

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

DATE: Friday, February 24, 2023

TIME: 9:30 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 February 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to order.

Chairman David Robinson 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, February 24, 2023 and he was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027. Chairman Robinson attested that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public. Chairman Robinson 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

Chairman David Robinson 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.

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

ITEM 3. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Chairman David Robinson asked members of the Council to Declare Conflicts of Interest on any items on the agenda. No TPC members declared any conflicts.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, began the presentation by informing the Council that Spanish translation services were available. Ms. Isbell asked Ms. Lourdes McIntyre to introduce herself and give instructions to the public on how to make comments online. Ms. Isbell also told the Council that instructions we provided online on a slide and that American Sign Language services were available online in Zoom and asked interpreters Kenneth Niemietz and Jennifer Magill to introduce themselves and to provide instructions. There was one written comment submitted by 5:00 p.m. on February 23, 2023. Ms. Isbell read the comment. No public comments were made in person.

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ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Nancy Arnold presented the January 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes summary to the Council. Secretary Arnold asked the Council for any modifications or corrections as presented. There were no modifications or corrections. A motion was made by Secretary Nancy Arnold and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

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ITEM 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2023-11, MR. JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, gave a presentation on the Amendments to the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP are included below:

- Add \$26.0M of Local Toll funding to Fort Bend County's FY 2025 Westpark Tollway Extension project (MPO ID 8014) due to ramp and utilities relocation cost increases. Advance from FY 2025 to FY 2024. (+26.0M; \$45.0M)
- Add \$11.8M of Local Toll funding to Fort Bend County's FY 2023 FM 1093 Tollway construction project (MPO ID 16192) to include a bridge over FM 1436/FM 359. (+11.8M; \$27.0M)
- Split the SH 225 Westbound-Northbound direct connector construction project at SL 8 (MPOID 18883) from the locally funded Harris County Toll Road Authority's direct connectors construction project (16340) with \$24.0M, and program it in FY 2028 of the Ten-Year Plan. (Total Cost: \$24.0M)
- Modify the description of the Harris County Toll Road Authority's SH 225 direct connectors construction project at SL 8 (MPO ID 16340) from construction of five (5) direct connectors to construction of four (4) direct connectors (Northbound-Westbound, Southbound-Eastbound, Northbound-Eastbound, Southbound-Westbound) and retain it in FY 2023 with \$92M of Local Toll funding. (Total Cost: \$92.0M)
- Update the scope of work of the City of Bellaire's Traffic Management System installation project (MPO ID 18020) to specify that the system will be built with the '5G' (fifth generation) technology standard. Delay the letting date from FY 2023 to FY 2024. (Total Cost: \$866K)
- Delay the City of Baytown Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funded Garth Road widening project (MPO ID 17096) from FY 2023 to FY 2025 due to Right-of-Way acquisition issues. (Total Cost: \$41.7M)
- Delay the City of Galveston locally funded 61st Street extension project (MPO ID 9403) from FY 2023 to FY 2027 in the Ten-Year Plan due to environmental and railroad agreement issues. (Total Cost: \$17.3M)

- Delay the City of Galveston locally funded Central Business District Pedestrian Access to Transit project (MPO ID 16217) from FY 2023 to FY 2025 as Galveston evaluates the need and scope of the project. (Total Cost: \$5.5M)
- Delay the Fort Bend County's locally funded Beechnut Street widening project (MPO ID 13754) from FY 2023 to FY 2028 in the Ten-Year Plan due to readiness issues. (Total Cost: \$26.0M)
- Delay the Harris County's locally funded Underwood Road extension project (MPO ID 147) from FY 2023 to FY 2026 as the County reassesses their priorities. (Total Cost: \$4.8M)
- Delay the Harris County's locally funded Katy-Hockley Cutoff widening project (MPO ID 7474) from FY 2023 to FY 2026 as the County reassesses their priorities. (Total Cost: \$60.0M)
- Delay the Harris County's locally funded Park Row Boulevard widening project (MPO ID 7762) from FY 2023 to FY 2026 as the County reassesses their priorities. (Total Cost: \$1.3M)
- Delay the Harris County's locally funded North Diamondhead Boulevard widening project (MPO ID 8047) from FY 2023 to FY 2026 as the County reassesses their priorities. (Total Cost: \$1.1M)
- Delay the Harris County's locally funded Cypress North Houston Road extension project (MPO ID 8011) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 as the County reassesses their priorities and costs. (Total Cost: \$2.0M)
- Cancel Harris County's locally funded Hufsmith-Kohrville Road widening project (MPO ID 7671) as it is no longer a priority for the County. (-\$12.0M)
- Cancel the City of Galveston's locally funded UTMB Main Campus Pedestrian/Transit Infrastructure Improvements project (MPO ID 16224) as it is no longer a priority for the City. (-\$2.4M)
- Cancel the City of South Houston's Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) funded sidewalk construction project (MPO ID 17119) at the City's request due to drainage and constructability issues. (-\$1.5M)

Mr. Dickinson requested TPC approval of Resolution No. 2023-11. A motion was made by Mayor Kevin Cole and seconded by 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff. A brief comment occurred before the vote. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution 2023-11.

