

6A. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA

DATE: Friday, June 28, 2024
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027

The presiding officer, Chair Justin Beckendorff called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of June 28, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. to order.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chairman Justin Beckendorff 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. Chairman Justin Beckendorff welcomed The Woodlands Township to the TPC and asked members of the Council to Declare Conflicts of Interest on any item on the agenda. No TPC member declared a conflict of interest.

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

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC informed the Council there were two written comments and read them to the TPC and into the record. The American Sign Language Interpreters were Sherri Frost and Aimee Jordan and the Spanish Interpreter was Maria Alegrett. The public could access those services by following instructions on the screen via Zoom. The Public was asked to come forward to provide public comments in person and online and can be heard in the meeting recording. The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under Item 4 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 5. MPO DIRECTOR REPORT AND ORIENTATION OF AGENDA, MR. CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

A. Planning Activities Report

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, informed the Council the report on Planning Activities was provided to the Council in the meeting packet. Mr. Raborn also informed the Council about promotions within the Transportation Department and mentioned the TPC Retreat on July 19th at the Briar Club.

B. Project Selection Process Update

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC, gave a brief update on the Project Selection Process and informed the Council the process is under way for the 5 investment categories. The evaluation criteria and questions are available online and staff will begin the benefit cost analysis soon.

C. Carryover Spend Down Update

Ms. Callie Barnes, H-GAC, gave an update on the Carryover Spend Down and informed the Council staff has 59 projects with 25 sponsors totaling \$335M. These projects should be let or transferred to FTA by August 2025. If all are successful, they will generate \$23M for Regional

Strategic Transportation Fund (RTSF) Program. Ms. Barnes gave an overview of the RSTF Program Interlocal Agreements (ILAs) Those will be going out in the next two weeks. Staff is coordinating with TxDOT on a questions and answer meeting and holding weekly coordination meetings with Sponsor and FHWA. Ms. Barnes also covered the next steps for Sponsors and a brief overview of the timeline. Ms. Barnes said an additional list of projects is under development. Sponsors to submit projects that can be let by August 2025. Staff will present options to TAC/TPC in July 2024. A question, answer and discussion period occurred after the presentation.

D. H-GAC Board

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, gave the Council a brief recap of the Transportation related items presented to the Board on June 18, 2024. The information was provided to the Council in the meeting packet prior to the meeting.

E. Coordinated Transportation Update

Mr. Sanford Klanfer, H-GAC, gave a presentation and informed the Council that H-GAC serves as the lead agency in coordinating the human services and public transportation. The Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan (RCTP) is updated every 5 years to identify gaps and recommend improvements and assist with implementation of recommendations. Mr. Klanfer briefed the Council on 2024 achievements, the Transit Information Study and Best Practices guide and the Paratransit NEMT Provider Summit

The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 5 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. TPC April 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes Summary
- B. Nominating Committee Recommendations

A motion was made by Secretary Nancy Arnold to approve the Meeting Summary of April 26, 2024 and the TPC Nominating Committee Recommendations The motion was seconded by Judge Mark Keough. The Council voted and approved the motion. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

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

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

- Add \$1.6M of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding, split 80/20, to Brazoria County's County Road 59 4-lane widening project (MPO ID 12760) to cover increased construction costs that are due to inflation. (+\$1.6M; Total: \$15.7M)
- Add \$360K of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 formula funds to Harris County Transit's FY 2024 Purchase of Service project (MPO ID 18931) per the METRO Board of Directors' November 2023 revised allocations. Program 223,000 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds. (+\$360K; Total: \$1.1M)

