

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

DATE: Friday, December 15, 2023

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

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The presiding officer, Chair David Robinson called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of December 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to order.

ITEM 1 & 2 CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman David Robinson made a statement to TPC members and others that he was the presiding officer at a meeting of the Transportation Policy Council being held in-person or by a video conference on Friday, December 15, 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

Chairman David Robinson recognized Ms. Allie Isbell, 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.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under Item 1- 2 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

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.

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ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC informed the Council that American Sign Language (ASL) services and Spanish translation services were available to the public. Ms. Isbell asked Lourdes McIntyre to introduce herself and give instructions in Spanish on how to make public comments. Ms. Isbell informed everyone that instructions were on a slide in Zoom presentation to access the ASL services. The ASL Interpreters were Jennifer Marker and Robert Helms. Ms. No written comments were submitted by 5:00 p.m. December 14, 2023. Public Comments were made in person and online and can be heard in the recording below:

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

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

A. Request approval of November 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes Summary

A motion was made by Secretary Nancy Arnold and seconded by Chuck Wemple to approve the November 17, 2023 meeting summary. The Council voted and approved the motion.

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

ITEM 6. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR TOM LAMBERT, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Chairman David Robinson read the Resolution of Commendation acknowledging the service of Mr. Thomas C. Lambert, President and Chief Executive Office of METRO. Chairman Robinson called for a motion from the Council. Mayor Joe Zimmerman motioned and seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Commissioner Justin Beckendorff. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution 2023-36. The approval was followed by an enthusiastic round of applause. Chair Robinson invited Mr. Lambert to take some photographs with the TPC Officers. The presentation concluded with Mr. Lambert's final remarks, compliments on his service to the region by several TPC members and a final round of applause.

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ITEM 7. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

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

- Add \$3.9M of Statewide Right-of-Way funds to the TxDOT Houston District's SH 36 reconstruction and widening project (MPO ID 263) reflect relocation, title and court costs of all parcels in FY 2026 with \$15.1M of federal SW ROW funds matched with \$3.8M state funds. (+\$3.9M; Total \$63.9M)
- Delay TxDOT Houston District's SH 332 widening project (MPO ID 525) from FY 2025 to FY 2028 to allow for design and ROW acquisition. (+/--\$0; Total \$0)
- Delay TxDOT Houston District's SH 105 widening project (MPO ID 965) from FY 2025 to FY 2026 due to ROW and utility relocation issues. (+/--\$0; Total \$112.8M)
- Add \$115.6M of Statewide Connectivity Corridors funding, \$91.6M of Statewide ROW, and Remove \$144.8M of Preventative Maintenance and Design Build funds to TxDOT Houston District's IH 69 S reconstruction, widening and reconstruction of interchange at SH 288 project (MPOID 7428 - NHHIP Seg-3). (+62.4M; Total: \$518.5M)
- Advance TxDOT Houston District's US 90 grade separation project (MPO ID 10268) at Purple Sage Rd from FY 2026 and program in FY 2023-2026 TIP in FY 2023 with \$35.1M of Statewide Connectivity Corridors funds. (+35.1M; Total: \$35.1M)

- Delay the Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority's NorthPark Drive's widening project (MPO ID 18033) from FY 2026 to FY 2028 to allow for ROW acquisition and utility relocation. (+/-0; Total: \$23.6M)
- Delay TxDOT Houston District's SH 6 grade separation construction at Clay Road (MPO ID 18509) from FY 2025 to FY 2029 due to ROW acquisition and utility relocation issues and to coordinate with other corridor construction. (+/--\$0; \$0)
- Clarify the limits on TxDOT Houston District's IH 10 E reconstruction and widening project (MPO ID 18707). (+/--\$0; \$0)
- Program TxDOT Houston District's \$10M of Statewide ROW funds to advance ROW acquisition project (MPO ID 19009) in FY 2023-2026 TIP in FY 2024 for IH 45 S Parkway Connectors into downtown (NHHIP SEG-3D). (+\$10.0M; \$10.0M)
- Program TxDOT Houston District's \$800M of Statewide ROW funds to advance ROW acquisition project (MPO ID 19010) in FY 2023-2026 TIP in FY 2024 for IH 45 S RECONSTRUCT IH45/IH69 INTERCHANGE & REALIGN/WIDEN IH 45 project (NHHIP SEG-3D). (+\$800.0M; \$800.0M)

