

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

DATE: Friday, September 29, 2023

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

The presiding officer, Chair David Robinson called the Special Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of September 29, 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 Special meeting of the Transportation Policy Council being held in-person or by a video conference on Friday, September 29, 2023 and he was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027 and attested that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public and 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. Lucinda Martinez, H-GAC, for the Certification of the Quorum and she 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.

Chairman Robinson acknowledged Mr. Chuck Wemple, H-GAC, who made a special announcement regarding a brief safety presentation by Mr. Jim Rouse, H-GAC.

ITEM 3. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under Items 1-3 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Diane Domagas, H-GAC informed the Council that American Sign Language services and Spanish Translation services available and introduced Kenneth Niemietz and Antonio Hesabee Ramos. Ms. Domagas informed the Council the instructions were pinned to a slide in Zoom. Ms. Domagas also informed the Council that Spanish translation services were available and introduced Daniel Brassil, H-GAC to provide instructions on how to make Public Comments in Spanish by video conference. Ms. Domagas said no written public comments were received by the 5:00 p.m. deadline on September 28, 2023. Ms. Domagas also

informed the Council that three members of the public had signed up to make comments in the meeting and no comments were made online.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under Item 4 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman David Robinson asked the Council if there was any discussion on the consent agenda. No items were requested to be pulled. Chairman Robinson asked for a motion on the Consent Agenda items below:

- A. Request approval of August 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes Summary
A motion was made by Judge Mark Keough and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole
The Council voted and approved the motion.
- B. Request approval of September 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes Summary
A motion was made by Chuck Wemple and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole.
The Council voted and approved the motion.

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

ITEM 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP), MR. JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

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

- Delay the City of Tomball's Category-2 (Metropolitan Mobility) funded FM 2920 reconstruction project (MPOID 17085) from FY 2026 to FY 2027 and increase its funding to \$30.1M to reflect the approved FY 2024 TxDOT Unified Transportation Program. (+\$1.5M; Total Cost: \$30.1M)
- Reduce the Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) funding of the City of Conroe's FY 2024 Montgomery Bike Loop construction project (MPO ID 17121), which is in TxDOT's Statewide Bike and Pedestrian Statewide Program (SCSJ 5000-00-916), in accordance with updated design estimates. (-\$2.6M; Total Cost: \$4.2M)
- Add the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Livable Centers Studies Cycle-7 project (MPO ID 18961) to FY 2024 of TxDOT's Statewide Preliminary Engineering Statewide Program (SCSJ 5000-00-950) with \$2.4M of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds which will be matched with 475K Transportation Development Credits (TDCs). (+\$2.4M; Total Cost: \$2.4M)

There was a brief question and answer period after the presentation. The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 7. TPC TIP PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Chairman Robinson gave the Council a brief overview on the purpose and goals of TPC TIP Process Review Committee. The TPC TIP Process Review Committee is not intended to disrupt the process but to facilitate project flow and funding and operate as an observant body. Chairman Robinson proceeded to introduce Craig Raborn, H-GAC, to continue the presentation. Mr. Raborn informed the Council the TPC Prioritization Work Group provided guidance identifying goals, priorities, and policies for our Project Selection Activities. The Prioritization Workgroup developed the Project Selections Process to implement TPC's guidance while selecting new projects for TIP and 10-year plan which is currently underway. Mr. Raborn gave the Council an overview of the workgroup tasks, the composition of original Project Prioritizations Workgroup, the remaining or continuing active TPC or TAC members and the expected commitment, and next steps.

Mr. Raborn requested TPC approval to authorize the TPC Chair to appoint a Workgroup to monitor the TIP project selection process and report back to the TPC after the process is concluded. Chairman Robinson requested a motion from the Council. A motion was made by Judge Mark Keough and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. Chairman Robinson called for discussion. A question-and-answer and comment period occurred after the presentation. The Council voted and approved the appointment of the TPC TIP Process Review Committee.

