Montgomery County	_____ Honorable Mark Keough County Judge _____ Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> X </u> Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 2 nd VC _____ Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	_____ Carrin Patman METRO Chair <u> X </u> Thomas Lambert - Alternate	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u> X </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director _____ Jeff Taebel – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<u> X </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. District Engineer _____ Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	_____ Don Smith, P.E. District Engineer <u> X </u> Adam Jack, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port of Houston Authority	_____ Roger Guenther Executive Director, Port of Houston <u> X </u> Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport - 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> 22 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

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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"/> Vacant	Vacant
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hon. Ed Thompson	8-County Region
Wharton County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County
TxDOT Yoakum District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Reitz, P.E. District Engineer	TxDOT Yoakum District