

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

DATE: Friday, December 17, 2021

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

Chairman Kenneth Clark called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:30 a.m. and made a statement to TPC members and others that this meeting was a duly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council being held as a video conference on Friday, December 17, 2021. Chairman Clark stated that he was the presiding officer of the board and was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027. Chairman Clark attested that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public. Chairman Clark 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. Chairman Clark let the members know that they must enable their video and microphone when responding to a roll call, voting on action items and asking questions. Chairman Clark let all members know that members who called into the meeting should hang up and log back in using a device with a camera to participate in the meeting.

ITEM 1. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC 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.

ITEM 2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Kenneth Clark invited introductions from Council members and staff.

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

ITEM 4. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Chairman Clark introduced Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, who presented to the Council regarding the addition of a new item to the TPC Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Raborn said the addition of the item, Declare Conflicts of Interests, was added to the regular TPC agenda due to public comments made at the November 2021 meeting of the TPC about a potential conflict of interest. Mr. Raborn said that this item is being added on TPC Agenda to provide a standing opportunity at the beginning of every TPC meeting for Council members to declare potential conflicts of

interest in accordance with TPC's Ethics Policy and recuse themselves from actions on certain items if appropriate.

Mr. Raborn concluded his presentation with a summary of the Conflicts of Interest Policy and described some of the requirements of the State's Transportation Code (Chapter 472) and the Local government Code (Chapter 171).

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ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka provided instructions on the process to submit public comments and announced to the Council that no written public comments were received by email or correspondence by 5:00 p.m. on December 16, 2021. Mr. Mandapaka introduced the Spanish and American Sign Language Interpreters end of Item 6.

The Public Comments made in person and by videoconference during the meeting are included in the meeting recording at this [LINK](#)

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Grady Prestage presented the November 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes summary to the Council. Secretary Prestage asked the Council for any modifications or corrections as presented. There were no modifications or corrections.

A motion was made by Commissioner Grady Prestage and seconded by Council Member David Robinson. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

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ITEM 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, presented on the amendments listed below to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP):

- Advance ten (10) TxDOT Houston District projects (MPO IDs 60, 254, 981, 18014, 18021, 18022, 18023, 18037, 18401, 18515) from FY 2023 to FY 2022 to take advantage of the projects' readiness for early contract lettings. (Total Cost: \$313.5M)
- Delay TxDOT Houston District's SH 35 frontage road construction project in Harris County (MPO ID 210) from FY 2022 to FY 2023 at TxDOT's request to conform with their 2-year letting schedule. (Total Cost: \$28.0M)

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- Advance the TxDOT Houston District US 90A grade separation construction project at SH 99 (MPO ID 16348) in Fort Bend County from FY 2025 in the Ten-Year Plan to FY 2023 in the Transportation Improvement Program with a small reduction in Category-2 Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor funding to take advantage of its readiness for early contract letting. (Total Cost: \$29.0M)
- Program the TxDOT Houston District SH 288 grade separation construction project at CR 63 (MPO ID 18015) in Brazoria County in FY 2022 of the Transportation Improvement Program with \$18.0M of Category-1 Preventative Maintenance and Rehabilitation funding at TxDOT's request. (Total Cost: \$18.0M)
- Delay TxDOT Houston District's IH 10 W reconstruction and widening project in Waller County (MPO ID 6056) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 at TxDOT's request to conform with their 2-year letting schedule. (Total Cost: \$225.0M)
- Delay TxDOT Houston District's SH 105 reconstruction and widening project (MPO ID 10124) from FY 2022 to FY 2023 at TxDOT's request to conform with their 2-year letting schedule. (Total Cost: \$72.0M)
- Delay the Downtown Management District's sidewalk reconstruction and widening project (MPO ID 15321) from FY 2022 to FY 2023 at TxDOT's request to conform with their 2-year letting schedule. (Total Cost: \$2.8M)
- Delay two segments of Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority's Northpark Drive reconstruction and widening project (MPO IDs 18033 and 18732) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 at TxDOT's request to conform with their 2-year letting schedule. (Total Cost: \$43.1M)
- Rescope the Galveston County Pelican Island Bridge widening (MPO ID 18085) to a new two-lane bridge construction on a new location at the request of Texas A&M University at Galveston. There will be a small increase in funding which will be covered by a local contribution. (Add \$2.5M)
- Program \$476K of Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in FY 2022 of the Transportation Improvement Program (MPO ID 18238) to fully fund the FY 2020 Fort Bend County Transit Purchase of Commuter Buses (MPO ID 18012) which obligated \$4.5M CMAQ funding. 95K Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) will be used in lieu of matching funds. (Total Cost: \$476K)
- Program the TxDOT Houston District SH 288 at CR 56 grade separation construction project (MPO ID 18716) in Brazoria County in FY 2022 of the Transportation Improvement Program with \$12.0M of Category-4 Statewide Connectivity funding at TxDOT's request. (Total Cost: \$12.0M)
- Increase the Category-10, Supplemental Transportation Project, funding an additional \$2.7M on the SH 87/Galveston Ferry Parking Garage construction project (MPO ID 18766) to cover costs determined by additional design and engineering. (Add \$2.7M)

