

4. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022, 9:30 A.M., ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Loyd Smith, 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 31 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 comments were received.

To hear public comments made at the meeting, please click on the link below.
<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01192023-525/3/>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Smith entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the December 7, 2022, meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Bruce Mann. The second motion for approval was made by Mr. Christopher Sims. The Committee voted and the motion carried. The minutes were approved.

A link to the audio recording is available at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01192023-525/4/>.

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). Staff sought TAC Recommendation for TPC of Resolution No. 2023-06, which included the amendments below. Staff also provided a chart of the proposed amendments to the TIP summarized by funding category which can be found in the January 18, 2023 TAC Packet.

CURRENT SITUATION

A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP are included below for the Committee's review.

- 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)

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- 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)

A motion was made by Mr. Michael Shannon and a second motion for approval was made by Ms. Catherine McCreight. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

A slide presentation and audio recording of all presentations are available on the TAC website at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01192023-525/5/>.

COST OVERRUN POLICY

Mr. Adam Beckom presented on the Cost Overrun Policy. Historically, the Transportation Policy Council considers cost increases to projects as they are presented. The funding share of the approved cost increases have been a 50/50 share (federal/local match) or 80/20 (federal/local match). The need to establish a policy for handling cost increases to provide clarity to project sponsors, H-GAC staff, and the Transportation Policy Council. In June 2022, H-GAC staff began discussions with the TIP Subcommittee regarding cost overruns brought to the Transportation Policy Council for consideration. Additionally, project sponsors are facing higher costs due to ongoing supply chain issues, higher unit costs, and increased costs due to drainage requirements. Earlier this month, the TIP Subcommittee addressed TAC feedback from October 2022 and November 2022 discussions to ensure clarity as the policy moves forward. The discussion centered around a few topics. These included 1) The separation of the policy from implementation guidance; 2) The annual review of projects to accommodate cost increases; 3) Major changes to project development standards that affect many projects; 4)

The impact of unforeseen changes to individual projects; and 5) How to handle cost overruns that would be ineligible for federal participation. For further details on this discussion, please click on the link below:

A motion was made by Mr. Bruce Mann and a second motion for approval was made by Ms. Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Mr. Craig Raborn presented 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. Members of the TPC Goals, Priorities and Policies workgroup and the TIP Subcommittee convened for a joint workshop #2 on January 6, 2023. The purpose of this workshop was to discuss the staff recommendations to address the December 2022 TAC & TPC comments. The recommendations discussed at the workshop can be found in the January 18, 2023 TAC Packet. Staff sought TAC recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval for the following key Project Selection Elements: Overall Investment Level, Eight Investment Categories, Classifications for Project Selection and/or Funding, Initial Investment Categories, Step-by-Step Selection Process, and Initial Steps and Implementation Timeline. After the presentation, the Committee discussed the recommendations presented.

The Chair recognized further comments and discussion. Mr. David Fields recommended that the Committee reconsider the motion in reference to the proposed title change “Environmental Justice” to “Impacts on Vulnerable Populations,” due to federal funding possibly being affected. Mr. Fields also proposed that the High Growth Area Need bullet point, with the sub bullet point “High traffic demand growth, be changed to “High travel demand growth.”

Mr. Mike Wilson made a motion to approve staff’s proposed recommendations and the technical term from “High traffic demand growth, be changed to “High travel demand growth.” A second motion for approval was made by Mr. Bruce Mann.

After the motion was made, further discussion followed on the title change from “Environmental Justice” to “Impacts on Vulnerable Populations.” The Committee made further recommendations and discussed making a motion to amend.

Ms. Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński made a motion to bifurcate staff recommendations and the Environmental Justice section to be addressed as a separate item later. A second was made by Ms. Amy Skicki.

The Committee voted and the bifurcated motion carried.

Chair Smith then entertained a motion to move that all proposed staff recommendations with two minor amendments move forward, with the exclusion of the Environmental Justice section. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

Mr. Fields then made a motion to return the original Environmental Justice language as presented prior to proposed change. A second was made by Mr. Dexter Handy.

Chair Smith entertained a motion to amend and return the original language that was titled “Impacts on Vulnerable Populations,” to “Environmental Justice,” and to keep the language closely tied to the Federal Highway Administration. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 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 December 7, 2022 TAC Packet, or click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

A slide presentation and audio recording of all presentations are available on the TAC website at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01192023-525/8/>.

