

5A. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2024, 9:30 A.M. MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

First Vice Chair Morad Kabiri, called the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A list of Committee representatives and alternates attending the meeting is included with these minutes as Attachment 1. There were 26 members in attendance; 32 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 and no public comments from the floor.

ORIENTATION TO AGENDA AND MPO DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Craig Raborn gave a brief presentation on the Orientation to Agenda and MPO Director Report. For further details, please click on the link [here](#).

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

First Vice Chair Morad Kabiri entertained a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda Items; 5A.) Meeting Minutes Summary for February 14, 2024.

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

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

AGENDA ITEMS

2024 TAC APPOINTMENT OF TAC CHAIR AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

First Vice Chair Kabiri presented on the 2024 TAC Appointment of TAC Chairs and Subcommittee Nominating Committee and Subcommittee Members. The Bylaws for the Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) require the Chair to appoint a Nominating Committee prior to the first meeting of each calendar year for the purpose of bringing before the Committee a slate of officers and subcommittee members for consideration. The 2024 TAC Nominating Committee was approved at the TAC meeting in February 2024 and includes the following TAC members: Wael Tabara (Brazoria County), Morad Kabiri (City of Friendswood), David Wurdlow (City of Houston), Perri D-Armond (Fort Bend Transit), and Amy Skicki (Baytran).

The TAC Nominating Committee recommended the following positions to the TAC: TAC Officers (Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair), Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee, Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee, Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee, Transportation Air Quality Subcommittee, Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee, and Transportation Systems Management and Operations Subcommittee.

The TAC Nominating Committee met on March 7, 2024, to review and prepare recommendations for candidates for the above positions, which was presented at the March 2024 TAC meeting to seek approval. To hear more details on this presentation, please click on the link below.

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

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented on the Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. The 2023-2026 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. During the presentation, Mr. Dickinson opened the floor for comments and questions. Members of the TAC, Ms. Catherine McCreight and Mr. Alan Clark made comments on individual amendments in reference to funding allocation. Staff addressed the individual comments and will update the amendments accordingly for the Transportation Policy Council approval.

Mr. David Wurdlow further commented on funding allocation by the MPO and moved that the documentation be corrected and reflect the decision state is making or designated recipient on the transit side is making, and that the MPO's plan reflects the funding allocation. A second motion was made by Ms. Catherine McCreight. The Committee voted and the motion was carried.

To hear the discussion and comments made on this item, please click on the link below.

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

CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT (CPRG) PHASE II IMPLEMENTATION OVERVIEW

Mr. Andrew DeCandis gave an overview of the CPRG Phase II Implementation. The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act provided an investment of \$5 billion to support efforts by states and governmental entities to develop and implement greenhouse gas reduction strategies through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program. The CPRG is a two-phase grant program. The first phase of the CPRG provides \$250 million nationally in non-competitive planning grants. The second phase of the program will provide \$4.6 billion through a competitive grant process to implement strategies in the plan.

EPA awarded one of these non-competitive planning grants to H-GAC in September of 2023 to assist in the development of region-specific emission reduction strategies and measures. The initial portion of the planning effort came to fruition on March 1, 2024, when MPO staff, with the help of regional partners, completed and submitted the first required planning deliverable, a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) for the 13-county H-GAC region.

Following the PCAP's completion, agency staff have transitioned efforts to development of a grant application aimed at spearheading development of a regional coalition to apply for the competitive implementation phase of

the CPRG program. Throughout the development of the PCAP, H-GAC staff collected feedback from regional stakeholders and conducted a Call for Projects to solicit emission reduction projects. Input from both activities have been used to develop a suite of regional emission reduction projects to be included in the implementation funding application. It is anticipated that this application will include a mix of projects from eligible sponsors within the H-GAC region with a total maximum value of \$100 million. Mr. DeCandis noted that the application deadline was April 1, 2024. To hear more about this overview, please click on the link below.

This item was for discussion only.

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

TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT (TAM) PERFORMANCE MEASURES UPDATE

The Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Measures update was presented by Ms. Jamila Owens and Christopher Whaley. Transit Asset Management (TAM) is a process introduced in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). These guidelines, published as a Final Rule by the Federal Transit Administration, require public transportation providers to establish a process to maintain and track capital assets over their life cycle. This reporting is also integral to developing and updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Assets are to be monitored across four categories: 1) Rolling Stock; 2) Equipment; 3) Facilities; and 4) Infrastructure.

Public transportation agencies must prepare a TAM plan that outlines asset conditions in each of the above categories. The plans must be updated every four years. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to work with transit agencies to develop regional performance measures for each of these asset categories. This process is designed to help ensure a state of good repair to improve safety and reliability in public transportation. This process also allows the MPO to identify categories of assets in need of investment.

This item was for discussion only.

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PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Mr. Dallas Teston with TxDOT-Austin, presented on the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Program. The SIB is a federal revolving loan fund managed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for federal aid eligible roadway and Title 23 projects. The SIB can lend funds for on or off system federal aid eligible roadway projects to cover items such as a local contribution or local match, construction and construction related costs, right of way acquisition, and utility relocation, when associated with an eligible project. Mr. Teston outlined the SIB program interest rates, incentives, and eligibility. For further details on this agenda item, please click on the link below.

This item was for discussion only.

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PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Project Selection Process Update

Mr. Vishu Lingala provided an update on the Project Selection Process. To hear the details on 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](#).