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- Convert eight (8) TxDOT Houston District construction projects (MPO IDs 60, 202, 254, 504, 967, 18014, 18023 and 18037) funded with Categories 2,4 and 12 from Federal/State splits to 100% State funding at TxDOT's request. (+/- \$0)
- Change the northern limit of the TxDOT Houston District SH 36 widening project (MPO ID 252) in Brazoria County from SH 35 to FM 522 at TxDOT's request. (+/- \$0)
- Change the southern limit of the TxDOT Houston District SH 288 grade separation and frontage road construction project (MPO ID 18401) in Brazoria County from 'SH 6' to 'North of SH 6' at TxDOT's request. (+/- \$0)
- Change the sponsorship of the City of Baytown SH 146 main lane and grade separation construction project (MPO ID 536) to the TxDOT Houston District, advance it from FY 2024 to FY 2022 and fund it with 100% State Preventative Maintenance and Rehabilitation funding. (+/- \$0)
- Convert the TxDOT Houston District SL 8 widening project (MPO ID 16344/CSJ 3256-03-096) District Discretionary, Category-12, funding from 80% Federal/ 20% State to 100% State and add \$2M at TxDOT's request. (+\$2.0M)
- (Greensheet)-Request for TIP Amendment received from the sponsor after deadline
Program the TxDOT Houston District SH 288/CR 60 grade separation construction project (MPO ID 18046/CSJ 0598-02-116) in FY 2022 with \$21.2M Statewide Connectivity, Category-4 funding at TxDOT's request. (+\$21.2M)

Mr. Dickinson requested TPC approval of Resolution No. 2021-30 and 2021-31.

A motion was made by Council Member David Robinson and seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2021-30 and 2021-31.

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ITEM 7. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM, NEELY KIM, H-GAC.

Ms. Neely Kim presented on amendments to the 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program. The 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the regional transportation plans and programs, and the transportation-related air quality planning activities that will be undertaken during fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The following is a list of proposed changes:

- Currently, under Task II-subtask 2.2a, REMI software or Regional Economic Modeling and Analysis Software is mentioned as one of the software that will be utilized to help develop, implement, and support analysis and collection of various types of regional data. Staff would like to upgrade the software to include a 10-region model This upgrade will need additional TPF dollars added to the UPWP- FY 2022, Task II for \$130,000.00.

- Under Task IV-subtask 4.1a, language needs to be added to the UPWP that describes an additional task for a survey and poll that will be conducted to support updating the RTP (a consultant may be utilized). Additional TPF dollars will need to be obligated to the UPWP-Task IV for FY 2022 in the amount of \$700,000.00.
- Under Task IV subtask 4.6c, language needs to be added to the UPWP that describes an additional task item. This task language is as follows “conduct outreach and education related to behavior-based strategies for congestion management”.

Ms. Kim asked for TPC approval of UPWP Resolution 2022/23-1

A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Council Member David Robinson. The Council voted and approved UPWP Resolution 2022/23-1

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ITEM 8. URBAN-RURAL FUNDING DISCUSSION, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn provided an update on the Urban-Rural Funding for the next Call for Projects. Mr. Raborn described the discussions that occurred among H-GAC staff, TAC and other subcommittees establishing a rural allocation of funds that will be used during the various project selection processes. He said the discussions after the 2018 Call for Projects raised concerns about the disparity in relative investments between rural and urban areas. Mr. Raborn described the TPC Work Group recommendation and scoring criteria for the next Project Selection process. He also explained a solution on how to differentiate project selection between projects in Rural and Urban areas. Staff will bring back a recommendation to the TPC in January.

A comment period followed by the TPC members after the presentation.

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For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 9. UPDATE ON THE METRORAPID INNER KATY PROJECT, AMMA COBBINAH, METRO

Ms. Amma Cobbinah, METRO, provided an update on the METRORapid Inner Katy Project. The METRORapid Inner Katy Project is one of five new rapid transit corridors identified in the METRONext plan. As envisioned in METRONext, the project will provide rapid transit service along I-10 from the Northwest Transit Center (NWTC) in Uptown to Downtown Houston, serving as an extension of the METRORapid Silver Line in Uptown, which opened in 2020. This corridor will also provide connectivity for express buses to and from the US 290 corridor and I- 10 West of the I-610 West Loop.

