

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

DATE: Friday, April 28, 2023

TIME: 9:32 a.m.

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

The presiding officer, Chairman David Robinson called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of April 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to order.

1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff 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, April 28, 2023 and he was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027. 1st Vice Chair Beckendorff 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

1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff recognized Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, for the Certification of the Quorum and 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 3. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1st Vice Chairman Justin Beckendorff asked members of the Council to Declare Conflicts of Interest on any items on the agenda. No TPC members declared any conflicts.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under Item 1 through 3 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, began the presentation by informing the Council that Spanish translation services were available. No public comment was received by the 5:00 p.m. deadline on April 27, 2023. Ms. Isbell asked Ms. Wendy Almanzan to introduce herself and she gave instructions to the public in Spanish on how to make comments online and explained that American Sign Language services were available online in Zoom and the sign language interpreters introduced themselves as Kenneth Niemiets and Antonio Hesabo Ramos. The Public comments made in person and online can be heard [HERE](#)

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff asked the Council if there was a need to pull any item from the consent agenda. No items were requested to be pulled. 1st Vice Chair asked for a motion on the Consent Agenda Items below:

- A. Approval of March 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes Summary
- B. Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and TPC Resolutions 2023-16 and TPC Resolution 2023-17.

A motion was made and was seconded. The Council voted and approved the April TPC Consent Agenda.

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6. RECOGNITION OF COMMENDATION FOR OUTGOING TPC MEMBER, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC read a resolution recognizing Mr. David Douglas for his distinguished service to the Liberty County and the Transportation Policy Council. A motion was made by Chuck Wemple and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2023-15

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7. REQUEST APPROVAL OF BIKE MONTH CAMPAIGN, EMANUAL ANDREWS, H-GAC

Mr. Emanuel Andrews, H-GAC gave a presentation on the Bike Engagement Campaign and Bike Month Resolution. Love to Ride is a bike transportation program that enables the planning and promotion to increase bike ridership. Currently, it is in 142 cities, 14,000 workplaces and has 670,000 users. Love to Ride provides a platform that is fun, engaging, inclusive and their app is very accessible. The objective is to get the region moving on bikes, have fun while engaging with the community, increase ridership and promote local resources. Currently, there are two campaigns with Love to Ride which are Bike Month which kicks off next week and Biketober. The campaigns include workplace challenges and donated incentives, different courses that will be offered in person and online, and tips to keep riders engaged. Love to Ride will help to coordinate with bike stakeholders, businesses, and community advocates. The <https://www.lovetoride.net/bikethegulf> is live now.

Mr. Andrews requested TPC approval of May 2023 as National Bike Month and TPC Resolution No. 2023-18. A motion was made by Judge Mark Keough and seconded by Secretary Nancy Arnold. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution 2023-18 and May 2023 as National Bike Month.

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8. REQUEST APPROVAL OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN MEASURES, JAMILA OWENS, H-GAC

Ms. Jamila Owens presented on the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Measures. Transit agencies are required by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to develop safety plans. MPO's are required by the Federal Highway Administration to develop regional performance measures. Investment and Infrastructure Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021 required some changes, including creation safety of committees to help guide these plans and to track measures for tiers of agency; across four categories. Ms. Owens described Tier 1 – METRO and Island Transit and TIER II-Other Agencies, category definitions, and the specific measures.

Ms. Owens requested approval of the 2023 Regional Public Transportation Agency Safety Performance Measures and TPC Resolution No. 2023-19. A brief question and answer session occurred before the Council voted. A motion was made by Mayor Kevin Cole and a second by Chuck Wemple. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2023-19.

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9. AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS FOR THE 2045 RTP UPDATE, GRACIELA LUBERTINO, H-GAC

Ms. Graciela Lubertino, H-GAC, gave a presentation on the Air Quality Conformity and 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. Ms. Lubertino gave a recap on what Air Conformity is and how it links the air quality state implantation, regional roadway planning and ensures that transportation plans do not delay attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality standard. Ms. Lubertino told the Council that the Regional Transportation Plan must be updated every 4 years. The 2045 RTP Update and amendments to 2023-2026 TIP must conform to certain requirements. Ms. Lubertino described the requirements, calculations, and draft air quality conformity results to the Council.

Ms. Lubertino requested approval of TPC Resolution No. 2023-20. Questions, answers and a comment session occurred before the Council voted. A motion was made by Judge Mark Keough and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. The Council voted and approved TPC Air Quality Conformity for the 2045 RTP Update and TPC Resolution No. 2023-20.