B. Title VI Environmental Justice Awareness Initiative

Mr. Ayo Jibowu provided a brief overview of the Title VI Environmental Justice Awareness Initiative. For further details on this presentation, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Smith noted the following meetings and events with some updates:

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting	January 18	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Pedestrian Bicyclist Subcommittee	January 19	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	January 27	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	February 1	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Meeting	February 2	2:00 p.m.	Virtual
Clean Cities Stakeholder Meetings	February 7	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization (AERCO) Meeting	February 8	2:00 p.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	February 15	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:50 a.m.

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1st Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)
January 18, 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>				
Loyd Smith, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Harris County	Brannan Hicks	
1 st Vice Chair				
Veronica Chapa Gorczynski	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Ana Ramirez-Huerta	<u>X*</u>
2 nd Vice Chair				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Jildardo Arias	<u>X*</u>
Michael Medwedeff		Smaller Cities	Dan Johnson	
Timothy Magee		Smaller Cities	Robert Reynolds	
Perri D’Armond	<u>X</u>	Transit	Pamela LeBrane	
Catherine McCreight	<u>X</u>	Transit	Ken Fickes	
Ruthanne Haut	<u>X</u>	Transit	Todd Stephens	
Carl Woodward		Environmental	Craig Maske	
Katherine Parker	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Dr. Carol Lewis	<u>X*</u>
David Fields	<u>X</u>	Planning	Jennifer Ostlind, AICP	
David Wurdlow	<u>X</u>	Planning	Faustino Benavidez, P.E.	
Lisa Kocich-Meyer		Planning	Jessie Li, Ph.D., P.E.	
Marlisa Briggs	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	Vacant	
Elijah Williams	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	Amy Skicki	<u>X*</u>
Jonathan Brooks		Citizens Interests	Dexter Handy	<u>X</u>
Andrea French	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u>X*</u>
Bruce Mann	<u>X</u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	
Michael Wilson	<u>X</u>	Port Freeport	Jason Miura	
Heather Jinkins Cantu	<u>X</u>	Toll Road	Kate Lanzarone	
Jimmy Thompson		Toll Road	(Vacant)	
Joe Cutrufo	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Lisa Graiff	
Bill Zrioka	<u>X</u>	Airport	Beth Rosenbaum	
Rick Guerrero		Regional Planning	Onyinye Akujuo	
Clint Harbert	<u>X</u>	METRO	Alan Clark	<u>X*</u>

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
James W. Koch, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Houston District	Vacant	<u> </u>
Adam Jack, P.E.	<u> </u>	TxDOT-Beaumont District	Scott Ayres, P.E.	<u>X</u>
Karen McKinnon, P.E.	<u> </u>	Brazoria County	Trey Haskins	<u> </u>
Cory Taylor	<u> </u>	Chambers County	Natalie G. Lopez	<u>X</u>
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	<u> </u>
Michael Shannon, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Galveston County	Nancy Baher, P.E.	<u> </u>
David Douglas	<u>X</u>	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	<u> </u>
Jeff Johnson, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Montgomery County	Brian Clark, P.E.	<u> </u>
Yancy Scott, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Waller County	Jared Chen, P.E., PMP	<u>X</u>
Frank Simoneaux, P.E.	<u>X</u>	City of Baytown	Martin Scribner	<u> </u>
Rafael Carrasquillo, P.E.	<u> </u>	City of Conroe	Chris Bogert, P.E.	<u> </u>
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	<u>X</u>	City of Galveston	Brandon Cook	<u> </u>
Veronica O. Davis, P.E.	<u>X</u>	City of Houston	Fabio Capillo	<u>X*</u>
Christopher Sims	<u>X</u>	City of League City	Council Member John Bowen	<u> </u>
Todd Hoover	<u> </u>	City of Missouri City	Shashi Kumar	<u> </u>
Council Member Cary Bass	<u> </u>	City of Pasadena	Dan Pennington	<u> </u>
Trent Epperson	<u>X</u>	City of Pearland	Robert Upton, P.E.	<u> </u>
Monique Johnson	<u>X</u>	City of Sugar Land	Rick Ramirez, P.E.	<u> </u>
Kim Golden, P.E.	<u> </u>	City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	<u> </u>
	<u>44</u>	Total Voting Membership		
	<u>33</u>	Total Voting Membership Present		
	<u>22</u>	Required for Quorum		

Ex Officio: Roger E. Rees

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