

4. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023, 9:30 A.M., ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

Presiding Chair, Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński, called the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Committee members and staff introduced themselves. A list of Committee representatives and alternates attending the meeting is included with these minutes as Attachment 1. There were 39 members in attendance; 22 are required for a quorum.

The meeting agenda and materials are available on the TAC website at:

<http://www.h-gac.com/transportation-advisory-committee/meeting-agendas-and-minutes.aspx>.

In addition, the livestream recording is available at: <http://www.h-gac.com/transportation-advisory-committee/meeting-livestream-archive.aspx>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No written public comments were received.

To hear public comments made at the meeting, please click on the link below.

<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/02152023-808/3/>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Chapa-Gorczyński entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the January 18, 2023 meeting. A motion for approval was made by Mr. Bruce Mann. The Committee voted and the motion carried. The minutes were approved.

A link to the audio recording is available at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/02152023-808/4/>.

2023 TAC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Craig Raborn presented on the 2023 TAC Nominating Committee recommended by the TAC Chair. The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws instruct the Chair of the TAC to select a Nominating Committee each year. The Nominating Committee is responsible for considering all nominations for TAC Officers, which include Chair, 1st Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair. The Nominating Committee is also responsible for reviewing nominations and making recommendation for the subcommittees of the TAC that include the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee, Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee, Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee, Transportation Air Quality Subcommittee, Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee, and Transportation Systems Management and Operations.

A motion was made by Mr. Morad Bruce Mann. The second motion for approval was made by Ms. Ruthanne Haut. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/02152023-808/5/>

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented on the amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Staff sought TAC Recommendation for TPC approval, which included the amendments below. Staff also provided a chart of the proposed amendments to the TIP summarized by funding category which can be found in the February 15, 2023 TAC Packet.

CURRENT SITUATION

A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP are included below for the Committee's review.

- 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 rescopes 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)

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- 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)

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Wilson and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. Cory Taylor. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Mr. Craig Raborn presented on the 2022 –2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The 2022-2023 UPWP describes the regional transportation plans and programs and the transportation-related air quality planning activities that will be undertaken during fiscal years 2023 and 2023. The current 2022-2023 UPWP was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) on August 27, 2021. In response to discussions with the Transportation Policy Council, regional stakeholders, additional planning needs related to the Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Project Selection Process and subregional planning activities, a new transit planning grant from the Texas Department of Transportation, and new planning and funding opportunities from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), staff prepared UPWP Amendment #7, which included changes and/or additional funds for six sub-tasks of the UPWP. For further details on the amendment summary presented by Mr. Raborn, please click on the link below.

A motion was made by Mr. Bruce Mann and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. David Wurdlow. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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2023 TAC OFFICERS AND SUBCOMMITTEE NOMINATION PROCESS

Ms. Allie Isbell gave a brief overview of the 2023 TAC Officers and Subcommittee Nomination Process. As stated previously, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws instruct the Chair of the TAC to select a three-member Nominating Committee each year. The Nominating Committee is responsible for considering all nominations for TAC Officers, which include Chair, 1st Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair. The Nominating Committee is also responsible for reviewing nominations and making recommendation for the subcommittees of the TAC. Ms. Isbell gave an overview of the MPO Committee Structure to show the overall structure of TAC, TPC and the six subcommittees of the TAC. To view further details, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/02152023-808/8/>.

UPDATE ON THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Ms. Anita Hollmann Matijcio gave an update on the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. 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 described the current conditions and desired future transportation system. 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. This Phase gathered feedback on the big ideas and investment strategies which addressed what was heard during the Visioning Outreach. After a two-year process, the RTP Update entered its third and final Public Review Phase and public review period from March 15th through April 17th, 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. For further details on this presentation, please click on the link below.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/02152023-808/9/>.

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

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

Mr. Jim Dickinson provided a brief overview of Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP. For a summary of the Future Amendments, please view February 15, 2023 TAC Packet, or click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/02152023-808/10/>.

B. Quarterly TIP Status

Ms. Callie Barnes provided a brief overview of the TIP Quarterly Status. For a summary of this presentation, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/02152023-808/10/>.

