

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

DATE: Friday, April 22, 2022  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027 and Video Conference

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The presiding officer, Chair Robinson called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:30 a.m. and made a statement to TPC members and others that this duly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council being held in-person or by a video conference on Friday, April 22, 2022. Chair Robinson stated that he was the presiding officer of the TPC and was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027. Chair Robinson attested that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public. Chair 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. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC 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 2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Robinson invited introductions from Council members and staff.

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

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka began the presentation by informing the Council and the public that Spanish translation was available to the public and introduced the Spanish translator Lourdes McIntyre who provided instructions to make public comment by video conference in Spanish. Mr. Mandapaka also introduced American Sign Language Interpreters Robert Helms and Holly Higby and provided instructions on how to view them on video conference. Mr. Mandapaka said that no written comments were received by 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2022. Chairman Robinson invited members of the public to make comments in person. There were two comments made in person. Members of the public were invited to make comments by video conference. No public comments were made by video conference.

The public comments made over video conference or in person can be heard at this [LINK](#)

ITEM 4. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

TPC Chair Robinson asked members of the Council to Declare Conflicts of Interest on any items on the agenda. No member declared a conflict of interest at the meeting of April 22, 2022.

The public comments made in person and by videoconference during the meeting are included in the meeting recording at this [LINK](#)

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, presented the March 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes summary to the Council. Mr. Raborn asked the Council for any modifications or corrections as presented. There were no modifications or corrections.

A motion was made by Chuck Wemple and seconded by Commissioner Billy Combs. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

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ITEM 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC.

Mr. Adam Beckom presented on the amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The amendments are listed below:

**Amendment Requests from Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO)**

- Reprogram \$9.8M of METRO’s FY 2021 and FY 2022 Regional Vanpool federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds in six (6) projects with additional CMAQ funding to support the purchase of twenty (20) electric 40’ buses, ten (10) ‘cutaway’ buses and associated charging station equipment in FY 2022 of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (MPO ID 15243) with 5.8M Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds. Seven (7) Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funded vanpool projects will also be cancelled due to reduced demand. (-\$1.6M, Total Cost: \$29.2M)
- Split out the METRO Regional Transit Fare Connectivity Project (MPO ID 18846/0912-00-670) using \$5.0M of CMAQ funding from the FY 2025 \$17.7M Regional Transit Fare Collection System placeholder project (MPO ID 18260/CSJ 0912-00-622) and program it in FY 2022 of the TIP with 1.0M TDCs in lieu of matching funds (Total Cost: \$5.0M).

**Funding Changes**

- Increase the federal CMAQ funding of the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) Halls Bayou Trail construction project (MPO ID 16126/CSJ 0912-72-314) by \$1.6M (52%) with an increased local match of \$2.4M. Hurricane Harvey and other storm events caused bank erosion which indicated the need for design improvements. Since the originally programmed funds were obligated in FY 2019, the Texas Department of Transportation has assigned a new Control-Section-Job (CSJ) number, 0912-72-619, so that the project can be re-let. (+\$1.6M, Total Cost: \$7.3M)
- Convert \$42.0M of federal Category-2 Metropolitan Mobility funds to state funding for the TxDOT Houston District's Fort Bend County FM 723 widening project (MPO ID 981/CSJ 0188-09-040) at TxDOT's request. (Total Cost: \$53.0M)
- Add \$5.0M of local funding from Fort Bend County to the Category-2 Metropolitan Mobility funded TxDOT Houston District FM 723 widening project (MPO ID 18515/CSJ 0188-09-040) per the agreement between TxDOT and the County. (Total Cost: \$62.0M)
- Program an additional \$7.5M of TxDOT Maritime Division (Texas Mobility Fund) state funds on the FY 2023 Galveston County Pelican Island Bridge replacement project (MPO ID 18085/CSJ 0912-73-213) at TxDOT's request. (Total Cost: \$115.8M)
- Extend the eastern limit of the City of League City FM 518 Share-Use Path construction project (MPO ID 17122/CSJ 0976-03-1092) to Williamsport Street, change the scope of work to increase the path width to ten (10) feet, increase the federal CMAQ funding to \$8.2M and convert the matching funds from local to state per the agreement between the TxDOT Houston District and the City. The increase in cost is due to the design change which would replace the storm sewer system with box culverts instead of open ditches. (+\$5.3M, Total Cost: \$10.3M)

