

**MEETING OF THE RTP SUBCOMMITTEE
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL**

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TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

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June 9, 2021

1:30PM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
Roll Call Attendance
2. Acceptance of Minutes
From meeting of May 12, 2021
3. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on Requested RTP Amendments:
Staff will discuss comments received and potential recommendations
4. Announcements
 - a. Next TAC Meeting – June 16, 2021 at 9:30AM (Teleconference)
 - b. Next TPC Meeting – June 25, 2021 at 9:30AM (Teleconference)
 - c. Next RTP Subcommittee Meeting – July 14, 2021 at 1:30PM (Teleconference)
5. Adjourn

RTP Subcommittee Roster

Primary-Name	Organization	Alternate-Name	Organization
Monique Johnson	City of Sugar Land	Krystal LaStrape	City of Sugar Land
Bill Zrioka	Houston Airport System	David Leslie	Houston Airport System
Andrea French	TAG-Houston Region	Nikki Knight	Southeast Management Dist.
Elijah Williams	Energy Corridor	Elizabeth Whitton, AICP	Energy Corridor
Iris Gonzalez	Coalition for Env., Equity & Res.	Jonathan Brooks	LINK Houston
Adam France, AICP	City of Conroe	Chris Bogert, P.E.	City of Conroe
Christopher Sims	City of League City	Hon. Chad Tressler	City of League City
Matt Hanks	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon	Brazoria County
David Fields	City of Houston-P&D	Katrina Bayer	City of Houston-PW
Hon. Jay Knight	Liberty County	David Douglas	Liberty County
Loyd Smith, P.E.	Harris County	Bryan Brown	Harris County
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	City of Friendswood	Robert Upton, P.E.	City of Pearland
Nick Woolery	City of Baytown	Frank Simoneaux	City of Baytown
Yancy Scott	Waller County	Jared Chen	Waller County
Katherine Parker	Gulf Coast Rail District	Carol Lewis, PhD	TSU
Bruce Mann	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	Port of Houston
Rodger Rees	Port of Galveston	Brett Milutin	Port of Galveston
Charles Airiohuodion	TxDOT-HOU	Jeffrey English	TxDOT-HOU
Lisa Collins	TxDOT-BMT	Scott Ayres	TxDOT-BMT
Ken Fickes	Harris County	Vernon Chambers	Harris County
Perri D'Armond	Fort Bend County	Stacy Slawinski	Fort Bend County
Kenneth Brown	METRO	Philip Brenner	METRO
John Tyler	HCTRA	Dale Hilliard	HCTRA

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May 12, 2021

1:30PM

Minutes

Member Attendance:

Primary-Name	Present	Alternate-Name	Present
Morad Kabiri, Chair	Yes	Robert Upton	No
Perri D'Armond, Vice Chair	Yes	Stacy Slawinski	No
Monique Johnson	Yes	Krystal LaStrape	Yes
Bill Zrioka	Yes	David Leslie	No
Andrea French	No	Nikki Knight	Yes
Elijah Williams	Yes	Elizabeth Whitton	Yes
Iris Gonzalez	No	Jonathan Brooks	Yes
Adam France	Yes	Chris Bogert	No
Christopher Sims	Yes	Hon. Chad Tressler	No
Matt Hanks	No	Karen McKinnon	No
David Fields	Yes	Katrina Bayer	No
Hon. Jay Knight	No	David Douglas	No
Loyd Smith	Yes	Bryan Brown	Yes
Nick Woolery	Yes	Frank Simoneaux	No
Yancy Scott	Yes	Jared Chen	No
Katherine Parker	Yes	Carol Lewis	No
Bruce Mann	Yes	Rohit Saxena	No
Rodger Rees	No	Brett Milutin	No
Charles Airiohuodion	Yes	Jeffrey English	Yes
Lisa Collins	Yes	Scott Ayres	No
Ken Fickes	Yes	Vernon Chambers	Yes
Kenneth Brown	Yes	Philip Brenner	No
John Tyler	No	Dale Hilliard	No

Others Present: Alan Clark, Adam Beckom, Catherine McCreight, Dale (guest), Jim Dickinson, Diane Domagas, Eliza Paul, David Fink, Ben Finley, Stephan Gage, Shixin Gao, Brandy George, Thomas Gray, Donte Green, Veronica Green, Harrison (guest), Allie Isbell, Jared Chen, Susan Jaworski, Sharon Ju, Catherine Kato, Megan Kennison, Sanford Klanfer, Justin Kuzila, Shirley Li, Graciela Lubertino, Patrick Mandapaka, Carlene Mullins, Karen Owen, Jamila Owens, Frank Pagliei, Ruth Henshall, Ruthanne Haut, Theodore Ross, Chris Van Slyke, Varuna Singh, Kathryn Vo, Veronica Waller, Christopher Whaley