The following projects are being requested for direct action in December by TxDOT Houston District to ensure their inclusion in the February 2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Revision, which has a submittal deadline of January 19, 2024. As these items were not previewed last month, staff will provide more detail during the December 2023 TPC meeting.

- Program TxDOT Houston District's US 90 6-lane construction project in Harris County (MPO ID 18504) in FY 2024 of the TIP with \$26.6M of state Statewide Connectivity funding. (+\$26.6M; Total: \$26.6M).
- Program TxDOT Houston District's IH 45 North HOV lane extension project in Montgomery County (MPO ID 18886) in FY 2024 of the TIP with \$2.6M of state District Discretionary funding. (+\$2.6M; Total: \$2.6M).
- Program TxDOT Houston District's multi-county IH 45 North Ramps Reconfiguration Analysis/Feasibility Study (MPO ID 18975) in FY 2024 of the TIP with \$1.0M of state Supplemental Transportation Projects funding to include it in an Interstate Access Justification Report (IAJR). (+\$1.0M; Total: \$1.0M).
- Program TxDOT Houston District's IH 69 pump station and detention pond construction project (MPO ID 19007) in FY 2025 of the TIP with federal and state Statewide Connectivity and Statewide Right-of-Way funding. (+\$226.7M; Total: \$226.7M).
- Program TxDOT Houston District's SH 288 managed lanes exit ramp reconstruction project in Houston (MPO ID 19008) in FY 2025 of the TIP with federal and state District Discretionary funding. (+\$4.9M; Total: \$4.9M).

- Program TxDOT Houston District’s IH-10 West reconstruction and shared-use path construction along White Oak Bayou, from IH-45 to Heights Boulevard, (MPO ID 19011) in FY 2024 of the TIP with \$313M of state Statewide Connectivity and Strategic Priority funding and state-allocated right-of-way funding. (+\$313.3M; Total: \$313.3M)
- Modify the funding (Statewide Connectivity, Strategic Priority and Statewide Right-of-Way) of TxDOT Houston District’s FY 2026 IH 69 reconstruction and widening project (MPO ID 155) to reflect the approved funding in the FY 2024 TxDOT Unified Transportation Program (UTP). (+\$310.4M; Total: \$771.0M)
- Modify the funding (Statewide Connectivity, Strategic Priority and Statewide Right-of-Way) of TxDOT Houston District’s FY 2026 SH 35 8-lane construction project (MPO ID 209) to reflect the approved funding in the FY 2024 UTP. (+\$53.2M; Total: \$113.8M)
- Modify the funding (Preventative Maintenance and Strategic Priority) of TxDOT Houston District’s FY 2026 SH 35 frontage road construction project (MPO ID 210) to reflect the approved funding in the FY 2024 UTP. (+\$12.8M; Total: \$33.0M)
- Modify the funding (Statewide Connectivity, Strategic Priority and Statewide Right-of-Way) of TxDOT Houston District’s FY 2025 IH 10 West reconstruction and widening project in Waller County (MPO ID 6056) to reflect the approved funding in the FY 2024 UTP. (+\$141.0M; Total: \$389.0M)
- Modify the funding (Statewide Connectivity, Strategic Priority and Statewide Right-of-Way) of TxDOT Houston District’s FY 2025 IH 10 West reconstruction and widening project in Fort Bend County (MPO ID 18402) to reflect the approved funding in the FY 2024 UTP. (+\$14.7M; Total: \$94.8M)
- Modify the funding (Surface Transportation Block Grant and Statewide Right-of-Way) of TxDOT Houston District’s SL 336 widening project (MPO ID 16343) to cover updated estimates for material costs. Advance the project from FY 2026 to FY 2025. (+\$16.9M; Total: \$37.1M)
- Delay the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County’s Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality funded Regional Transit Fare Collection System project (MPO ID 18260) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 after it received federal approval in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. (+/- \$0; \$40.3M)

