

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

DATE: Friday, October 22, 2021

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

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Chairman Kenneth Clark called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:30 a.m. and made a statement to TPC members and others that this meeting was a duly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council being held as a video conference on October 22, 2021. Chairman Clark stated that he was the presiding officer of the board and was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027. Chairman Clark attested that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public. Chairman Clark 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. Chairman Clark let the members know that they must enable their video and microphone when responding to a roll call, voting on action items and asking questions. Chairman Clark let all members know that members who called into the meeting should hang up and log back in using a device with a camera to participate in the meeting.

**ITEM 1. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC 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.

**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 this [LINK](#)

**ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Kenneth Clark provided instructions on the process to submit public comments and asked if any public comments were submitted by the 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2021.

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Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC announced to the Council that no written public comments were received by email or correspondence by 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2021.

Mr. Mandapaka provided instructions to the public in attendance at the meeting on providing public comments. Mr. Mandapaka also introduced the Spanish and American Sign Language Interpreters.

Council Member Nancy Arnold made a comment recognizing TPC Member Commissioner Justin Beckendorff and all the agencies involved in their efforts at the scene of a plane crash at the Houston Executive Airport in Brookshire, Texas on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

No Public Comments were made during the meeting.

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**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY**

Secretary Grady Prestage presented the September 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes summary to the Council. Secretary Prestage asked the Council for any modifications or corrections as presented. There were no modifications or corrections.

Secretary Prestage made a motion for approval of the September 24, 2021 meeting minutes and was seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

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**ITEM 5. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR OUTGOING TPC MEMBERS, PATRICK MANDAPAKA, H-GAC**

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka introduced and read a resolution that recognized Mr. John Blount, P.E., LEED AP, CFM, ENV SP, Harris County Engineer, for his service to the Transportation Policy Council.

Chairman Kenneth Clark thanked Mr. Blount for his service and dedication to Harris County and to the TPC. Chairman Clark wished him well in his future endeavors.

A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Council Member David Robinson.

The Council voted and unanimously approved Resolution No. 2021-27.

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**ITEM 6. APPOINTMENT OF 2022 TPC NOMINATING COMMITTEE, CHAIRMAN KENNETH CLARK**

Chairman Kenneth Clark provided an overview of the purpose of the TPC Nominating Committee and a description of the positions the Committee would recommend to the Council. Chairman Clark's list of appointments for the 2022 TPC Nominating Committee are shown below:

- Mayor Joe Zimmerman (City of Sugar Land) – Chair
- Council Member Sally Branson (City of Friendswood)
- Council Member Sallie Alcorn (City of Houston)
- Council Member Larry Millican (City of League City)
- Commissioner Billy Combs (Chambers County)
- Mr. Roberto Trevino (Harris County)
- Mr. Chuck Wemple (H-GAC)
- Judge Mark Keough (Montgomery County)

A motion was made by Commissioner Justin Beckendorff and seconded by Judge Matt Sebesta.

Discussion occurred among members of the Council regarding the removal and additions to the TPC Nominating Committee and the diversity of the appointments. A motion was made by Council Member David Robinson to add Dr. Carol Lewis to the 2022 TPC Nominating Committee and seconded by Council Member Carolyn Evan-Shabazz.

The Council voted and approved the 2022 TPC Nominating Committee as shown below:

- Mayor Joe Zimmerman (City of Sugar Land) – Chair
- Council Member Sally Branson (City of Friendswood)
- Council Member Sallie Alcorn (City of Houston)
- Council Member Larry Millican (City of League City)
- Commissioner Billy Combs (Chambers County)
- Mr. Roberto Trevino (Harris County)
- Mr. Chuck Wemple (H-GAC)
- Dr. Carol Lewis (Gulf Coast Rail District)
- Judge Mark Keough (Montgomery County)

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**ITEM 7. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC.**

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented on an amendment listed below to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

- Delay the City of Baytown’s Garth Road reconstruction and widening project (MPOID 17096/CSJ 0912-72-359) from FY 2022 to FY 2023 at the City’s request due to delays in design completion and review. (Total Cost: \$38.2M)

Mr. Dickinson requested TPC approval of Resolution No. 2021-28.

A motion was made by Commissioner Billy Combs and seconded by Council Member David Robinson.

The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2021-28.

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

**ITEM 8. UPDATE ON CALL FOR PROJECTS, MR. VISHU LINGALA, H-GAC**

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, made introductory comments on the phasing for the upcoming Call for Projects and it’s role in reducing the carryover balances for some of their funding sources discussed during the September TPC meeting. Mr. Raborn explained that the Call for Projects will program projects into the Transportation Improvement Program, the 10-Year Plan or the Regional Transportation Plan based on the project readiness.

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC, proceeded with an update on the Call for Projects and said the TPC had approved the Project Prioritization Guidance last year. The Project Prioritization Guidance provides the goals, priorities and policies for the next Call for Projects. H-GAC staff is still working with the TIP Subcommittee in developing criteria for project selection and process.

Mr. Lingala presented a flowchart to the Council describing the overall project submission and selection process. The graphic highlighted the primary goal of programming projects into the Transportation Improvement Program, the 10-Year Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan. Mr.

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Lingala continued his presentation by describing Phase 1 pre-application process. Phase 2 will consist of Benefit/Cost Analysis, Planning Factors under Investment Categories and will be an online process. Staff will continue to review the selection criteria with the TAC Subcommittees, TAC, and TPC.