Staff Participating:

Mike Burns, Alan Rodenstein, Craig Raborn, Vishu Lingala

1. Call to Order
Morad K called the meeting to order at 1:30PM
2. Acceptance of Minutes
Ken F made a motion to approve, Perri D seconded.
The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Performance Measures – Transit Safety
Alan R presented Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan. Requested to move forward the safety plan to Transportation Policy Council for approval.
Bruce M made a motion to proceed to TPC for approval approve, Katherine P seconded.
The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on Requested RTP Amendments

Craig R gave an introduction on 2045 RTP Amendments process and comments received and the next steps.

Bruce M asked if this process impacts the projects getting into RTP.

Craig R responded that there will be one month delay. It will be beneficial and allow more time for review the comments. We will also talk with projects sponsors and get feedback from them.

Jonathan B mentioned that the strategy seems to be a good faith effort on behalf of the organization to interpret comments. This effort has been somewhat lacking, so we support this effort and happy to hear it.

Craig R responded that the comments will be reviewed in a structured way and having the process documented is an obligation.

Vishu L summarized the requested amendments, the amendment process, the public comments summary, and the next steps of the RTP amendment process.

Loyd S asked for confirmation of the schedule for approving the amendments.

Vishu L confirmed that action for approval of minor administrative amendments and preview the METRO comments in May for TAC/TPC and then action will be requested on all major amendments in June for TAC/TPC.

Bruce Mann made a motion to approve the staff recommended schedule of next steps for action on the METRO, minor, and major amendments, Morad Kabiri seconded.

Loyd S asked what we are voting on without being provided with the comments.

Craig R clarified that action would support the next steps as described and mentioned a question in the chat from Catherin M asking if those 50 projects that we're talking about from Metro had been included in the public meeting.

Vishu L responded that those amendments were not included in the public process and will be previewed next week in TAC and TPC.

Morad K mentioned a chat question from Alan C asking if the METRO projects are new or are being appended due to changes.

Vishu L responded that some of them are changes to the project timings and some of them are new projects and the new projects are basically the park and ride facilities and these are regular amendments that we see on a regular basis through the tip and RTP amendments.

Craig R also responded that the TPC approved a resolution after the Metro Next ballot question was approved that the Metro Next Projects are consistent with RTP, which accelerates the process for being able to work these in.

Vishu L added that the boost corridor already had a placeholder in the RTP. The request right now is the specific notes for each individual corridor, for example, Park and Ride facilities.

Craig R noted the Metro amendments that will be reviewed at TAC meeting will not trigger air quality conformity to make decision.

Morad K called for a vote on the motion on the table.

Motion was approved unanimously.

5. Discussion of Possible Focus Groups of the RTP Subcommittee

Mike B summarized the RTP Subcommittee work group survey and explained the structure and how the workgroups work.

David Fields suggested that maybe the work groups could be on a volunteer basis instead of mandatory. People might be interested in more than one topic among all categories.

Bruce M was concerned the work group will distribute information unequally, it's better to have a broader group conversation rather than smaller groups.

Morad K noted that the RTP Subcommittee will stick to a big group and have someone speak on each topic.

No action required.

6. Announcements

a. Transportation Community Input Series – April 15, 2021 to May 14, 2021:

i. Southeast Harris County – recorded public meeting: <http://engage.h-gac.com>

ii. Montgomery County Pct. 2 – recorded public meeting: <http://engage.h-gac.com>

iii. Liberty County – recorded public meeting: <http://engage.h-gac.com>

b. Next RTP Subcommittee Meeting – June 9, 2021 at 1:30PM (Teleconference)

c. Next TAC Meeting – May 19, 2021 at 9:30AM (Teleconference)

d. Next TPC Meeting – May 21, 2021 at 9:30AM (Teleconference)

Morad K summarized the future meetings under the announcements and asked that members participate by visiting the outreach sites for the subregional study.

7. Adjourn

Morad K asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Bruce M and seconded by Morad K to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:24PM.