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ITEM 8. CARRY-OVER BALANCE SPEND-DOWN/PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE, CALLIE BARNES

Ms. Callie Barnes, H-GAC, informed the Council that 230 Readiness Questionnaires were sent to Project Sponsors. 188 Questionnaires were completed. Some projects were withdrawn due to developments. H-GAC will inform local sponsors of estimated let date. Ms. Barnes gave an overview of the Carry-Over Balance Spend-Down Projects timeline. A brief question-and-answer period occurred after the presentation. Ms. Barnes gave the Council an update of the status of the Project Selection Process. 88 projects were submitted by sponsors to be analyzed in the Regional Goods Movement Investment category. 40 projects scored to go to the next phase of assessment with a Project scoring greater than 50. 2 projects were withdrawn from consideration. A Benefit Cost Analysis was requested for 38 projects. Ms. Barnes concluded her presentation by giving the Council an overview of the next steps. A question-and-answer period occurred after the presentation.

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ITEM 9. UPDATE ON TxDOT'S CONNECTSMART PROGRAM, EMANUEL ANDREWS, H-GAC

Mr. Emanuel Andrews, H-GAC introduced Brenda Bustillos, TxDOT, who provided a presentation on the first anniversary of the ConnectSmart Program to the Council. ConnectSmart is an advanced and integrated multi-modal mobility platform and mobile app that has been designed for the region. ConnectSmart was deployed to deliver a better and safer travel experience to commuters. ConnectSmart is technology platform

and mobile app bridging Transportation Systems Management and Operations, Mobility as a Service, Travel Demand Management and Behavioral Economics and is powered by live data from local transportation authorities to provide users the most accurate travel information available. Ms. Bustillos also informed the Council the ConnectSmart Program is a nationally recognized program and described activities to promote the app. A comment period occurred after the presentation.

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ITEM 10. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Future Amendments to the 2023-2025 TIP and 2045 RTP

Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet.
(Staff Contact: Jim Dickinson)

B. Transportation Planning Activities

Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet.
(Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

C. H-GAC Board of Directors Report

Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update of Transportation items approved at the September 19, 2023 meeting of the H-GAC Board meeting.
Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet.
(Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJORNMENT

The Greater Houston Freight Committee Meeting will occur on October 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
The Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting will occur on October 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. -Hybrid
The Transportation Policy Council Meeting will occur on October 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.- Hybrid

Chairman David Robinson adjourned the meeting at 10:48

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Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1
 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
 FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
September 29, 2023

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable Brandon Capetillo Mayor <u> X </u> Jason Reynolds – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	_____ Honorable Howard Wood Council Member <u> X </u> Norman McGuire – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Marie Robb Council Member _____ Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – Chairman _____ 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 John Bowen Council Member _____ Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<u> X </u> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works _____ Marcus Snell – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<u> X </u> Sarah Benavides, P.E. Sr. Assistant Public Works Director _____ 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> </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> X </u> Honorable Suzanne Whatley – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor <u> </u> Jon Branson - Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, Secretary	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Vacant	<u> X </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> X </u> Roberto Treviño, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<u> </u> Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 <u> X </u> Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	<u> X </u> Melinda Soliday Department 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, Matt Gray – 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> X </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director <u> </u> Onyinye Akujuo – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT-Houston	<u> </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. District Engineer <u> X </u> Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT-Beaumont	<u> X </u> Martin Gonzalez, P.E. District Engineer <u> </u> Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Other Transportation Interests	<u> X </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> 26 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

AGENCY

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

REPRESENTING

Texas State Senate

 Hon. Carol Alvarado

8-County Region

Freight Rail Interests

 X Clint Schelbitzki

Union Pacific

Texas State Legislator

 Hon. Dennis Paul

8-County Region

Texas State Legislator

 X Hon. Ed Thompson

8-County Region

Wharton County

 X Hon. Phillip Spenrath

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