

4A. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023, 9:30 A.M. MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński, called the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Committee members and staff introduced themselves. A list of Committee representatives and alternates attending the meeting is included with these minutes as Attachment 1. There were 36 members in attendance; 22 are required for a quorum.

The meeting agenda and materials are available on the TAC website at:

<http://www.h-gac.com/transportation-advisory-committee/meeting-agendas-and-minutes.aspx>.

In addition, the livestream recording is available at: <http://www.h-gac.com/transportation-advisory-committee/meeting-livestream-archive.aspx>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No written public comment was received.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński entertained a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda Items; 4A) Meeting Minutes for the June 14, 2023, meeting; 4B) Approval of Updates to the Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee and Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee Rosters.

Ms. Sherry Weesner made a motion to remove Consent Agenda Item 4A) TAC June 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes to request a change to the meeting minutes.

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński, removed Item 4A) from the Consent Agenda and then moved to entertain a separate motion to vote on item 4B) Approval of Updates to the Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee and Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee Rosters.

The Committee voted and the motion carried to approve Item 4B) on the Consent Agenda.

The Chair then brought Item 4A) TAC June 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes to the floor for discussion. Ms. Weesner and Mr. Brian Alcott requested that the attendance record be amended to show that they were present for June 14th TAC meeting.

A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Mr. Alan Clark. The second motion for approval was made by Mr. Ken Fickes. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item is available on the TAC website [here](#).

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented on the Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year capital improvements program for transportation projects. Under federal rules, all federally assisted projects must be included in the TIP to be eligible for funding. In addition, federal rules require that regionally significant local projects must also be included in the TIP. The 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a long-range plan that prioritizes spending on regional transportation projects including short and long-range strategies

to ensure the transportation network is safe and efficient. Updated every four years, the RTP outlines a fiscally constrained transportation investment program that is based on the unique needs and characteristics of the MPO region. Amendments to the TIP and RTP are brought to the Transportation Policy Council for consideration monthly and amended in accordance with the H-GAC Public Participation Plan. For further details on these amendments, please refer to the July 19, 2023, TAC Packet.

A motion was made by Mr. David Wurdlow. The second motion for approval was made by Mr. Ken Fickes. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item is available on the TAC website [here](#).

PAVEMENT & BRIDGE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Ms. Karen Owen presented on the Pavement & Bridge Performance Measures. The federal laws Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act require a performance-based process to monitor the conditions of pavements and bridges of the National Highway System, set performance targets, and report on progress. H-GAC is responsible for setting pavement and bridge targets for the 8-county region. Measuring and tracking the performance of the region's transportation system is an approach to evaluate the effectiveness of transportation investments and to track progress toward achieving goals. Staff conducted data analysis on pavement conditions, evaluated ride quality, and bridge conditions, considering the assessment scores provided by the National Bridge Inventory. Staff sought the Committee's recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolution 2023-27. For further details, please click on the link below.

A motion was made by Mr. Ken Fickes. The second motion for approval was made by Ms. Perri D'Armond. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item is available on the TAC website [here](#).

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Craig Raborn presented on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The 2022 –2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the regional transportation plans and programs and the transportation-related air quality planning activities that will be undertaken during fiscal years 2023 and 2023. The current 2022-2023 UPWP was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) on August 27, 2021, and most recently amended on February 24, 2023. The City of Houston has been awarded a Reconnecting Communities Discretionary Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for FY2023 to conduct a planning study to examine connections between Hillcroft Avenue in Gulfton and destinations including Hillcroft Transit Center, Wisdom High School, and Bray's Bayou, that are currently separated by infrastructure, including Southwest Freeway, Westpark Tollway, and other busy roads. This grant must be included in the Unified Planning Work Program for Houston to start implementation. Staff sought recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolution UPWP 2022/2023-8. For further details on this presentation, please click on the link below.

A motion was made by Ms. Sherry Weesner. The second motion for approval was made by Ms. Veronica Davis. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS/READINESS QUESTIONNAIRE – "0-3 YEAR PROJECTS."

Mr. Vishu Lingala presented on the Project selection Process/Readiness Questionnaire – "0-3 Year Projects," results. Mr. Lingala reported that in total, 15 sponsors submitted 88 projects using the online project evaluation criteria questionnaire. Out of these 88 projects, 64 projects with estimated costs of less than \$100 million were scored and ranked. These 64 projects were further reduced to 55 projects after combining adjoining project

segments. Staff planned on meeting with project sponsors to provide the project initial scores per criteria and explain the scoring process. Staff provided an opportunity for the sponsors to challenge the current initial scores awarded. The draft scores may change based on the sponsor challenges. For further details on this presentation, please click on the link below.

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2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Craig Raborn presented on the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a required document describing all anticipated planning activities for the Metropolitan Planning Organization; It includes a description of tasks and budgets for the Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 to September 30). The UPWP describes the regional transportation plans and programs carried out in the 8-county Metropolitan Planning Area:

- Development of all required planning products or activities (primarily the Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Congestion Management Process, etc.);
- Continuous and one-time planning activities related to safety, freight, transit, subregional areas, corridors, active transportation, air quality, data and modeling, and livable centers; and
- Special planning activities (e.g., Safe Streets and Roads for All, PROTECT resiliency planning, and development of grant-funded plan development.