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10. 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE, ANITA HOLLMANN MATIJCIO, H-GAC

Ms. Anita Hollmann-Matijcio, H-GAC, gave a presentation on the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. Ms. Hollmann-Matijcio described the report outline and presentation highlights which included 2045 RTP Update Process, vision, goals, performance measures, strategies, challenges, opportunities, action plan, and timeline.

Ms. Hollmann-Matijcio requested approval of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan Update and TPC Resolution No. 2023-21. A lengthy question, comment and answer period occurred after the presentation. A motion was made by Mayor Kevin Cole and seconded Roberto Trevino. The Council voted and approved the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan update and TPC Resolution No. 2023-21. Judge Mark Keough voted No.

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

11. UPDATE ON NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NHHIP), CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC introduced Mr. Varuna Singh, TxDOT who gave an update to the Council on the status of the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP.) Mr. Singh proceeded by describing an overview of Segments 1, 2 and 3, the NHHIP Timeline Overview with details of key highlights, reasons for the project and goals. Mr. Singh also gave an update of the Voluntary Resolution Agreement with FHWA, the Memorandum of Understanding with Harris County resolving NEPA lawsuit, the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Houston. The NHHIP remains funded in the 2023 UTP with \$5 billion including \$490.7M as approved by the TPC. You can see the presentation on TxDOT's website in the link below: <https://www.txdot.gov/content/dam/project-sites/nhhip/images/i45-nhhip-presentation-to-hgac-transportation-policy-council-april2023.pdf>

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For Information Only. No action needed

ITEM 12. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, updated the Council on the Project Selection Process. Mr. Beckom told the Council that staff completed an online questionnaire for Regional Goods Movement evaluations which include investment category focused criteria, benefits to other investment categories and planning factors. Agencies can submit using the portal. Agencies can also upload additional documents using the upload link, adjacent projects, projects in phases will be considered as one large project per TPC Guidance Policy #1. H-GAC staff can assist gathering information from interactive webapps. The Regional Goods Movement questionnaire deadline has been extended to May 12, 2023. Mr. Beckom described previous TPC funding guidance, funding instruction alternatives, investments categories, scoring point distribution, planning factors point distribution, operational improvement, congestion management and next steps.

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ITEM 13. REGIONAL TRANSIT CONNECTIVITY, MR. SANDY KLANFER, H-GAC

Mr. Sandy Klanfer gave a brief update on the Regional Transit Connectivity (Regional Fares) Program. The Regional Fares program will create a seamless way to plan and pay for transit trips throughout the region. Reducing barriers to using transit will provide a variety of benefits for the region which include increase ridership, decrease emissions, reduce congestion and reduce wait time for the public. Mr. Klanfer also described regional assessments and implementation.

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ITEM 14. SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES, MR. DAVID FINK, H-GAC

Mr. David Fink gave an update on Safety Performance Measures. The Federal Highway Administration requires an annual submission of safety performance measures by state department of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations. The five federal safety performance measures included 1) Number of Fatalities; 2) Rate of fatalities (per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled); 3) Number of serious injuries (per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled); 4) Rate of serious injuries (per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled); and 5) Number non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries (pedestrians and bicyclist).

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ITEM 15. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP AND 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickenson provided a presentation on 14 Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet.

B. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update on various Transportation Planning Activities. Information was provided to the TPC members in the meeting packet.

C. H-GAC Board

Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update of Transportation items approved at the April 18, 2023 meeting of the H-GAC Board. Information was provided to the TPC members in the meeting packet.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD)

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting	5/10/23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization	5/10/23	2:00 p.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Policy Council Meeting	5/19/23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid

1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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05/24/2023

Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Nancy Arnold

E-signed 2023-05-24 10:10AM CDT
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Attachment 1
 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
 FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
April 28, 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	<u> X </u> 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> Honorable 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	<u> X </u> Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor <u> </u> Trent Epperson-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> X </u> Honorable Stewart Jacobson – 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, Secretary	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, 2nd Vice Chair <u> </u> Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u> X </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> Melinda Soliday Department Administrator <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 – 1st Vice Chair <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	<u> X </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. District Engineer <u> * </u> Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	<u> X </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> </u> Dr. Carol Lewis Chairman, GCRD <u> X </u> Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u> 28 </u> Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 26 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

Correction Mr. Ross was in attendance on 4/28/23

AGENCY

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

REPRESENTING

Texas State Senate	<input type="checkbox"/> Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clint Schelbitzki	Union Pacific
Freight Rail Interests	<input 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	Wharton County