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ITEM 7. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT 2022-2023/7, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, provided a presentation on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is a two-year plan, that runs from October 1, 2021-September 30, 2023, and describes the regional transportation plans and programs. The current UPWP was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council on August 27, 2021 and 6 amendments have been approved by the TPC. The UPWP includes Federally-funded transportation planning activities and other work by the MPO and partners to address regional priorities.

Mr. Raborn described a summary of the proposed amendments and a summary of fiscal changes for FY 2023 Transportation Planning Funds and FY2023 Other Funding sources as follows:

- Sub-task 1.1.a – Program Support and Administration
 - Add: Grant Coordination and Support program for local agencies to seek federal discretionary transportation grants
 - Add: \$300,000 for potential consultant services (Transportation Planning Funds)
- Sub-task 1.2.a – Public Involvement
 - Add: Update to the Language Assistance Plan
 - Add: \$50,000 for public media expenses (Transportation Planning Funds)
- Sub-task 2.2.a – Travel Demand Forecasting
 - Add: Implementation of micro-simulation modeling software
 - Add: \$25,000 for software procurement (Transportation Planning Funds)
- Sub-task 4.3 – Transit Oriented Development Planning
 - Partner: METRO
 - Add: Develop Transit Oriented Development plan at Tidwell Transit Center
 - Add: \$470,000 (\$376,000 FTA 5309 planning grant; \$94,000 METRO local funds)
- Sub-task 3.1 – Transportation Project Programming
 - Add: Development of online project selection tool and tracking database
 - Add: \$250,000 for software platform procurement and implementation (Transportation Planning Funds)
- Sub-task 3.4.a – Safety Planning, Data, Analysis, and Reporting
 - Add: Provide support for Safety Task Force
 - Add: No Additional Cost
- Sub-task 4.6.a.3 – Regional Transit Agency Coordination
 - Add: Plan and Develop Transit Information System Study and Best Practice Guide
 - Add: \$101,732 of FTA 5304 planning funds for potential consultant services (TxDOT grant)
- Sub-task 4.3 – Transit Oriented Development Planning
 - Partner: METRO
 - Add: Develop Transit Oriented Development plan at Tidwell Transit Center
 - Add: \$470,000 (\$376,000 FTA 5309 planning grant; \$94,000 METRO local funds)

Summary of Individual Fiscal Changes – FY2023 Transportation Planning Funds

Task/Sub-task	Sub-task Name	Funding Change	New Sub-task Total
1 / 1.1.a	Program Support and Administration	+\$300,000	\$3,810,000
1 / 1.2.a	Public Involvement	+\$50,000	\$835,000
2 / 2.2.a	Travel Demand Forecasting	+\$25,000	\$3,335,000
3 / 3.1	Transportation Project Programming	+\$250,000	\$845,000
	Total	+\$625,000	N/A

Summary of Individual Fiscal Changes – FY2023 Other Funding Sources

Task/ Sub-task	Sub-task Name	Change	Source	New Sub-task Total
4 / 4.6.a.3	Regional Transit Agency Coordination	+\$101,732	TxDOT/FTA 5304	\$140,000
	Transit Oriented Development Plan	+\$376,000	FTA 5309 grant	\$2,545,000
4 / 4.3	Transit Oriented Development Plan	+\$94,000	METRO Local	(see above)
	Total	+\$571,732		N/A

Mr. Raborn requested TPC approval of UPWP Resolution 2022/23-7. A motion was made by Mayor Kevin Cole and seconded by Mayor Brandon Capetillo. A brief question and answer period occurred before the Council voted. The Council voted and approved UPWP Resolution 2022/23-7

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ITEM 8. UPDATE OF THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP), ANITA HOLLMANN MATIJCIO, H-GAC

Ms. Anita Hollmann Matijcio, H-GAC gave an update of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) The Regional Transportation Plan is a federally-required fiscally-constrained long range planning document updated every four years, which guides major transportation investments through the year 2045. This plan describes the region's vision, goals, and implementation strategies. It also describes the current conditions and desired future transportation system. This planning effort has been guided by the RTP Subcommittee who have been instrumental in the development of this plan.