- Add \$740K of FTA Section 5310 formula funds to Harris County Transit's FY 2024 Mobility Management project (MPO ID 18949) per the METRO Board of Directors' November 2023 revised allocations. Program 283,000 TDCs in lieu of matching funds. (+\$740K; Total: \$1.4M)
- Program unused FTA Section 5307, 5310 and 5339 formula funds for the Gulf Coast Transit District capital and operating expenditures (MPO IDs 19138, 19139, 19140) in FY 2024 using 815,142 TDCs in lieu of matching funds. (+\$2.3M; Total: \$2.3M)
- Program the \$360K Congressional appropriation to Fort Bend County for a transit scheduling and dispatch system in FY 2025. The funding comes from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, which dedicated funds for Community Project Funding (CPF). Fort Bend County will provide \$90K of matching funds. (+\$450K; Total: \$450K)

Mr. Dickinson requested approval of TPC Resolution 2024-12 and TPC Resolution No. 2024-13. A motion was made and seconded. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution 2024-12 and TPC Resolution 2024-13. The presentation, comments, questions and discussion are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT (TIP), VISHU LINGALA, H-GAC

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC, gave a presentation on the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement (TIP) Program. The TIP is a Federal and State mandated program of transportation projects that are funded with local, state, and air quality projects and covers four years of available funding. The TIP is amended as needed and submitted to the State quarterly. The TIP is adopted and extended every two years and must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan and the latest Air Quality Conformity Determination. The purpose of the TIP is to provide commitment of expected federal and state funds and reflect regional transportation priorities and provide for Public review and comment. The TIP also gives local project sponsors the ability to review the status of projects. Mr. Lingala proceeded to give the Council an overview of the steps staff followed to develop the final project listing. The final recommended project listing and Draft TIP document are posted online at <https://www.h-gac.com/transportation-improvement-program/2025-2028>. Included in the 2025-2028 TIP there are projects carried over from the 2024 TIP and 10-year plan, projects that were selected in the previous Call for projects from 2015 and 2018, Carryover Spend down projects from December 2023, Regional Goods Movement Projects from December 2023, updates from local project sponsors and proposed cost increases. Mr. Lingala gave a recap of a TxDOT funding request of 1.3 Billion. All projects are programmed in the 2024 UTP and all projects are included in the RTP. Staff has recommended all projects in the TxDOT request. \$900M is reserved for future projects. Mr. Lingala also gave an overview of the Public Comments and gave a summary of Programming, a breakdown of project mode and a listing of 2025-2028 major projects. Mr. Lingala informed the Council about the MPO Certification and timeline. Mr. Lingala requested approval of TPC Resolution No. 2024-14 and TPC Resolution No. 2024-15. A comment, questions and answer period occurred after the presentation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the motion. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2024-14 and TPC Resolution No. 15. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 9. FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM UPDATES, CALLIE BARNES, H-GAC

Ms. Callie Barnes, H-GAC, gave a presentation on the Federal Functional Classification System. The Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS) provides a framework for identifying the role of a roadway in moving vehicles through the network of highways. Ms. Barnes informed the Council of two updates to this system.

From the TxDOT-Beaumont District

Hatcherville Rd From FM 1942N to Liberty C/L: Update FFCS to add Hatcherville Road in Chambers County from FM 1942 N to Liberty County Line (C/L) as a Major Collector facility.

From the TxDOT -Houston District

IH 10W (Eastbound and Westbound) Frontage Roads between FM 359 and Cane Island Parkway: Update FFCS to add IH 10W Frontage Roads eastbound for 4.0 miles from FM 359 to Pederson Road as well as westbound for 5.56 miles from the Waller County/Fort Bend County Line to FM 359 as Major Collector facilities,

Ms. Barnes requested TPC approval of TPC Resolution No. 2024-16. A motion was made and seconded. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2024-16. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 10. APPOINTMENT OF TPC BYLAWS COMMITTEE, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, announced the appointment of the TPC Bylaws Committee by Chair Justn Beckendorff. The Committee will be charged with reviewing and make recommendations to the TPC on any potential amendments or revisions to the TPC’s Bylaws. The members are as follows:

MEMBER	POSITION	REPRESENTING
Mark Keough, Chair	County Judge	Montgomery County
Grady Prestage, Vice-Chair	County Commissioner	Fort Bend County
Joe Zimmerman	Mayor	City of Sugarland
Kevin Cole	Mayor	City of Pearland
Sallie Alcorn	Council Member	City of Houston
Lesley Briones	County Commissioner	Harris County
Eliza Paul	District Engineer	TxDOT-Houston
Randy Macchi	Chief Operating Officer, Public Works	City of Houston

A motion was made and seconded to approve the member as listed above. A brief discussion occurred. The motion was amended to remove Council Member Sallie Alcorn, add Varuna Singh, TxDOT as an interim member due to Eliza Paul’s retirement in August. Varuna will fill in until Eliza’s replacement is named. The motion was seconded. The Council voted and approved the members of the committee as listed below:

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Kevin Cole	Mayor	City of Pearland
Lesley Briones	County Commissioner	Harris County
Eliza Paul/Varuna Singh	District Engineer/Deputy District Engineer	TxDOT-Houston
Randy Macchi	Chief Operating Officer, Public Works	City of Houston

ITEM 11. DRAFT TPC BYLAWS REVISION DISCUSSION, CRAIG RABORN, HGAC

Mr. Chuck Wemple, Executive Director, H-GAC gave an update on the review by outside legal Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright, on the ongoing work on the Draft TPC Bylaws revisions. The first analysis was given to the Council a while back regarding the expansion of the planning area and they found that does not need to happen until December 2026. The second and final analysis which included whether the current bylaws satisfy rules and regulations as well as the proposed modifications. The legal review found that the TPC Bylaws did not need to be changed but they could be by the TPC. The attorneys find that the clause regarding expanding the planning area based on census results did not need to be in the Bylaws. Mr. Wemple introduced Mr. Charles Graham, Attorney, Norton Rose Fulbright who was in attendance.

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For Information Only. No action needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJORNMENT

Transportation Advisory Committee will occur on July 18, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.. – In person
Transportation Policy Council Retreat will occur on July 19, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. – In person-Briar Club
The Transportation Policy Council Meeting will occur on July 26, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.- In person

Chairman Justin Beckendorff adjourned the meeting at 11:10 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
June 28, 2024

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable Brandon Capetillo Mayor _____ 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 Sallie Alcorn Council Member _____ Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member _____ Honorable Joaquin Martinez - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	_____ Randy Macchi Chief Operating Officer -Public Works <u> X </u> Steven David - Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Tommy Cones Council Member _____ Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	_____ Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works <u> X </u> Marcus Snell – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	_____ 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- 2nd Vice Chair Mayor <u> </u> Trent Epperson-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> X </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> Hon. Nancy Arnold Council Member, Secretary <u> </u> Honorable Sally Branson-Alternate	Smaller Cities Harris County
Friendswood, City of		
The Woodlands Township	<u> X </u> Dr. Ann K. Snyder Chair, The Woodlands Township Board <u> </u> Kyle Watson-Alternate	The Woodlands Township
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, 1st Vice Chair <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 Lesley Briones County Commissioner, Pct. 4 <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> </u> David Douglas Director of Economic Development <u> X </u> Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

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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 – Chair <u> </u> Commissioner, Kendric Jones- Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u> </u> Elizabeth Gonzalez Brock METRO Chair <u> X </u> Thomas Jasien-Alternate	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u> X </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director <u> </u> Rick Guerrero – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT-Houston	<u> X </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. <u> </u> District Engineer <u> </u> Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT-Beaumont	<u> X </u> Martin Gonzalez, P.E. District Engineer <u> </u> Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Other Transportation Interests	<u> </u> Phyllis Saathoff Executive Director, Port Freeport <u> </u> Roger Guenther, Port Houston- Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u> X </u> Dr. Carol Lewis Chair, GCRD <u> </u> Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u> 28 </u> Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 24 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 15 </u> Required Quorum	

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

Hon. Ed Thompson

8-County Region

Wharton County

Hon. Phillip Spenrath

Wharton County