

6A. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA

DATE: Friday, April 26, 2024
TIME: 9:34 a.m.
PLACE: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027

The presiding officer, Chair Justin Beckendorff called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of April 26, 2024 at 9:34 a.m. to order.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chairman Justin Beckendorff recognized Ms. Jamila Owens, H-GAC, for the Certification of the Quorum and she conducted the Roll Call of the TPC membership. Fifteen (15) 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 Justin Beckendorff asked members of the Council to Declare Conflicts of Interest on any item on the agenda.

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

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Diane Domagas, H-GAC informed the Council that translation services were available to the public and gave instructions to the Public on how to access the Zoom link on the Livestream. The American Sign Language Interpreters were Robert Helms and Audrey Reyna. The public could access those services by following instructions on the screen. No written Public comments were submitted by 5:00 p.m. on April 25, Ms. Domagas introduced Maria Alegrett and asked her to provide instruction in Spanish to the public. The Public was asked to come forward to provide public comments in person and online and can be heard in the meeting recording. A brief comment period occurred after the presentation. The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under Item 4 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 5. MPO DIRECTOR REPORT AND ORIENTATION OF AGENDA, MR. CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

A. Planning Activities Report

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, informed the Council the report on Planning Activities was provided to the Council in the meeting packet. Mr. Raborn informed the Council that H-GAC was awarded the funding from the PROTECT Discretionary Grant, a resiliency program from the Federal Highway Administration. H-GAC was awarded a \$1.1M grant to develop a regional resilience improvement plan for the MPO region.

B. Project Selection Process Update

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC gave a brief update on the Project Selection Process and informed the Council that the process is under way for the 5 investment categories. The evaluation criteria and questions are available online. Mr. Beckom gave the Council an overview of the timeline for Project Selection Process. A question, answer and comment period occurred after the presentation.

C. H-GAC Board

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, gave the Council a brief recap of the Transportation related items presented to the Board on April 16, 2024. The information was provided to the Council in the meeting packet prior to the meeting.

The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 5 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 6A. CONSENT AGENDA, APPROVE APRIL 26, 2024 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY, NANCY ARNOLD, SECRETARY

Chair Justin Beckendorff called for a motion to approve Item 6A. A motion was made by Secretary Nancy Arnold to approve the Meeting Summary of April 26, 2024. The motion was seconded. The Council voted and approved the motion. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 7, AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

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

- Split out the northern segment of METRO's FY 2025 IH 69 South Two-Way HOV (MPO ID 18188) and program it (MPO ID 19077) in FY 2026 of the TIP with \$184M of local funds. Delay the remaining southern section (MPO ID 18188) to FY 2029 in the 2045 RTP. (+\$184.0M; Total: \$184M)
- Program TxDOT Houston District's main lane reconstruction project on SH 225 at SL 8 (MPO ID 18960) with Statewide Connectivity (Category-4) funding in coordination with Harris County Toll Road Authority's direct connectors construction projects at the interchange (MPO IDs 16340 & 18883). (+\$70.6M; Total: \$70.6M)
- Modify the local funding of Harris County Toll Road Authority's SH 225 direct connectors construction project at SL 8 (MPO ID 16340) and delay it to FY 2025 to coordinate with other interchange construction projects. (+\$108.0M; Total: \$200.0M)
- Modify the description of Harris County Toll Road Authority's SH 225 single direct connector construction project at SL 8 (MPO ID 18883) and add local funds for the construction of four direct connectors. (+\$236.0M; Total: \$260.0M)

Mr. Dickinson requested approval of TPC Resolution 2024-08. A motion was made by Mayor Kevin Cole and seconded by David Douglas. A brief question, answer and comment period occurred after the presentation. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution 2024-08. The presentation, comments, questions and discussion are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 8. BIKE MONTH RESOLUTION, MS. JAMILA OWENS, H-GAC