Ms. Matijcio described an overall timeline of the RTP update and described activities that occurred. Public meetings were conducted from May through July 2022 to understand the public's needs through surveying. The Prioritization Phase followed with public meetings in October through December 2022. The RTP Update is now entering its third and final Public Review Phase and public review period from March 15 through April 17, 2023 to allow the public to review the draft document and provide comment prior to the RTP being approved by the Transportation Policy Council on April 28, 2023. Ms. Matijcio further described a timeline of public meetings held in 8 MPO Counties that begin May 5, 2023 and end with a virtual meeting on June 2, 2023.

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ITEM 9. UPDATE ON THE PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC gave an update on the Project Selection Process. At this time, a solicitation of Statements of Interest is ongoing and it is an opportunity for project sponsors to update and make additions to those statements that have been submitted and staff is collecting additional information. The additional information requested includes:

- Considered for project selection
- Sponsor-identified investment categories
- Preferred/Requested Selection Classification
- Level of environmental clearance needed

13 sponsors had provided feedback as of February 24, 2023. Mr. Raborn described the next steps for staff and sponsor activities which included Consolidated initial screening, developing funding instructions, recommendations, publishing detailed scoring matrices and initiate first selection process. This information will be provided to the TPC at the March TPC meeting. Mr. Raborn concluded his presentation with a preview

of the Project Selection steps and timeline. A question, answer and comment period occurred after the presentation.

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ITEM 10. TIP QUARTERLY STATUS UPDATE, CALLIE BARNES, H-GAC

Ms. Callie Barnes, H-GAC, gave an update of the TIP Quarterly Status. Ms. Barnes described a detailed breakdown of the large carryover balances of transportation projects that did not meet their originally programmed schedules. Ms. Barnes also described goals for the remaining of FY 2023. A question, answer and comment period occurred after the presentation.

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ITEM 11. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

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

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

B. Houston Area Rail Transformation (HART)

Mr. Anita Hollman Matijcio provided an update on the Houston Area Rail Transformation development of the rail collaborative effort. The Gulf Coast Rail District formerly approved HART as a committee on January 17, 2023. Ms. Matijcio described HART's goals and what they hope to accomplish and ongoing activities. Comments by TPC members occurred after this presentation. Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet.

C. Transportation Safety Committee Nominees

Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update regarding vacancies on the Transportation Safety Committee. Staff will be working with the Transportation Safety Committee to engage and develop candidates to fill those positions.

D. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

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

E. H-GAC Board

Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update of Transportation items on the February 20, 2023 meeting of the H-GAC Board. Information was provided to the TPC members in the meeting packet.

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13. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

Transportation Safety Committee	2/28/23	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting	3/15/23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Policy Council	3/24/23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid

Chairman David Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

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03/26/2023

Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1
 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
 FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
February 24, 2023

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Brandon Capetillo Mayor <u> </u> Jason Reynolds – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Howard Wood Council Member <u> </u> Thomas Woolley – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Marie Robb Council Member <u> </u> Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – Chairman <u> </u> Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member <u> </u> Honorable Sallie Alcorn - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works <u> </u> Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable John Bowen Council Member <u> * </u> Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<u> X </u> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works <u> </u> Marcus Snell – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Sarah Benavides, P.E. Council Member <u> </u> 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> X </u> Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 <u> * </u> Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	<u> X </u> David Douglas Engineering Administrator <u> </u> Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Montgomery County	_____ Honorable Mark Keough County Judge <u> X </u> Commissioner, Matt Gray – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> X </u> Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 1st Vice Chair _____ Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u> X </u> Sanjay Ramabhadran METRO Chair _____ Thomas Lambert	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u> X </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director _____ Onyinye Akujuo – 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 _____ Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port Freeport	<u> X </u> Roger Guenther Executive Director, Port 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> 27 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

AGENCY

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

REPRESENTING

Texas State Senate	<u> </u> Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<u> </u> Clint Schelbitzki	Union Pacific
Freight Rail Interests	<u> X </u> Hugh McCulley	BNSF Railway
Texas State Legislator	<u> X </u> Hon. Dennis Paul	8-County Region
Texas State Legislator	<u> </u> Hon. Ed Thompson	8-County Region
Wharton County	<u> X </u> Hon. Phillip Spenrath	Wharton County