Mr. Beckom requested approval of TPC Resolution No. 2023-38. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Judge Mark Keough. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2023-38

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#### ITEM 8. PROPOSED ADJUSTED URBANIZED AREA BOUNDRY, MR. CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC provided a brief update on the Proposed Adjusted Urbanized Area Boundary. Mr. Raborn told the Council that the TPC tabled approval on adjustments on the Urbanized area. TxDOT leads the process and TxDOT makes the final adjustments. TxDOT made adjustments and UZA stays within current boundary of MPO and is in the process of submitting it to FHWA. No further action needed. A

motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. The Council voted and approved the Urbanized Area Boundary.

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

ITEM 9. CARRY OVER BALANCE POLICY. MR, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, made a presentation regarding the Carry Over Balance Policy. This item was tabled at the November TPC meeting and brought back to the Transportation Advisory Committee for further review and comment. TAC recommendations included replacing references to “MPO Director” with “MPO Staff.” All strategies are within the federal parameters for MPO planning and programming procedures. Information was provided to members in the meeting packet. Mr. Beckom requested approval of the Carryover Balance Policy. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Justin Beckendorff. A lengthy discussion period occurred among TPC members and staff after the presentation. Mayor Joe Zimmerman amended the motion to approve the Carry Over Balance Policy that would include language that the Carry Over would be Zero and have flexibility for inflation and other costs. The motion was seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Commissioner Justin Beckendorff. The Council voted and approved the Carry Over Balance Policy.

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ITEM 10. CARRYOVER/SPEND DOWN PROJECTS, MS. CALLIE BARNES, H-GAC

Ms. Callie Barnes, H-GAC gave a presentation on the Final Recommendations list for the Carry Over Balance Spend Down Projects. Ms. Barnes gave an overview on the timeline of the recommendation list, recommended sponsor distribution, recommended funding, and the next major milestones. Ms. Barnes informed the Council that staff will monitor these projects closely. Ms. Barnes requested approval of TPC Resolution 2023-39 (Carry Over/Spend Down Projects List) and TPC Resolution 2023-40 (Use of Transportation Development Credit for Carry Over Spend Down Project List.) A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman that included striking the Montrose Re-Development Project seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. A robust discussion period occurred after the presentation. Mayor Joe Zimmerman revised his motion by reinserting the Montrose Re-Development Project to the Final Recommendations List for the Carry over Balance Spend Down Projects after a clarification by Ms. Carol Haddock, City of Houston, Public Works Director. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution 2023-39 (Carry Over/Spend Down Projects List) and TPC Resolution 2023-40 (Use of Transportation Development Credit for Carry Over Spend Down Project List.)

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

ITEM 11. REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT, VISHU LINGALA, H-GAC

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC, gave a presentation on the Regional Goods Movement. Mr. Lingala gave an overview of the major steps, regional goods movement project selection criteria, and available funding. Mr. Lingala described to the Council of all actions taken since the draft ranking list was presented at November TAC and TPC meetings. Staff is bringing forward the Regional Goods Movement list ranked 1-8

and 10 recommended for programming. The total programmed amount is \$150.5M. Mr. Lingala concluded his presentation by describing specific project types, location of the project and ranking. Mr. Lingala requested TPC approval of the Regional Good Movement Projects in the RTP, 10 year Plan, and the TIP. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. The Council voted and approved the Regional Goods Movement project list.

