

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

DATE: Friday, January 27, 2023
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027 and Video Conference

The presiding officer, Chairman David Robinson called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of January 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to order.

Chairman David 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, January 27, 2023 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 David Robinson recognized Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, for the Certification of the Quorum and 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.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording

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ITEM 3. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Chairman David Robinson asked members of the Council to Declare Conflicts of Interest on any items on the agenda. No TPC members declared any conflicts.

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ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, began the presentation by informing the Council that Spanish and American Sign Language services were available. Ms. Isbell asked Mr. Daniel Brassil to introduce himself and he gave instructions to the public on how to make comments online. Ms. Isbell also told the Council that instructions we provided online on a slide and asked the American Sign Language interpreters, Amanda Malavase and Frank Peralez to introduce themselves to the public and to provide instructions. No written comments were

submitted by 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2023 and there were two public comments made in person. Public comments made at this meeting and on video can be heard [HERE](#)

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Nancy Arnold presented the December 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes summary to the Council. Secretary Arnold asked the Council for any modifications or corrections as presented. There were no modifications or corrections. A motion was made by Secretary Nancy Arnold and seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

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ITEM 6. RECOGNITION OF COMMENDATION FOR OUTGOING TPC MEMBERS, CHAIRMAN DAVID ROBINSON

Chairman David Robinson read the Resolutions of Commendations for the following outgoing TPC Members and recognized the members for their service to the Transportation Policy Council.

Council Member Cary Bass – TPC Resolution 2023-01
Council Member Heather Bethancourth – TPC Resolution 2023-02
Council Member David Collins-TPC Resolution 2023-03
Commissioner Billy Combs – TPC Resolution 2023-04
Council Member Larry Millican – TPC Resolution 2023-05
Mr. Cory Taylor – Resolution TPC Resolution 2023-08
Mr. Dan Pennington – TPC Resolution 2023-09
Commissioner James Metts – TPC Resolution 2023-10

Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion to unanimously approve all the TPC Resolutions for outgoing TPC Members and Commissioner Adrian Garcia seconded. Mayor Joe Zimmerman recognized Commissioner Billy Combs to a round of hearty applause from the audience. Judge Mark Keough asked for a correction on TPC Resolution No. 2023-10 for Commissioner James Metts. H-GAC staff will correct. Chairman David Robinson concluded the presentation with for a round of applause for all outgoing members and requested Commissioner Billy Combs come forward for a photograph with the TPC Officers.

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ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF 2023 TPC NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TPC OFFICERS, TPC OTHER TRANSPORTATION INTERESTS POSITION, TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE AND GREATER HOUSTON FREIGHT COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR POSITIONS AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT-LARGE POSITIONS, MAYOR JOE ZIMMERMAN, TPC NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Mayor Joe Zimmerman let the Council know that the TPC Nominating Committee met on January 26, 2023 to review nominations submitted for consideration included the positions of TPC Officers, TPC Other Transportation Interests, Greater Houston Freight Committee Co-Chairs, Transportation Safety Committee Members and Transportation Advisory Committee At-Large Positions. Mayor Joe Zimmerman recognized members of the Committee:

- Mayor Joe Zimmerman – City of Sugar Land – Chair
- Council Member Sally Branson – City of Friendswood
- Council Member Sallie Alcorn – City of Houston
- Commissioner Justin Beckendorff – Waller County
- Mr. Roberto Trevino – Harris County
- Mr. Chuck Wemple – H-GAC
- Judge Mark Keough – Montgomery County
- Dr. Carol Lewis – Gulf Coast Rail District

Mayor Joe Zimmerman presented the 2023 TPC Nominating Committee Recommendation as follows:

2023 TPC Officers (4) Position

Position	Member	Representing
Chair	David Robinson Council Member	City of Houston
1st Vice Chair	Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner	Waller County
2nd Vice Chair	Grady Prestage County Commissioner	Fort Bend County
Secretary	Nancy Arnold Council Member	Smaller Cities

Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. The Council voted and unanimously approved the 2023 TPC Officers as presented.

2023 TPC Other Transportation Interests (1) Position

Position	Primary	Organization	Alternate	Organization
Other Transportation Interests	Roger Guenther	Port Houston	Phyllis Saathoff	Port Freeport

Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion and seconded by 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff. The Council voted and approved the 2023 TPC Other Transportation Interests position as presented.

Greater Houston Freight Committee Co-Chairs (2) Positions

Co-Chair	Organization
Bruce Mann	Port Houston
Billy Combs	

Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. The Council voted and approved the 2023 TPC Other Transportation Interests position as presented.