Minutes submitted by: Shirley Li and Mike Burns



Requested Amendments to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity



Vishu Lingala
RTP Subcommittee
June 9, 2021



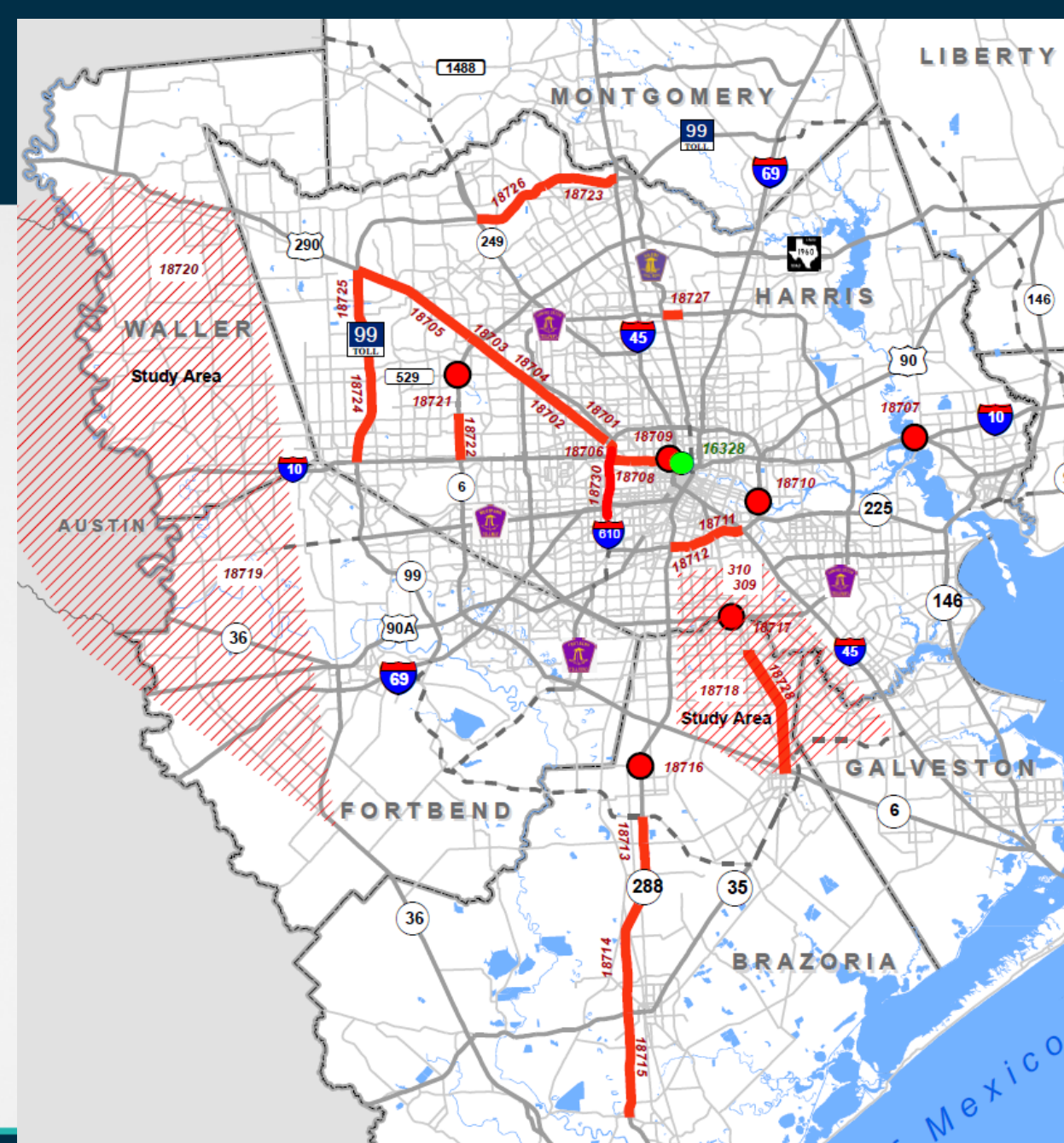
Requested Amendments

■ TxDOT Houston

- IH 45 At IH 10W (NHHIP Seg 3)
- IH 10W (Inner Katy)
- IH 610W Express lanes
- Hempstead Road
- Highway 36A
- SH 35, SH 288, and SH 99
- SH 6 (Intersection Improvements and Corridor Study)
- IH 10E (at San Jacinto), IH 610 E (Ship Channel)

■ Metro

- Projects listed in Attachment



Comments Response

- Total 141 comments submitted in both rounds
 - 34 duplicates
- View comments responses at
- <http://www.2045rtp.com/>

2045 Regional Transportation Plan *Moving Our Region into Tomorrow*

2045 Regional Transportation Plan Amendments

The Houston-Galveston Area Council will hold two virtual public meetings on **Thursday, April 8** to discuss proposed amendments to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. Additionally, H-GAC will provide updates on our process to maintain conformity with state and federal air quality goals. H-GAC experts will present the main topics, after which attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and make public comments.

The public comment period for these topics opens on **March 26, 2021** and will close on **April 28, 2021**.