C. Update on Houston Area Rail Transformation (HART)

Ms. Hollmann-Matijcio provided a brief update on the Houston Area Rail Transportation. For a summary of this presentation, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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D. Update on Project Selection Process

Mr. Vishu Lingala gave a brief update on the Project Selection Process. For a summary of this presentation, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Smith noted the following meetings and events with some updates:

The Role of Title VI & Environmental Justice in Transportation Planning Webinar	February 16	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) Meeting	February 23	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	February 24	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Safety Committee (TSC) Meeting	February 28	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Air Quality (TAQ) Meeting	March 1	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	March 1	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting	March 8	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	March 15	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chapa-Gorczyński adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:15 a.m.

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1st Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)
February 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**

NOTES:

1. Attendance is marked with “X” in the corresponding column for the Member and/or Alternate.
2. Where both the Member and Alternate are present, the Alternate is marked with an asterisk (*) after the “X” to indicate that this person does not count toward quorum or votes for this meeting.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
<i>Chair</i>				
Veronica Chapa Gorczynski	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	David Kim	<u>X*</u>
Patrick Mandapaka, Ph.D, AICP	<u>X</u>	Harris County	Susan Fraser, P.E.	<u>X*</u>
<i>2nd Vice Chair</i>				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Jildardo Arias	
Ricardo Villagrand	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Brian Winningham	
Jeremiah Hill		Smaller Cities	Janet Corte	<u>X</u>
Perri D’Armond	<u>X</u>	Transit	Sarah Coulter	
Ken Fickes	<u>X</u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	
Ruthanne Haut	<u>X</u>	Transit	Todd Stephens	
Carl Woodward	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Sue Theiss	
Katherine Parker	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Amy Skicki	
David Fields		Planning	Jennifer Ostlind, AICP	<u>X</u>
David Wurdlow	<u>X</u>	Planning	Faustino Benavidez, P.E.	
Catherine McCreight	<u>X</u>	Planning	Brenda Bustillos	
Marlisa Briggs		Business Interests	Elijah Williams	<u>X</u>
Dexter Handy	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Amy Skicki	
Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Gabe Cazares	<u>X*</u>
Bruce Mann	<u>X</u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	
Michael Wilson	<u>X</u>	Port Freeport	(Vacant)	
Brian Alcott	<u>X</u>	Toll Road	(Vacant)	
Robert Hill	<u>X</u>	Toll Road	(Vacant)	
Andrea Ranft	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Patricia Kievlan	
Bill Zrioka	<u>X</u>	Airport	Marcel Allen	
		Regional Planning		
Clint Harbert	<u>X</u>	METRO	Alan Clark	

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
James W. Koch, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Houston District	Catherine McCreight	<u>X</u>
Scott Ayres, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Beaumont District	Ana I. Mijares, P.E.	<u> </u>
Wael Tabara, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	<u> </u>
Cory Taylor	<u>X</u>	Chambers County	Natalie G. Lopez	<u> </u>
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.	<u> </u>	Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	<u> </u>
Michael Shannon, P.E.	<u> </u>	Galveston County	Nancy Baher, P.E.	<u> </u>
David Douglas	<u> </u>	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	<u> </u>
Jean Mann	<u> </u>	Montgomery County	John McKinney	<u> </u>
Yancy Scott, P.E.	<u> </u>	Waller County	Jared Chen, P.E., PMP	<u> </u>
Brant Gary	<u>X</u>	City of Baytown	Martin Scribner	<u> </u>
Jordan Cruz	<u>X</u>	City of Conroe	Chris Bogert, P.E.	<u> </u>
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	<u>X</u>	City of Galveston	Brandon Cook	<u> </u>
Veronica O. Davis, P.E.	<u>X</u>	City of Houston	Fabio Capillo	<u> </u>
Christopher Sims	<u>X</u>	City of League City	Cara Davis	<u> </u>
Marcus Snell	<u>X</u>	City of Missouri City	Shashi Kumar	<u> </u>
Sarah Benavides	<u>X</u>	City of Pasadena	Mark Gardemal	<u> </u>
Trent Epperson	<u>X</u>	City of Pearland	Robert Upton, P.E.	<u> </u>
Monique Johnson	<u>X</u>	City of Sugar Land	Melanie Beaman	<u> </u>
Kim Golden, P.E.	<u>X</u>	City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	<u> </u>
	<u>44</u>	Total Voting Membership		
	<u>39</u>	Total Voting Membership Present		
	<u>22</u>	Required for Quorum		

Ex Officio: Roger E. Rees

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