

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

DATE: Friday, November 20, 2020

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Webinar

Chair Kenneth Clark called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:30a.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/11202020-672/12/>

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/november/public-comments.pdf>

The public comments made during the meeting can be heard here:
<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/11202020-672/3/>

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Mayor Tom Reid made a motion for approval of the October 23, 2020 meeting minutes and was seconded by Council Member David Robinson. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

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ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT HOSKINS, CITY OF BAYTOWN, CHAIR KENNETH CLARK

Chairman Clark recognized Robert Hoskins and thanked him for his service to the Transportation Policy Council.

A motion was made by Chairman Kenneth Clark and seconded by Council Member Billy Combs. The Council voted and Resolution No. 2020-39 was unanimously approved.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/11202020-672/5/>

ITEM 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickenson presented information on the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan.

- Program a US 59 South Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) installation project from east of SS 529 to the Wharton County line in FY 2021 of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program with \$3.5M of State Category-2 funding. The project will adjoin the previously programmed FY 2021 \$3.8M Category-2 IH 69 ITS installation project which extends the corridor north to SH 99.
- Split the SH 36/SS 10 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) installation project into two facility-specific sections and delay the SH 36 section into FY 2026 of the Ten-Year Plan.
- Adjust federal and state funding amounts of Category-2 (Metropolitan Mobility), Category-3 (Design/Build) and Category-4 (Statewide Connectivity) programmed on four projects on IH-10 W, IH-45 S, SH 225 and SH 105 to reconcile them with the approved Texas Department of Transportation FY 2021 Unified Transportation Plan.
- Change the sponsor of the SH 225/SL 8 direct connectors construction project from TXDOT Houston District to the Harris County Toll Road Authority and delay it to FY 2023

Mr. Dickinson requested approval of Resolution No. 2020-40

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Chuck Wemple. The Council voted and Resolution No. 2020-40 was approved.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/11202020-672/6/>

ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF H-GAC 10-YEAR PLAN, VISHU LINGALA, H-GAC

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC, presented on the draft 2021 H-GAC 10-year plan which includes a list of funded projects programmed to be let between fiscal years 2021 – 2030. The plan is updated every year. It includes more than \$9 billion total federal, state, and local funds previously programmed by the Transportation Policy Council. Approval of 10-year plan provides concurrence with Unified Transportation Program based on consistency with TIP and RTP. The draft 10-year list does not include projects funded with Federal Transit Administration formula funds.

Mr. Lingala requested approval of Resolution No. 2020-41

A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Mayor Tom Reid. The Council voted and Resolution No. 2020-41 was approved.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/11202020-672/7/>

ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDIT POLICY, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, presented an overview of TDC's and the proposed amendments to TDC Policy. The proposed policy upholds availability of TDC's for transit formula funds. The amendment adds TDC eligibility for access management and livable centers projects. Adds additional means to exchange TDC's for a more flexible local funding source and creates the Regional Strategic Transportation Fund. Mr. Beckom also briefed the Council on the focus areas and the timeline for its approval.

Mr. Beckom requested approval of Resolution No. 2020-42

A motion was made by Council Member David Robinson and was seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2020-42.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/11202020-672/8/>

ITEM 9. AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN, FRANCIS RODRIGUEZ, H-GAC

Ms. Francis Rodriguez, H-GAC, made a presentation on amendments to the Public Participation Plan. Ms. Rodriguez gave specific components of the plan and described the amendment to the Public Participation Plan which includes virtual public meetings, social media strategies, newsletters and webinars and a new deadline for written comments for virtual Transportation Policy Council Meetings.

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The public comment period for the Public Participation Plan is November 23, 2020 through January 7, 2021. It will be presented to the TPC for approval January 22, 2021.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/11202020-672/9/>

For Information Only. No action needed

ITEM 10. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP)- 2020 UPDATE, ALAN RODENSTEIN, H-GAC

Mr. Alan Rodenstein, H-GAC, provided an update on the Congestion Management Process. Mr. Rodenstein provided details on the how the CMP is utilized in project selection and uses the goals and objectives to provide measures and strategies to identify problem areas regarding congestion. Mr. Rodenstein provided information on the key elements that comprise the CMP. The 30-day public comment period for the draft report is from November 23, 2020 to December 23, 2020 with an online Public Meeting on December 3, 2020.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/11202020-672/10/>

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ITEM 11. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP), VISHU LINGALA, H-GAC

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC provided a briefing on amendments to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Lingala proceeded to describe additions that will be added to the RTP as requested by TxDOT. The amendment will be presented to the TPC for approval in March or April of 2021.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/11202020-672/11/>

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ITEM 12. AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY PROCESS, GRACIELA LUBERTINO, H-GAC

Dr. Graciela Lubertino, H-GAC, made a presentation on the Air Quality Conformity Process. Dr. Lubertino proceeded to describe the process that links the air quality State Implementation Plan with the regional roadway planning. It also ensures that transportation plans do not delay attainment of National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

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ITEM 13. H-GAC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- A. November Administrative Amendments
- B. Summary of Planning Activities
- C. H-GAC Board of Directors Report

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/11202020-672/13/>

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ITEM 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Public Meeting on Public Participation Plan, Congestion Management Process, and Regional Transportation Plan Amendments, December 3, 6:00 p.m., Online
- Greater Houston Freight Committee Meeting-December 3, 2020, 1:00 pm
- The next TAC Meeting will be Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 9:30 a.m., Online
- The next TPC Meeting will be Friday, December 18, 2020, 9:30 a.m., Online

Chair Kenneth Clark adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 11:32 a.m.

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Tom Reid

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Hon. Tom Reid, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1
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November 20, 2020
ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable Robert Hoskins Council Member, District 5 <u> X </u> Hon. Heather Betancourth – 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 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 <u> X </u> Maureen Crocker – Alternate	City of Houston
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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Pearland, City of	<u> X </u>	Honorable Tom Reid Mayor - Secretary Vacant –Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u> X </u>	Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor Hon. Jennifer Lane – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	<u> </u>	Honorable Phil Roberts Mayor Pro Tem	City of Texas City
	<u> X </u>	Doug Kneupper, P.E. - Alternate	
Waller, City of	<u> X </u>	Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, City of Waller	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Seabrook, City of	<u> </u>	Honorable Natalie Picha - Alternate	
Brazoria County	<u> </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	<u> X </u>	Grady Prestage County Commissioner, Pct 2	Fort Bend County
	<u> X </u>	Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	
Galveston County	<u> X </u>	Kenneth Clark County Commissioner - Chairman Judge Mark Henry – Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	<u> </u>	Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge	Harris County
	<u> X </u>	John Blount, P.E. – Alternate	
Harris County	<u> X </u>	Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	<u> </u>	David Douglas Engineering Administrator Judge Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

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Montgomery County	<u> X </u>	Honorable Mark Keough County Judge Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> </u>	Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 2 nd VC Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u> X </u>	Carrin Patman METRO Chair 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	<u> X </u>	Chad Bohne, P.E. District Engineer Adam Jack, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port of Houston Authority	<u> X </u>	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>	Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 25 </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	<u> </u> Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<u> </u> Vacant	Vacant
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
TxDOT Yoakum District	<u> X </u> Paul Reitz, P.E. District Engineer	TxDOT Yoakum District