The project will create a bi-directional guideway along I-10 for METRO's current and planned transit services. The objectives of the METRO Rapid Inner Katy Project align with the overarching METRONext objectives of improving mobility, reliability, enhancing connectivity, supporting vibrant communities, and ensuring a return on METRO's investment. Completion of this project will also support a future direct connection between NWTC and the planned Texas Central Railway high-speed rail terminal at the Northwest Mall site.

A comment period by the TPC members occurred after the presentation.

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ITEM 10. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Administrative Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP AND 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, provide information on the October 2021 Administrative modifications to the TIP and RTP. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

B. Future Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, presented information on Future Amendments to the 2022-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

C. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

A summary of Transportation Planning Activities and described specific MPO activities. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

Craig Raborn, H-GAC introduced the Mr. James Garland, Senior Manager in the Transportation Department leadership to the TPC. Mr. Raborn also let the Council know that over the next couple months, MPO staff would be working with the TAC and TAC subcommittees and start adding summaries of some important considerations or impacts to our agenda items regarding Environmental Justice.

A brief question and comment period occurred after the presentation.

D. H-GAC Board of Directors Report

The H-GAC Board of Directors meeting will be held will be held on December 21, 2021 and the following transportation related items are on the agenda for approval. Mr. Raborn previewed the items for the Council

E. 2022 TPC Schedule

Mr. Raborn provided information on the 2022 TPC Meeting Schedule.

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ITEM 11 & 12 ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

- Next TAC Meeting- January 19, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
- Next TPC Meeting – January 28, 2022, 9:30 a.m. (in-person or videoconference)

Chair Kenneth Clark adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 11:03 a.m.

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Hon. Grady Prestage, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
December 17, 2021

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable Heather Betancourth _____ Council Member, District 4 _____ Honorable Brandon Capetillo – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	_____ Thomas Woolley _____ Interim Director of Engineering _____ Chris Bogert – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	_____ <u> X </u> Honorable David Collins _____ Council Member _____ Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	_____ <u> X </u> Honorable David W. Robinson _____ Council Member – 1 st - Vice Chair _____ 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	_____ <u> X </u> Carol Haddock, P.E. _____ Director, Houston Public Works _____ Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	_____ <u> X </u> Honorable Larry Millican _____ Council Member, Position 3 _____ Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	_____ <u> X </u> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. _____ Director of Public Works _____ Todd Hoover – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	_____ Honorable Cary Bass _____ Council Member _____ Vacant – Alternate	City of Pasadena

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Pearland, City of	_____ Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor <u>X</u> Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u>X</u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor _____ Honorable Jennifer Lane – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	_____ Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor _____ Doug Kneupper, P.E. - Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of	<u>X</u> Honorable Nancy Arnold _____ Council Member, City of Waller	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Vacant	_____ Honorable Sally Branson-Alternate	
Brazoria County	<u>X</u> Honorable Matt Sebesta _____ County Judge – Past Chair _____ Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u>X</u> Honorable Billy Combs _____ County Commissioner, Pct 4 _____ Cory Taylor, P.E. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u>X</u> Honorable Grady Prestage _____ County Commissioner, Pct 2 _____ Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u>X</u> Honorable Kenneth Clark _____ County Commissioner - Chairman _____ Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	_____ Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge <u>X</u> Robert Treviño, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	_____ Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 <u>X</u> Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	<u>X</u> David Douglas _____ Engineering Administrator _____ Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

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Montgomery County	_____ Honorable Mark Keough County Judge _____ Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> X </u> Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 2nd VC _____ Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	_____ Carrin Patman METRO Chair <u> X </u> Thomas Lambert	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u> X </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director _____ Jeff Taebel – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<u> X </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. District Engineer _____ Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	<u> X </u> Martin Gonzalez, P.E. District Engineer _____ Adam Jack, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port of Houston Authority	_____ Roger Guenther Executive Director, Port of Houston _____ Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport - Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u> X </u> Dr. Carol Lewis Chairman, GCRD _____ Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u> 28 </u> Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 22 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

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NON-VOTING MEMBERS

REPRESENTING

Texas State Senate	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<input type="checkbox"/> Clint Schelbitzki	Union Pacific
Freight Rail Interests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hugh McCulley	BNSF Railway
Texas State Legislator	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Dennis Paul	8-County Region
Texas State Legislator	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Ed Thompson	8-County Region
Wharton County	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County