Ms. Jamila Owens, H-GAC, provided a presentation on the Bike Month Resolution. Last year staff worked with TPC to pass a resolution to celebrate May as Bike Month. Staff also launched partnerships with communities and agencies across the 8-County region to participate in a campaign called Bike the Gulf. The objective of the campaign is to get the region moving on bikes. During this campaign, 45 workplaces participated, 3526 total trips, and 38,239 vehicle miles reduced. Ms. Owens requested a resolution from TPC declaring May 2024 as Bike Month and Bike to Work Week – May 12-17, 2024 and Bike to Work Day – May 17, 2024 for the 8-County Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area. A motion was made by Secretary Nancy Arnold and seconded by David Douglas. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2024-10. The presentation, comments, questions and discussion are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 9. TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT (TAM) PERFORMANCE MEASURES, MS JAMILA OWENS AND MR. CHRISTOPHER WHALEY, H-GAC

Ms. Jamila Owens, H-GAC and Mr. Christopher Whaley, H-GAC gave a presentation on the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Measure. Mr. Whaley began the presentation and gave the Council an overview of the Transit Asset Management. The purpose is to ensure a State of Good Repair. Each transit agency has a Transit Asset Management Plan. Each MPO sets regional targets. H-GAC sets the regional targets (biennially) for asset management using the information in each Agency's TAM Plan. The TAM tracks assets in 4 different categories: Rolling Stock, Equipment, Facilities, and Infrastructure. Mr. Whaley described the criteria for those categories and described a table listing the Regional TAM Performance Targets. Mr. Whaley emphasized there is no penalty in not meeting targets. Ms. Jamila Owens began her presentation describing TAM methodology and informed the Council the methodology for setting targets has been consistent since 2018. Staff used the data from the most recent TAM Plans from agencies and used the information to set the targets. Ms. Owens described transit investments to watch, the amounts invested and a timeline of the anticipated dates. Ms. Owens requested TPC approval of the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Measures and TPC Resolution No. 2024-09. A discussion, question and answer period occurred after the presentation. A motion was made by Dr. Carol Lewis and seconded by 1st Vice Chair Grady Prestage. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2024-09. 3 members voted No. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 10. REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN, SYNDI LIGONS, H-GAC

Ms. Sydni Ligons, H-GAC, provided a presentation on The Regional Goods Movement Plan is a multimodal freight transportation system that is efficient, reliable, and safe, supports the economy, the environment, and equity. Ms. Ligons described the 2023 Study Deliverables, the H-GAC Freight Network, RTP Project Needs Analysis. Using data from the study, staff established three interactive tools: Commodity Flow Dashboard, Origins – Destinations Dashboard, Study Data Dashboard, key deliverables in the plan, Policies and Programs which included Safety, Congestion, Emissions Residential and Community Impacts, next steps and planned outcomes. Ms. Ligons requested approval of the Regional Goods Movement Plan and TPC Resolutions 2024-11. A question, answer and comment period occurred after the presentation. A motion was made by Mayor Kevin Cole and seconded by David Douglas. The Council voted and approved the Regional Goods Movement Plan and TPC Resolution No. 2024-11. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 11. TPC BYLAWS REVIEW, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, reviewed the draft TPC Bylaws revisions meeting and informed the Council the draft bylaws revisions had been shared with external legal counsel for review and Chuck Wemple, H-GAC, had sent a memo to the TPC about expanding the MPO boundary. External counsel is still reviewing all the language of the draft bylaws revision and Staff will share them with the Council as soon as their review is complete. Until action is resolved staff will include this item on the agenda.