Mr. Lingala finished his presentation with an updated timeline for the selection and submission process. Staff will present the Call for Projects selection process to the TAC and TPC in February and March of 2022.

A brief question, answer and comment period occurred after this update.

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**ITEM 9. UPDATE ON THE SOUTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY SUBREGIONAL STUDY, MR. MIKE BURNS, H-GAC**

Mr. Mike Burns, H-GAC, provided an update on the Southeast Harris County Subregional Study. The study area consisted of 95 square miles, with a population of 300,000 residents, 25 priority corridors and 100 priority intersections that were identified for both volume of traffic and high-number and severity of crashes. Mr. Burns also said the study area consists of portions of five cities which include Houston, South Houston, Pasadena, Deer Park and La Porte and described members of local governments and agencies that participate on the steering committee. Mr. Burns described the measurable goals developed in coordination with the Steering Committee, Mr. Burns said that the first phase of the study focused on data collection and gathering input on current issues in the study area. Mr. Burns presented a map to the Council that summarized the comments received using an online engagement tool and these comments will be used for the project development phase. Mr. Burns presentation also described the existing conditions and recommended improvements. The study will conclude in early 2022.

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

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For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 10. PUBLIC INPUT FROM THE REGIONALLY COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN, MR. SANFORD KLANFER

Mr. Sandford Klanfer, H-GAC, provided a presentation on the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan (RCTP) and said the RCTP focuses on cost-effectively filling gaps in the transportation network. The plan covers all transportation providers, not just public transit agencies and covers the entire 13-county region.

The RCTP update is conducted every five years. The last update was released in 2017 and this update will be released in 2022. An area of concern is the unmet needs of seniors, persons with disabilities, students, and other Environmental Justice populations. Mr. Klanfer described the elements of the plan and provided details on needs assessment, gaps analysis and public outreach process. The first round of outreach occurred in the summer of 2021 and included a public survey and virtual interactive workshops which included a trip planning simulation activity to understand challenges of taking public transit in the region. Mr. Klanfer concluded his update describing the results of the public survey, the project timeline and scheduled focus groups.

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ITEM 11. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Administrative Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, presented information on the Administrative Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

B. Future Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, presented information on Future Amendments to the 2022-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

C. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

A summary of Transportation Planning Activities and described specific MPO activities. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

D. H-GAC Board of Directors Report

A summary of Transportation items included on the agenda of the H-GAC Board of Directors Meeting held on October 19, 2021. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

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ITEM 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

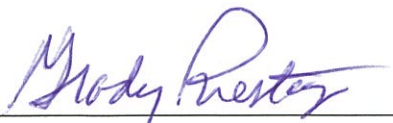
All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

- Transportation Safety Committee Meeting – October 26, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- Next TAC Meeting- November 10, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- Next TPC Meeting – November 19, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- Greater Houston Freight Committee Meeting – December 16, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Chair Kenneth Clark adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 10:54 a.m.

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Hon. Grady Prestage, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council

**Attachment 1**  
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**FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON**  
**TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA**  
**October 22, 2021**

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable Heather Betancourth _____ Council Member, District 4 _____ Honorable Brandon Capetillo – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	_____ Thomas Woolley _____ Interim Director of Engineering _____ Chris Bogert – 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 – 1 <sup>st</sup> - <b>Vice Chair</b> _____ 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 Andy Mann - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	_____ Shashi Kumar, P.E.. _____ Director of Public Works <u>  X  </u> Todd Hoover – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	_____ Honorable Cary Bass _____ Council Member _____ James Rodriguez – Alternate	City of Pasadena



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Pearland, City of	_____ Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor <u>X</u> Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u>X</u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor _____ Honorable Jennifer Lane – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	_____ Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor _____ Doug Kneupper, P.E. - Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of	<u>X</u> Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, City of Waller	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Vacant	_____ Honorable Sally Branson-Alternate	
Brazoria County	<u>X</u> Honorable Matt Sebesta County Judge – <b>Past Chair</b> _____ Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u>X</u> Honorable Billy Combs County Commissioner, Pct 4 _____ Cory Taylor, P.E. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u>X</u> Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, Pct 2 _____ Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u>X</u> Honorable Kenneth Clark County Commissioner - <b>Chairman</b> _____ Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	_____ Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge <u>X</u> Robert Treviño, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	_____ 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 _____ Honorable 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> Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 2 <sup>nd</sup> VC _____ Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	_____ Carrin Patman METRO Chair <u>  X  </u> Thomas Lambert	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	_____ Chuck Wemple Executive Director <u>  X  </u> Jeff Taebel – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<u>  X  </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. _____ District Engineer _____ Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	_____ Martin Gonzalez, 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 _____ 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> <b>Total Voting Membership</b>	
	<u>  22  </u> <b>Voting Membership Present</b>	
	<u>  14  </u> <b>Required Quorum</b>	

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<b><u>AGENCY</u></b>	<b><u>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</u></b>	<b><u>REPRESENTING</u></b>
Texas State Senate	<u>      </u> Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<u>  X  </u> Clint Schelbitzki	Union Pacific
Freight Rail Interests	<u>  X  </u> Hugh McCulley	BNSF Railway
Texas State Legislator	<u>  X  </u> Hon. Dennis Paul	8-County Region
Texas State Legislator	<u>  X  </u> Hon. Ed Thompson	8-County Region
Wharton County	<u>  X  </u> Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County