The 2024 UPWP must be completed, adopted, and initiated to start on October 1, 2023. Staff proposed a one-year UPWP rather than the typical two-year. Please see further details and discussion of the proposal for the 2024 UPWP at the link below.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item is available on the TAC website [here](#).

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

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

Mr. Jim Dickinson provided a brief overview of Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP. For a summary of the Future Amendments, please view July 19, 2023, TAC Packet or click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were shown on the slide for the upcoming meetings:

Pedestrian Bicyclist (Ped-Bike) Subcommittee Meeting	July 20	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Regional Air Quality Policy Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) Meeting	July 27	10:00 a.m.	Virtual

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Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	July 28	9:30 a.m.	On Site
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	August 2	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Systems and Management Operations (TSMO) Subcommittee Meeting	August 3	2:00 p.m.	Virtual
Clean Cities Stakeholder Meeting	August 8	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization (AERCO) Meeting	August 9	2:00 p.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	August 16	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chapa-Gorczyński adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:35 a.m.

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1st Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)
July 19, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.**

NOTES:

1. Attendance is marked with “X” in the corresponding column for the Member and/or Alternate.
2. Where both the Member and Alternate are present, the Alternate is marked with an asterisk (*) after the “X” to indicate that this person does not count toward quorum or votes for this meeting.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
<i>Chair</i>				
Veronica Chapa Gorczynski	<u> X </u>	Business Interests	David Kim	<u> </u>
1 st Vice Chair				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u> X </u>	Smaller Cities	Jildardo Arias	<u> X* </u>
2nd Vice Chair				
Perri D’Armond	<u> X </u>	Transit	Pamela LeBrane	<u> </u>
(Vacant)	<u> </u>	Smaller Cities	Brian Winningham	<u> X </u>
Jeremiah Hill	<u> </u>	Smaller Cities	Janet Corte	<u> X </u>
Ken Fickes	<u> X </u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	<u> X* </u>
Ruthanne Haut	<u> X </u>	Transit	Todd Stephens	<u> </u>
Carl Woodward	<u> </u>	Environmental	Sue Theiss	<u> </u>
Katherine Parker	<u> X </u>	Environmental	Amy Skicki	<u> X* </u>
David Fields	<u> X </u>	Planning	Jennifer Ostlind, AICP	<u> </u>
			Faustino Benavidez, P.E.	<u> </u>
David Wurdlow	<u> X </u>	Planning		<u> </u>
Catherine McCreight	<u> X </u>	Planning	Brenda Bustillos	<u> X* </u>
Marlisa Briggs	<u> X </u>	Business Interests	Elijah Williams	<u> X* </u>
Dexter Handy	<u> X </u>	Citizens Interests	Amy Skicki	<u> X* </u>
Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u> </u>	Citizens Interests	Gabe Cazares	<u> </u>
	<u> X </u>			<u> X* </u>
Bruce Mann	<u> </u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	<u> </u>
Michael Wilson	<u> </u>	Port Freeport	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Brian Alcott	<u> X </u>	Toll Road	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Robert Hill	<u> X </u>	Toll Road	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Stephen Gage	<u> X </u>	Active Transportation	Patricia Kievlan	<u> X* </u>
Bill Zrioka	<u> X </u>	Airport	Marcel Allen	<u> </u>
Joe Compian	<u> X </u>	Regional Planning	Wil Kennedy	<u> </u>
Clint Harbert	<u> X </u>	METRO	Alan Clark	<u> X* </u>
James W. Koch, P.E.	<u> </u>	TxDOT-Houston District	Jeffrey English, AICP	<u> X </u>

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
Lisa Collins, P.E.		TxDOT-Beaumont District	Scott Ayres, P.E.	X
Wael Tabara, P.E.	X	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	
Cory Taylor	X	Chambers County	Natalie G. Lopez	X*
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.		Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	
Michael Shannon, P.E.	X	Galveston County	Nancy Baher, P.E.	
Patrick Mandapaka, Ph.D, AICP		Harris County	Susan Fraser, P.E.	X
Melinda Soliday	X	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	
Jean Mann	X	Montgomery County	John McKinney	X*
Ross McCall		Waller County	(Vacant)	
Brant Gary	X	City of Baytown	Martin Scribner	
Jordan Cruz	X	City of Conroe	Chris Bogert, P.E.	
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	X	City of Galveston	Brandon Cook	
Veronica O. Davis, P.E.	X	City of Houston	Fabio Capillo	
Christopher Sims	X	City of League City	Cara Davis	X*
Marcus Snell	X	City of Missouri City	Shashi Kumar	
Sarah Benavides	X	City of Pasadena	Mark Gardemal	
Trent Epperson		City of Pearland	Rajendra Shrestha, P.E., CFM	
Monique Johnson	X	City of Sugar Land	Melanie Beaman	
Kim Golden, P.E.		City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	
	<u>44</u>	Total Voting Membership		
	<u>36</u>	Total Voting Membership Present		
	<u>22</u>	Required for Quorum		