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#### ITEM 12. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS, VISHU LINGALA, H-GAC

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC, gave a presentation on Project Selection Process and the other investment categories and informed the Council staff was currently in the process of reviewing projects for High Growth area needs, Resiliency and State of Good Repair, Operational Improvements and Congestion Management, Transit and Major Projects. Mr. Lingala described a timeline of evaluation questionnaire criteria distribution, accessibility, due dates, available funding, and next steps. Evaluation questionnaire is due February 5, 2024.

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

For Information Only. No action needed.

#### ITEM 13. FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, presented the Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan. A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP is included below for the Council's review.

- Increase the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding by \$4.0M, split 80/20, on the City of Pearland's FY 2024 Smith Ranch Road 4-lane widening project (MPO ID 11654) to cover increased estimates for construction management, inspections and materials testing during construction. (+\$4.0M; Total: \$8.9M)

A comment period occurred after the presentation.

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For Information Only. No action needed.

#### ITEM 4. ORIENTATION TO AGENDA AND MPO DIRECTOR REPORT, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

##### A. Telework Program Update

Item was deferred to January TPC Meeting

##### B. Select Committee Update

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, gave an update on the status of the Select Committee. The Committee met on November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>. Topics discussed:

- Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary
- Proposition B update and requirements
- Voting and Composition
- MPO Redesignation Requirements and Process

Mr. Raborn said the committee initiated discussions with areas where the MPO boundary will need to be adjusted. A workshop is planned for early January.

C. TPC Nominating Committee Update

Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update on the actions of the TPC Nominating Committee. The nominations will be presented to the TPC in January for approval.

D. Planning Activities

Mr. Craig Raborn gave a recap of the items. The information was sent to members in the TPC Meeting Packet prior to the meeting.

E. H-GAC Board of Directors Report

Mr. Craig Raborn gave a brief recap of all the items. The information was sent to members in the TPC Meeting Packet prior to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJORNMENT

The Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting will occur on January 17, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. -In person  
The Transportation Policy Council Meeting will occur on January 26, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.- Hybrid  
TPC Appointments Forms are due December 30, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.

Chairman David Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

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Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council

**Attachment 1**  
 MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)  
 FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON  
 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA  
**December 15, 2023**

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	
Baytown, City of	_____	Honorable Brandon Capetillo Mayor	City of Baytown
	<u>  X  </u>	Jason Reynolds – Alternate	
Conroe, City of	_____	Honorable Howard Wood Council Member	City of Conroe
	_____	Norman McGuire – Alternate	
Galveston, City of	<u>  X  </u>	Honorable Marie Robb Council Member	City of Galveston
	_____	Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	
Houston, City of	<u>  X  </u>	Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – <b>Chairman</b>	City of Houston
	_____	Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	
Houston, City of	<u>  X  </u>	Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member	City of Houston
	_____	Honorable Sallie Alcorn - Alternate	
Houston, City of	<u>  X  </u>	Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works	City of Houston
	_____	Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate	
League City, City of	_____	Vacant	City of League City
	_____	Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	
Missouri City, City of	<u>  X  </u>	Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works	City of Missouri City
	_____	Marcus Snell – Alternate	
Pasadena, City of	<u>  X  </u>	Sarah Benavides, P.E. Sr. Assistant Public Works Director	City of Pasadena
	_____	Mark Gardemal- Alternate	



<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>  X  </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u>      </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, <b>Secretary</b> <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, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> <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>      </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 – <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</b> <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>  X  </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. District Engineer <u>      </u> Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT-Beaumont	<u>      </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> <b>Total Voting Membership</b>	
	<u>  24  </u> <b>Voting Membership Present</b>	
	<u>  15  </u> <b>Required Quorum</b>	

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

  X   Hon. Ed Thompson

8-County Region

Wharton County

  X   Hon. Phillip Spenrath

Wharton County