Date & Time

Thursday, April 8, 2021
Afternoon meeting: 2-3PM
Evening meeting: 6-7PM

Meeting Materials

[Chapter 6 Air Quality \(03/26/21\)](#)
[Proposed Amendments to 2045RTP Projects \(3/26/21\)](#)
[Draft Appendix D Fiscally Constrained Projects List by County \(3/26/21\)](#)
[Draft 2021 Transportation Conformity](#)

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Review and Evaluation Criteria

Primary Goal

- Ensure current RTP vision considered and not substantially altered
- Approval of major new projects is not automatic
- Review and Evaluation necessary to develop recommendations

Recommendation Considerations:

- MPO Urgency
- Recent MPO Study or Plan
- Jurisdiction Support/Request
- Previous Reviews and Evaluations
- RTP Consistency
- Environmental Justice or Environmental Impact Risks

Draft Recommendation

- Approve amendments to the 2045RTP.
 - Amendment projects included in Table below

Facility	MPOIDs	Description	Request	Staff Recommendation	Estimated Total Project Cost
SH288	18713; 18714; 18715; 18716	Widen Freeway; Widen Bridge	ADD	Approve Amendment	\$497.5M
SH35	18728	Widening (Brazoria)	ADD	Approve Amendment	\$129M
I-10E	18707	Bridge Replacement and widening	ADD	Approve Amendment	\$492M
I-610E	18710	Bridge Replacement	ADD	Approve Amendment	\$2400M
I-610S	18711, 18712	Reconstruct Freeway, incl TSM	ADD	Approve Amendment	\$532.7M
SL 8	18727	Reconstruction and widening	ADD	Approve Amendment	\$10.5M
SH 6	18721; 18722	Intersection Improvements and corridor study	ADD	Approve Amendment	\$9.8M
SH99; Seg E	18724; 18725	Seg E; Widen	ADD	Approve Amendment	\$195M
SH99; Seg F-2	18723; 18726	Seg F-2; Widen	ADD	Approve Amendment	\$125M
Total					\$4,390.8M

Draft Recommendation

- Conditional approval (Projects included in Table below)
 - Highway 36A
 - IH 10W at IH 45 NHHIP Segment - 3

Facility	MPOIDs	Description	Request	Staff Recommendation	Estimated Total Project Cost
Highway 36-A	18719	Construct 4-lane Divided Highway	ADD	Expedited Planning study	\$1,000M
Highway 36-A	18720	Construct 4-lane Divided Highway	ADD	Approve Amendment with a condition.	\$1,400M
I-45/I-10W	16328	Reconstruct Interchange (move 2030 to 2024)	AMEND	Approve Amendment with a condition.	\$1,060M
Total					\$3,460M

Draft Recommendation

- Expedite planning studies and consider inclusion of recommendations of the planning studies in the 2050 RTP.
 - Projects included in Table below

Facility	MPOIDs	Description	Request	Staff Recommendation	Estimated Total Project Cost
SH35	18718; 309; 310; 18717	Construct New Freeway and Interchange	ADD	Expedite planning study	\$600M
Hempstead Rd	18706; 18703; 18704; 18705; 18701; 18702	Reconstruct; add transit lane & 4 elevated managed lanes	ADD	Expedite planning study	\$1250M
I-10W	18707; 18708	(Inner Katy); Reconstruct & add managed lanes	ADD	Expedite planning study	\$1923.2M
I-610W	18730	Construct 4 Express Lanes	ADD	Expedite planning study	\$558M
Total					\$4,331M

Next Steps

- Seek approval of transit projects included in Attachment in July.
- July – September – Conformity determination process.
- September – Public meeting on revised 2045 RTP projects list.
- October – Seek TAC/TPC approval of conformity determination
- November – Submit conformity determination to FHWA
- 3 Months later – FHWA issues conformity finding letter.

New Planning and Readiness Program

Establish NEW “Planning and Readiness Predevelopment Program”

- Address project readiness and delivery challenges
 - Build consensus and finish MPO planning for high-impact projects
 - Prepare projects for inclusion in TIP/10-YR Plan/RTP or special grants
 - Funded with up to additional 1% regional STBG suballocation
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- **Initial Projects (Expedited study)**
 - Highway 36-A (South): 18719
 - SH35: 18718; 309; 310; 18717
 - Hempstead Road: 18706; 18703; 18704; 18705; 18701; 18702
 - I-10W (Inner Katy): 18707; 18708 (also 11473 and 18405)
 - I-610W: 18730

Action

- Recommend TPC approval of Resolution 2021-20
 - Approval of amendments for projects included in Table on slide 5
 - Conditional approval of amendments for projects included in Table on Slide 6
 - Recommend expedited planning studies (to reassess the transportation issues/needs and possible solutions address those issues) along the highway corridors included in Table Slide 7 to provide safe and efficient transportation choices for all users