A motion was made by Judge Mark Keough to add The Woodlands Township as a member of the TPC and make it effective within 15 days. Judge Mark Keough introduced Dr. Anne Snyder, Chair, The Woodlands Township Board, and described their willingness to participate as members of the TPC. This motion was seconded by 2nd Vice Chair Kevin Cole. A lengthy period of discussion occurred after the motion. Council Member Abbie Kamin informed the Council the Bylaws were not shared with TPC members in advance of this vote. Council Member Kamin called a point of order. Mr. Raborn responded to her concern. A lengthy discussion period by TPC members and staff occurred after Mr. Raborn's response. Chair Justin Beckendorff asked Judge Mark Keough to clarify his motion. Judge Keough clarified his motion to add The Woodlands Township as a member of the TPC and make it effective within 15 days. A lengthy discussion period occurred after this clarification. A call to the question was made by Judge Mark Keough and seconded by Dr. Carol Lewis. The Council voted on the call to question. Chair Beckendorff asked for a voice vote on the Call to Question. A voice vote was conducted by Chair Beckendorff. The results were not clear. Chair Beckendorff asked for a roll call vote to end discussion. A roll call vote was conducted by H-GAC staff. The Council voted. 15 members Voted Yes and 7 members Voted No. The Council voted to end the discussion on the point of order. Chair Beckendorff asked the Council to vote on the addition of The Woodlands Township as a TPC member. A voice vote was conducted by Chair Beckendorff. The results were not clear. Chair Beckendorff asked for a roll call vote. A roll call vote was conducted by H-GAC staff. 18 members voted Yes, 3 members voted No, 1 member abstained.

The Council approved the addition of The Woodlands Township to the TPC. Dr. Anne Snyder, Chair, The Woodlands Township Board, thanked the Council for adding The Woodlands Township to the membership of the TPC. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

DRAFT 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT (TIP) DEVELOPMENT, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, gave an update on the draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement (TIP) Development. The 2025-2028 TIP is a carry-over from the 2023 TIP and 10-year plan, those projects selected by the TPC through 2015 Call for projects and prior, the 2018 Call for Projects (March 2019), Carryover Spend Down Projects (December 2023) and Regional Goods Movement Projects (December 2023.) Also includes any updates from any local project sponsors, proposed cost increases, \$1.2B in category 2 and category 5. Staff will work with project sponsors. Cost increase will impact the current project selection effort in terms of funding availability. Staff will bring this back next month before it is presented for action in June. Mr. Beckom described a summary of programming table with Total Programming of \$18.7B and Transportation Development Credits of \$32.2M, 2025-2028 TIP Investment by Mode. Two Public Meetings were held on April 3, 2024. The Public Comment Period was extended to May 24, 2024. Mr. Beckom concluded his presentation with a timeline of anticipated dates. A comment and discussion period occurred after the presentation. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#).

For Information Only. No action needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJORNMENT

Transportation Advisory Committee will occur on May 8, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. – In person
The Transportation Policy Council Meeting will occur on May 17, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.- In person

Chairman Justin Beckendorff adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

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For Information Only. No action needed.

Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1
MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
April 26, 2024

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"/> Norman McGuire – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Marie Robb Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Sallie Alcorn Council Member <input checked="" 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 Joaquin Martinez - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elijah J. Williams – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Tommy Cones Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marcus Snell – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Benavides, P.E. Sr. Assistant Public Works Director <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- 2ND Vice Chair 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> X </u> Jon Branson - Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, Secretary <u> </u> Honorable Sally Branson-Alternate	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, 1st 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> David Douglas Director of Economic Development <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> </u> Elizabeth Gonzalez Brock METRO Chair <u> X </u> Thomas Jasien - Alternate	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u> </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director <u> X </u> Rick Guerrero – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT-Houston	<u> X </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. District Engineer <u> </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> </u> Phyliss Saathoff Executive Director, Port Freeport <u> </u> Roger Guenther, Port Houston- 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> 23 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 15 </u> Required Quorum	

AGENCY

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

REPRESENTING

Texas State Senate

_____ Hon. Carol Alvarado

8-County Region

Freight Rail Interests

_____ Clint Schelbitzki

Union Pacific

Texas State Legislator

_____ Hon. Dennis Paul

8-County Region

Texas State Legislator

_____ Hon. Ed Thompson

8-County Region

Wharton County

_____ Hon. Phillip Spenrath

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