

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

DATE: Friday, September 8, 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 8, 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, Special 8, 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.

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

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 this item are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Diane Domagas, H-GAC informed the Council that Spanish translation services were available and introduced Lourdes McIntyre to provide instructions on how to make Public Comments in Spanish by video conference. Ms. Domagas also informed the Council that American Sign Language services were available and introduced Kenneth Niemietz and Dionna Griffin. Ms. Domagas informed the Council the instructions were pinned to a slide in Zoom. Ms. Domagas said no written public comments were received by the 5:00 p.m. deadline on September 7, 2023. Ms. Domagas asked if anyone present would like to make a

comment. There was one comment. 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff asked for everyone to remember 9/11 and the people who perished. No public comments were made online.

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

ITEM 5. 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM, (UPWP), MR. CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Chairman Robinson commended members of the TPC involved in reviewing the language and considered the discussion that took place in the TPC meeting of August 25, 2023. Chairman Robinson's expectation of the language reviewed and modified will facilitate approval.

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, provided a presentation on the draft 2024 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Raborn informed the Council that the draft UPWP was presented at the August 25th TPC meeting. Action was tabled following discussion. Staff was instructed to seek resolution to concerns about language relating to TASK IV – Metropolitan Transportation Plan. After discussion, replacement language was developed and included in revised draft and new alternative language proposed. Mr. Raborn read the new language for the Council and noted Page 7 and 66 in the draft UPWP. Mr. Raborn also went into detail regarding other changes in the UPWP. Mr. Raborn further described the Public Comment period August 3 to September 3rd. Mr. Raborn described the type of comments received and were incorporated into the revised draft. H-GAC staff coordinated with TxDOT to ensure that all requirements were met.

Mr. Raborn requested TPC approval of 2024 Unified Planning Work Program and UPWP Resolution 2024-00. Chair Robinson requested a motion. A motion was made by 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff and seconded by Commissioner Robin Armstrong. A discussion and comments occurred among H-GAC staff and TPC members after the presentation.

The Council voted and approved the 2024 Unified Planning Work Program and UPWP Resolution 2024-00. Chairman Robinson acknowledged Judge Mark Keough, Mayor Joe Zimmerman, City of Houston and H-GAC Staff for the efforts in finalizing the UPWP.

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

Mr. Raborn informed the Council that no TIP/RTP Amendments permitted during conformity lapse grace period. H-GAC Staff included the amendments on the Special Meeting agenda in case the Air Quality Conformity was resolved. Air Quality Conformity has not been resolved. Mr. Raborn described a potential lapse of FTA 5310 funds This lapse will be avoided by an administrative amendment. Three existing Fort Bend County 5310 projects modified, and METRO has developed an updated 5310 split to maintain overall distribution between transit operators.

For Information Only. No action needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJORNMENT

The next TPC Meeting will occur on September 29, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman David Robinson adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

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For Information Only. No action needed.



10/03/2023

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 8, 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	<u> X </u> Honorable Howard Wood Council Member _____ Norman McGuire – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	_____ 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	_____ Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works <u> X </u> 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	_____ 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	_____ Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor <u> X </u> Trent Epperson-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor _____ Honorable Suzanne Whatley – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	_____ Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor _____ Jon Branson - Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of	_____ 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 _____ Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	_____ Honorable Ryan Dagley County Commissioner _____ Honorable Tommy Hammond. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u> X </u> Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, 2nd Vice Chair _____ Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u> X </u> Honorable Robin Armstrong County Commissioner _____ Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	_____ Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge _____ 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> X </u> Melinda Soliday Department Administrator _____ 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> Sanjay Ramabhadran METRO Chair <u> X </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-Houston	<u> X </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. <u> </u> District Engineer <u> </u> Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT-Beaumont	<u> X </u> Martin Gonzalez, P.E. <u> </u> District Engineer <u> </u> Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Other Transportation Interests	<u> X </u> Roger Guenther <u> </u> Executive Director, Port Houston <u> </u> Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport- Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u> X </u> Dr. Carol Lewis <u> </u> Chairman, GCRD <u> </u> Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u> 28 </u> Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 23 </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

 Hon. Ed Thompson

8-County Region

Wharton County

 X Hon. Phillip Spenrath

Wharton County