

5A. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025, 9:30 A.M. MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński, called the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Chair Chapa-Gorczyński read the Open Meetings Act to the public and gave an overview of the housekeeping rules for the Committee. The Chair then called Ms. Allie Isbell, MPO Assistant Director, to give the roll call.

A list of Committee representatives and alternates attending the meeting is included with these minutes as Attachment 1. There were 32 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

There were no written public comments received.

There were no public comments made from the floor.

ORIENTATION TO AGENDA AND MPO DIRECTOR REPORT

MPO Assistant Director Allie Isbell gave a brief summary to the Committee of agenda items both for action and information.

The items for action included the meeting minutes for December 11th TAC Meeting and the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments previewed from last month.

Informational items included Carryover Spend Down Summary Analysis, Project Selection Process Draft Project List, Performance Measures, TAC Subcommittee Nominations Process, and Planning Activities for Future Amendments.

To hear the MPO Director Report in its entirety, please click on the link [here](#).

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński entertained a motion for Consent Agenda Item; 5A.) Meeting Minutes Summary for December 11, 2024.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bruce Mann. A second motion for approval was made by Ms. Sherry Weesner. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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

ITEM 6. CARRYOVER SPEND DOWN SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Ms. Callie Barnes presented the Carryover Spend Down Summary Analysis. The Carryover Spend Down Policy was approved by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) on December 15, 2023.

To follow are the four rounds of carryover spend down projects programmed since the Carryover Spend Down Policy:

- December 2023 - TPC programmed approximately \$335M of projects with Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds. These projects were programmed with an August 2025 let date.
- September 2024 - TPC programmed an additional \$65M of projects with STBG Program funds with a let date of August 2025.
- October 2024 - TPC programmed approximately \$335M of projects with STBG Program funds with a let date of August 2026.
- December 2024 - TPC programmed approximately \$150M of CMAQ funds with a let date of August 2026.

Ms. Barnes stated there were 127 projects and \$900M in funding. Ms. Barnes further discussed the progress being made for 2025 on projects for the Carryover Spend Down balance.

- \$75M Let – Consisting of TxDOT HOU/Beaumont and Fort Bend County Transit projects
- Pending \$5M – FHWA questions

Ms. Barnes further noted upcoming FTA transfers that would move forward and be submitted to TxDOT:

- January 2025 - \$105M, request FTA transfer
- June 2025 - \$65M additional request FTA transfer, deadline to submit in May to TxDOT

Ms. Barnes further discussed next steps in keeping projects on track, as well as the new team being developed for Project Delivery. To hear full details on this update, please click on the link below.

This item was for information only.

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

ITEM 7. 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented the 2025-2028 TIP Amendments. The 2025-2028 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.

A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program is included below.

- Rescope METRO's FY 2025 \$29.2M Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funded bus replacement project (MPO ID 15243) from electric buses to compressed natural gas (CNG) buses.
- Update the City of Conroe's funding increase request for their FY 2029 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funded Old Conroe Road widening and extension project (MPO ID 17101).

- Program the City of Conroe’s \$4.5M Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339, Bus and Bus Facilities Program, ‘Lo-No Emissions’ grant for procurement of four CNG buses (MPO ID 19239) in FY 2025 with 900K Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds.
- Program \$666K of the Gulf Coast Transit District’s FY 2020 and FY 2023 apportionments of FTA Sections 5307, 5310 and 5339 formula fund grants in FY 2025 (MPO IDs 19240, 19241, 19242, 19243, 19247) with 223K TDCs in lieu of matching funds.
- Program the FY 2023 \$710K FTA Section 5310 formula fund apportionment for Harris County Transit’s purchase of services and mobility management projects in FY 2025 (MPO IDs 19245, 19246) with 142K TDCs in lieu of matching funds.
- Modify the descriptions and funding amounts of eleven (11) Gulf Coast Transit District FY 2021- FY 2023 apportionments of FTA Sections 5307, 5310 and 5339 formula funded projects previously programmed in FY 2025 (MPO IDs 18932, 18952, 18953, 18954, 19140, 19144, 19145, 19146, 19147, 19152, 19153). Modifications are being made on the recommendation of METRO.

Staff requested the Committee’s recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolutions 2025-06 and 2025-07.

After the presentation, Mr. Alan Clark noted the language in the METRO amendment, in the presentation, showed 30 electric buses to 32 CNG buses, but should show 32 diesel buses. Staff will make the update in the language before taking the item to the Transportation Policy Council.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Ken Fickes. A second motion for approval was made by Mr. Joe Garcia. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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

ITEM 8. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS DRAFT PROJECT LIST

Mr. Vishu Lingala presented on the Project Selection Process Draft Project List. 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. At the January 2023 meeting, TPC authorized the MPO staff to initiate the Project Selection Process.

Since the December 2024 TAC and TPC meetings, staff completed the project readiness assessments and prepared draft project recommendations for TAC and TPC consideration for approval in the following 5 Categories.

- Major Projects
- High Growth Area Needs
- Operational Improvements and Congestion Management
- Resiliency and State of Good Repair
- Transit

Staff recommendations included projects recommended for approval of funding and projects recommended for listing in the RTP. Lists of draft recommendations for funding in the five categories were provided in the

background paper in the January TAC Packet. Draft recommendation of projects for consideration to be listed in the RTP are provided online [here](#).

This item was for information only.

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ITEM 9. PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Mr. Stephen Keen provided an update on Performance Measures. The Federal Highway Administration requires an annual submission of safety performance measures by state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations. The five federal safety performance measures are listed below.

1. Number of fatalities
2. Rate of fatalities (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT))
3. Number of serious injuries
4. Rate of serious injuries (per 100 million VMT)
5. Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries (pedestrians and bicyclists).