Transportation Safety Committee (23) Positions

Position	Primary	Organization	Alternate
RAILROADS & PORTS	Bruce Mann	Port Houston	VACANT
	Jack Hanigraff	East End District	VACANT
PUBLIC TRANSIT, STATE, CITY, COUNTY ENGINEERING & PLANNING	Ken Fickes	Harris County Transit	VACANT
	Santiago Osorio	METRO	VACANT
	Ian Hlavacek	City of Houston	VACANT
	Peter Eccles	City of Houston	VACANT
	Ugonna Ughanze	TxDOT	VACANT
	Melody Giland	TxDOT	VACANT
	Jildardo Arias	City of Friendswood	VACANT
	Robert Benz	Texas A&M Transportation Institute	VACANT
PRIVATE SHIPPERS & CARRIERS	VACANT		VACANT
	VACANT		VACANT
LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, EMT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Gabe Lavine	City of Sugar Land	VACANT
	Jason Milsaps	Montgomery County	VACANT
	Jason Smith	Montgomery County	VACANT
	Brian Mansfield	City of Friendswood	VACANT
	Brian Cantrell	Waller County	VACANT
HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICE, ADVOCACY, or INTERESTED PARTIES	Neely Kim	UTMB-Galveston	
	Joshua Zuber	AAA Texas	
	VACANT		
	VACANT		
	VACANT		

Mayor Joe Zimmerman told the Council that the Transportation Safety Committee slate had vacancies and said that the TPC could come back and make recommendations at any time to fill those vacancies. Mayor Zimmerman presented the recommendations by category to the Council. Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion

and was seconded by Judge Mark Keough. A discussion among the Council occurred before the vote. The Council voted and approved the 2023 TPC Other Transportation Interests position as presented.

Transportation Advisory Committee At-Large (44) Positions

Position	Primary	Organization	Alternate	Organization
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION	Andrea Ranft	TxDOT	Patricia Kievlan	Bike the Woodlands
	Joe Cutrufo	Bike Houston	Aubin Phillips	METRO
AIRPORTS	William Zrioka	City of Houston	Marcel Allen	City of Houston
BUSINESS INTERESTS	Marlisa Briggs	North Houston Association	Elijah Williams	Energy Corridor District
	Veronica Chapa Gorczyński	East End District	David Kim	Urban Land Institute
CITIES OF LESS THAN 50,000	Morad Kabiri	City of Friendswood	Jildardo Arias	City of Friendswood
	Ricardo Villagrand	City of Mont Belvieu	Brian Wunningham	City of Mont Belvieu
	Jeremiah Hill	City of Brookshire	Janet Corte	City of Katy
CITIZEN INTERESTS	Sherry Weesner	Memorial-Heights TIRZ 5	Gabe Cazares	LINK Houston
	Dexter Handy	Citizens Transportation Coalition	Amy Skicki	Baytran
ENVIRONMENTAL	Katherine Parker	Gulf Coast Rail District	Amy Skicki	Baytran
	Carl Woodward	Harris County Flood Control	Sue Theiss	TxDOT

PLANNING	David Fields	City of Houston	Jennifer Ostlind	City of Houston
	David Wurdlow	City of Houston	Faustino Benevidez	Harris County
	Catherine McCreight	TxDOT	Brenda Bustillos	TxDOT
PORTS	Mike Wilson	Port Freeport	VACANT	
PUBLIC TRANSIT	Ken Fickes	Harris County Transit	Vernon Chambers	Harris County Transit
	Perri D’Armand	Fort Bend County Transit	Sarah Coulter	Fort Bend County Transit
	Ruthanne Haut	The Woodlands Township	Todd Stephens	The Woodlands Township
TOLL ROADS	Brian Alcott	Harris County Toll Road Authority	VACANT	
	Robert Hill	Harris County Toll Road Authority	VACANT	

Mayor Zimmerman presented the recommendations by category to the Council. Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion and amended his motion and was seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. A discussion among the Council occurred before the vote. The Council voted and approved the 2023 TAC At-Large with corrections provided by the Council as presented.

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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 RESOLUTION 2023-06, MR. JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, gave a presentation on the Amendments to the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP are included below:

- Program four (4) TxDOT Houston District SH 99 (Segments E, F2) widening projects in Harris County in FYs 2023-2026 of the TIP with State Toll funding (MPO IDs 18723, 18724, 18725 & 18726) to mitigate congestion and support operational efficiency on the corridor. (+284.9M)
- Rescope adjoining sections of the Northpark Drive corridor widening project moving the intersection improvements at Russell Palmer Drive from MPO ID 18033 to MPO ID 87. Delay the eastern section

(MPO ID 18732) from FY 2024 to FY 2026 due to required construction phasing. (Total Cost: \$108.1M)