B. 2025-2028 TIP Development Public Involvement Update

Mr. Adam Beckom provided an update of the 2025-2028 TIP Development Public Involvement. To hear the details of 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](#).

C. TIP QUARTERLY UPDATE

Ms. Callie Barnes provided a TIP Quarterly Update to the Committee. To hear the details on this update, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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| Transportation Air Quality Subcommittee Meeting | March 21 | 10:00 a.m. | Virtual |
| Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting | March 22 | 9:30 a.m. | H-GAC Office |
| Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) Subcommittee Meeting | March 28 | 10:00 a.m. | Virtual |
| Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting | April 3 | 1:30 p.m. | Virtual |
| Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting | April 10 | 1:30 p.m. | Virtual |
| Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee (RTCS) | April 11 | 9:30 a.m. | Virtual |
| Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting | April 17 | 9:30 a.m. | H-GAC Office |
| Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee | April 18 | 9:30 a.m. | Virtual |

ADJOURNMENT

First Vice Chair Morad Kabari adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:29 a.m.

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First Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE (ROLL CALL)
March 13, 2024, at 9:30 A.M.**

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> |
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| <i>Chair</i> | | | | |
| Veronica Chapa Gorczynski | _____ | Business Interests | David Kim | _____ |
| 1 st Vice Chair | | | | |
| Morad Kabiri, P.E. | <u> X </u> | Smaller Cities | Jildardo Arias | _____ |
| 2nd Vice Chair | | | | |
| Perri D’Armond | <u> X </u> | Transit | Shawn Davis | _____ |
| Dan Johnson, P.E., CFM | _____ | Smaller Cities | (Vacant) | _____ |
| Joe Garcia | <u> X </u> | Smaller Cities | Janet Corte | _____ |
| Ken Fickes | <u> X </u> | Transit | Vernon Chambers | _____ |
| Ruthanne Haut | <u> X </u> | Transit | Todd Stephens | _____ |
| Shelly Sekula-Gibbs, M.D. | <u> X </u> | Environmental | Sue Theiss | _____ |
| Katherine Parker | <u> X </u> | Environmental | Carl Woodward, P.E., CFM | _____ |
| (Vacant) | _____ | Planning | Monique Johnson, AICP | <u> X </u> |
| David Wurdlow | <u> X </u> | Planning | Jennifer Ostlind, AICP | _____ |
| Catherine McCreight | <u> X </u> | Planning | Brenda Bustillos, PhD | _____ |
| Marlisa Briggs | <u> X </u> | Business Interests | Amy Skicki | _____ |
| Nikki Knight | _____ | Citizens Interests | Dexter Handy | <u> X </u> |
| Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM | <u> X </u> | Citizens Interests | Irma Sanchez | _____ |
| Bruce Mann | _____ | Port of Houston | Rohit Saxena | _____ |
| (Vacant) | _____ | Ports | Dean Corgoy | _____ |
| Brian Alcott | _____ | Toll Road | Amar Mohite | _____ |
| Robert Castaneda | _____ | Toll Road | (Vacant) | _____ |
| Stephen Gage | <u> X </u> | Active Transportation | Patricia Kievlan | _____ |
| Aubin Phillips | _____ | Active Transportation | Joe Cutrufo | _____ |
| James Brown | _____ | Airport | Marcel Allen | _____ |
| Joe Compian | _____ | Regional Planning | (Vacant) | _____ |
| Clint Harbert | _____ | METRO | Alan Clark | <u> X </u> |
| Lisa Collins, P.E. | _____ | TxDOT-Beaumont District | Nancy Peron, P.E. | _____ |

| <u>Member</u> | <u>Present</u> | <u>Representing</u> | <u>Alternate</u> | <u>Present</u> |
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| Varuna Singh, P.E. | <u>X</u> | TxDOT-Houston District | Jeffrey English, AICP | <u> </u> |
| Wael Tabara, P.E. | <u>X</u> | Brazoria County | Karen McKinnon, P.E. | <u> </u> |
| Natalie G. Lopez | <u> </u> | Chambers County | Cory Taylor, P.E. | <u> </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> |
| Patrick Mandapaka, Ph.D, AICP | <u>X</u> | Harris County | Susan Fraser, P.E. | <u> </u> |
| David Douglas | <u>X</u> | Liberty County | Hon. Jay Knight | <u> </u> |
| Jean Mann | <u> </u> | Montgomery County | John McKinney, Jr., Esq. | <u> </u> |
| Ross McCall | <u> </u> | Waller County | Luke Fortkamp | <u> </u> |
| Brant Gary | <u> </u> | City of Baytown | Martin Scribner | <u> </u> |
| Jordan Cruz | <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> |
| Fabio Capillo | <u>X</u> | City of Houston | Khang Nguyen, P.E. | <u> </u> |
| Christopher Sims | <u> </u> | City of League City | Cara Davis | <u> </u> |
| Marcus Snell | <u> </u> | City of Missouri City | Joi Johnson | <u>X</u> |
| Sarah Benavides | <u> </u> | City of Pasadena | Mark Gardemal | <u> </u> |
| Lorenzo Wingate | <u>X</u> | City of Pearland | Rajendra Shrestha, P.E., CFM | <u> </u> |
| Melanie Beaman | <u>X</u> | City of Sugar Land | Sagnik “Nik” Raha, 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>26</u> | Total Voting Membership Present | | |
| | <u>22</u> | Required for Quorum | | |