The Houston-Galveston Area Council uses a methodology of a five-year rolling average to determine safety performance measures. The data used to determine the measurements are derived from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Crash Record Information System (CRIS) data. Staff provided a table in the January TAC Packet. The table showed safety performance measures for years 2021-2024. Additionally, Staff discussed proposed measures for 2025 and other action plans that would be implemented with current plans moving forward. To hear this update, please click on the link below.

This item was for information only.

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10. TAC SUBCOMMITTEE NOMINATIONS PROCESS

Ms. Allie Isbell discussed the TAC Subcommittee Nominations Process. The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws instruct the Chair of the TAC to select a three-member Nominating Committee each year. The Nominating Committee is responsible for considering all nominations for TAC Officers, which include Chair, 1st Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair. The Nominating Committee is also responsible for reviewing nominations and making recommendation for the subcommittees of the TAC, which include the following:

- Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee
- Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee
- Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee
- Transportation Air Quality Subcommittee
- Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee
- Transportation Systems Management and Operations

Staff also discussed a timeline of events for the nominations process. The timeline can be seen in the presentation slides. To hear this presentation, please click on the link below.

This item was for information only.

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ITEM 11. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Future Amendments to the 2025-2028 TIP Amendments

Mr. Jim Dickinson provided an update on Future Amendments. These future amendments will be brought back to the Committee in January for recommendation for TPC approval. To hear this update, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Connect Smart Partner Recognition Event Meeting	January 23	8:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office
Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	January 24	9:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office
Clean Cities Stakeholder Meetings	January 15	12:00 p.m.	Virtual
Pedestrian Bicyclist (Ped-Bike) Subcommittee	January 16	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) Meeting	January 30	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	February 5	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting	February 12	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	February 19	9:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 10:53 a.m.

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First Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)
January 15, 2025, 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> </u>
2nd Vice Chair				
Perri D’Armond	<u>X</u>	Transit	Shawn Davis	<u> </u>
Dan Johnson, P.E., CFM	<u> </u>	Smaller Cities	Andy Rodgers	<u>X</u>
Hon. Joe Garcia	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Brian Winningham	<u> </u>
Ken Fickes	<u>X</u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	<u>X*</u>
Ruthanne Haut	<u>X</u>	Transit	Todd Stephens	<u> </u>
Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, M.D.	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Sue Theiss	<u> </u>
Katherine Parker	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Carl Woodward, P.E., CFM	<u> </u>
Marlene Gafrick	<u>X</u>	Planning	Brandon Mosley	<u>X*</u>
David Wurdlow	<u>X</u>	Planning	Katherine Summerlin	<u> </u>
Catherine McCreight	<u>X</u>	Planning	Brenda Bustillos, PhD	<u> </u>
Marlisa Briggs	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	Amy Skicki	<u> </u>
Nikki Knight	<u> </u>	Citizens Interests	Dexter Handy	<u> </u>
Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Irma Sanchez	<u> </u>
Bruce Mann	<u>X</u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	<u> </u>
(Vacant)	<u> </u>	Ports	Dean Corgey	<u> </u>
Brian Alcott	<u>X</u>	Toll Road	Amar Mohite	<u> </u>
Robert Castaneda	<u> </u>	Toll Road	David Gornet	<u>X</u>
Stephen Gage	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Patricia Kievlan	<u> </u>
(Vacant)	<u> </u>	Active Transportation	Joe Cutrufo	<u> </u>
James Brown	<u> </u>	Airport	Marcel Allen	<u> </u>
Hon. Joe Compian	<u> </u>	Regional Planning	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Clint Harbert	<u> </u>	METRO	Alan Clark	<u>X</u>
Nancy Peron, P.E.	<u> </u>	TxDOT-Beaumont District	Carolina Lopez-Herrera	<u>X</u>

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
Varuna Singh, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Houston District	Jeffrey English, AICP	<u> </u>
Wael Tabara, P.E. (Vacant)	<u>X</u>	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	<u> </u>
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.	<u> </u>	Chambers County	Cory Taylor, P.E.	<u> </u>
Michael Shannon, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	<u> </u>
Patrick Mandapaka, Ph.D, AICP	<u> </u>	Galveston County	Nancy Baher, P.E.	<u> </u>
Comm. Greg Arthur	<u>X</u>	Harris County	Susan Fraser, P.E.	<u> </u>
Jason Smith	<u> </u>	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	<u> X</u>
Ross McCall	<u>X</u>	Montgomery County	Jean Mann	<u> </u>
Brant Gary	<u> </u>	Waller County	Luke Fortkamp	<u> </u>
Greg Hall, Jr.	<u>X</u>	City of Baytown	Martin Scribner	<u> </u>
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	<u>X</u>	City of Conroe	Chuck Purvis	<u> </u>
Fabio Capillo	<u> </u>	City of Galveston	Brandon Cook	<u> </u>
Christopher Sims	<u>X</u>	City of Houston	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Marcus Snell	<u> </u>	City of League City	Cara Davis	<u> </u>
Sarah Benavides	<u>X</u>	City of Missouri City	Joi Johnson	<u> </u>
Lorenzo Wingate	<u> </u>	City of Pasadena	Mark Gardemal	<u> </u>
Melanie Beaman	<u>X</u>	City of Pearland	Rajendra Shrestha, P.E., CFM	<u> </u>
Kim Golden, P.E.	<u> </u>	City of Sugar Land	Sagnik “Nik” Raha, P.E.	<u> </u>
	<u> </u>	City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	<u> </u>
	<u>44</u>	Total Voting Membership		
	<u>32</u>	Total Voting Membership Present		
	<u>22</u>	Required for Quorum		