- Delay the City of Houston Greens Road widening projects (MPO ID 5030) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 due to Right-of-Way acquisition issues. (Total Cost: \$20.8M)
- Delay the Harris County Toll Road Authority Hardy Toll Road construction project (MPO ID 15208) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 due to readiness issues. (Total Cost: \$250.0M)
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District IH-45 widening and interchange reconstruction project (North Houston Highway Improvement Project, Segment-3, MPO ID 16328) from FY 2024 to FY 2027 due to project readiness. (Total Cost: \$909.6M)
- Delay the City of Webster NASA Road 1 Bypass construction project (MPO ID 17081) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 due to Right-of-Way acquisition issues. (Total Cost: \$15.3M)
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District IH 10 East San Jacinto Bridge reconstruction and widening project (MPO ID 18707) from FY 2025 to FY 2027 in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. (Total Project Cost: \$525.0M)
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District IH 610 East Ship Channel Bridge reconstruction project (MPO ID 18710) from FY 2026 to FY 2027 in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. (Total Project Cost: \$2.4B)
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District IH 610 South reconstruction project (MPO ID 18712) from FY 2026 to FY 2027 in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. (Total Project Cost: \$309.4M)
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District SH 6 intersection improvements project at FM 529 (MPO ID 18721) from FY 2025 to FY 2031 in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. (Total Project Cost: \$9.0M)
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District SL 8 reconstruction and widening project (MPO ID 18727) from FY 2022 to FY 2027 in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. (Total Project Cost: \$7.5M)

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, requested TPC Approval of Resolutions 2022-06. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolutions No. 2023-06.

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

ITEM 9. COST OVERRUN POLICY AND REQUEST TPC APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-07, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC provided an update on the Cost Overrun Policy and described the implementation guidelines, major changes that affect all or most projects, changes that affect individual projects and ineligible requests. Mr. Beckom proceeded to elaborate on the Cost Increases/Cost Overrun considerations. Mr. Beckom requested TPC approval of the Cost Overrun Policy and TPC Resolution No. 2023-07. A motion was made by 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff and seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2023-07.

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ITEM 10. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS AND INSTRUCT STAFF TO INITIATE PROCESS, MR. CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, HGAC provided a presentation on the Project Selection Process. At the March 2020 Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting the Council approved goals, priorities, and policies for selection and prioritization of projects to be programmed in Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 10-Year Plan, and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). These goals, priorities and policies guide the H-GAC staff, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and the TIP Subcommittee in development of project selection criteria and evaluation methodologies for project planning and programming. Mr. Raborn further described the highlights of the project selection process which include the investment of approximately \$1.2 billion in mix of existing and new projects, address all elements of TPC's guidance, the evolving project selection process and focus on outcomes and performances by using investment categories. The Project Selection Process was tabled at the December 16, 2022 meeting and there were six topics raised and all were addressed by H-GAC staff. Mr. Raborn requested approval of the key project selection process elements and authorization for the MPO to initiate the process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adrian Garcia and seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman. There was comments, questions and discussion by the Council before the vote. The Council voted and approved to initiate the Project Selection Process.

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ITEM 11. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Administrative Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickinson provided a presentation on the Administrative Amendments to the 2023-226 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet.

B. Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP AND 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickenson provided a presentation on Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet.

C. Title VI Environmental Justice Awareness Initiative

Mr. Ayo Jibowu provided a presentation on the Title VI Environmental Justice Awareness Initiative. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

D. Houston Area Rail Transformation (HART)

Mr. Craig Raborn provided an update on the Houston Area Rail Transformation development of the rail collaborative effort. Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet.

E. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

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

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For Information Only. No action needed.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting	1/18/23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Policy Council	1/27/23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid

Chairman David Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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For Information Only. No action needed.



02/27/2023

Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
January 27, 2023

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Brandon Capetillo Mayor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Reynolds – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Howard Wood Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Woolley – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Marie Robb Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – Chairman <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Sallie Alcorn - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable John Bowen Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Marcus Snell – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Sarah Benavides, P.E. Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Gardemal, Alternate	City of Pasadena

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Pearland, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor <u> </u> Trent Epperson-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> X </u> Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, Secretary	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Vacant	<u> </u> Honorable Sally Branson-Alternate	
Brazoria County	<u> X </u> Matt Hanks, JD, P.E. County Engineer <u> </u> Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u> X </u> Honorable Ryan Dagley County Commissioner <u> </u> Honorable Tommy Hammond. - 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> </u> Roberto Treviño, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<u> X </u> Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 <u> </u> Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	<u> </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	<u> X </u> Honorable Mark Keough County Judge <u> </u> Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> X </u> Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 1st Vice Chair <u> </u> Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u> X </u> Sanjay Ramabhadran METRO Chair <u> </u> Thomas Lambert	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u> </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director <u> X </u> Onyinye Akujuo – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<u> X </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. <u> </u> District Engineer <u> </u> Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	<u> </u> Martin Gonzalez, P.E. District Engineer <u> X </u> Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port Freeport	<u> </u> Roger Guenther Executive Director, Port Houston <u> </u> Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport- Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u> X </u> Dr. Carol Lewis Chairman, GCRD <u> </u> Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u> 28 </u> Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 22 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

AGENCY

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

REPRESENTING

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