**Schedule Changes**

- Advance the TxDOT Houston District's SH 105 widening project (MPO ID 10125/CSJ 0338-04-065) in Montgomery County from FY 2023 to FY 2022 to take advantage of its current state of readiness. (Total Cost: \$75.0M)
- Delay the City of Bellaire Traffic Management System installation project funded with CMAQ (MPO ID 18020/CSJ 0912-72-597) to FY 2023 in anticipation of federal STIP approval. (Total Cost: \$900K)
- Delay the City of Houston Greens Road reconstruction and widening project funded with STBG (MPO ID 5030/CSJ 0912-71-836) to FY 2023 to allow for ROW acquisition. (Total Cost: \$16.0M)
- Delay TxDOT Beaumont District's SH 105 intersection improvements project (MPO ID 18031/CSJ 0593-01-135) funded with CMAQ in Liberty County from FY 2022 to FY 2023 at TxDOT's request. (Total Cost: \$12.2M)
- Delay TxDOT Houston District's IH 69 reconstruction and widening project between IH 45 and SH 288 (MPO ID 7428/CSJ 0027-13-200) funded with Strategic Priority funds in Harris County from FY 2022 to FY 2025 at TxDOT's request. (Total Cost: \$260.7M)

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- Delay TxDOT Houston District’s IH 69 bridge reconstruction project at McGowen, Tuam and Elgin Streets (MPO ID 16337/CSJ 0027-13-221) funded with Strategic Priority funds in Harris County from FY 2022 to FY 2025 at TxDOT’s request. (Total Cost: \$65.5M)
- Delay TxDOT Houston District’s FM 1960 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) equipment installation project (MPO ID 17088/CSJ 1685-01-108) funded with CMAQ in Harris County from FY 2022 to FY 2024 at TxDOT’s request. (Total Cost: \$10.9M)

**Cancellation**

- Cancel two (2) Fort Bend County Public Transportation Bus and Bus Support purchase projects (MPO IDs 18331 & 18332) funded with FTA Section 5307 at the sponsor’s request. (Total Cost: -\$1.0M)

Mr. Beckom requested approval of Resolutions No. 2022-14 (Amendments) and Resolution No. 2022-15 (Transportation Development Credits)

A motion was made by a motion by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff and seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2022-14 (Amendments) and Resolution No. 2022-15 (Transportation Development Credits)

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**ITEM 7. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDMENT REQUEST TPC APPROVAL FOR RESOLUTION 2022/23-3 (STAFF CONTACT: NEELY KIM, H-GAC**

Ms. Neely Kim presented on the amendments to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP.) Ms. Kim described the following proposed changes:

Task IV-Long-Range Planning, subtask-4.6a.3, obligate a total of RCTP 5304 funds in the amount of \$52,500 to the 2022-2023 UPWP with \$17,500 added to FY2022 and \$35,000 added to FY2023. Ms. Kim requested TPC Approval of UPWP Resolution No: 22/23-3.

A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff. The Council voted and approved UPWP resolution 22/23-3

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**ITEM 8. BIKE MONTH RESOLUTION, SUSAN JAWORSKI, H-GAC**

Ms. Susan Jaworski, H-GAC, presented a resolution recognizing May 2022 as Bike Month. Ms. Jaworski gave a brief history of Bike Month, the Regional Bike Network and described the various activities and events that are happening in the month of May.

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Ms. Jaworski requested TPC approval of Resolution No. 2022-16. A brief question, answer and comment period occurred after the presentation.

A motion was made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff and seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman. The Council voted and approved Resolution No 2022-16 recognizing May 2022 as Bike Month.

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**ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC)**

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, provided an update on approval of the Transportation Safety Task Force membership and informed the Council he would not be seeking action this month. Mr. Raborn was still reaching out to different sectors in the region to identify appointees to participate on the task force.

Chair David Robinson asked the Council for volunteers to serve and to inform him or H-GAC staff of their interest.

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**ITEM 10. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DRAFT 2023-2026 TIP, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC**

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, provided an update on the summary of public comments and the draft 2023-2026 TIP. Mr. Beckom described two public meetings that were held on March 22, 2022 as well as received public comments by email and voicemail. A majority of the comments were in reference to FM 2920 in Tomball previously selected in the 2018 Call for Projects. Additional comments requested more funding for transit and active transportation, accommodating freight traffic with separate lanes and a comment to delay to addition of the IH 45 Interchange at IH 10 West project pending the current conformity determination. Mr. Beckom further explained the proposed cost increases that were requested by project sponsors with the development of the TIP in the various categories and described a timeline in preparation for approval by the TAC and TPC.

A question, answer and comment period by members of Council and H-GAC staff occurred after this presentation.

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ITEM 11. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Administrative Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP

Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

B. Future Amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP AND 2045 RTP

Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

C. Update on the Air Quality Conformity Determination

Ms. Graciela Lubertino, H-GAC, gave an update on the Air Quality Determination.

- Ms. Lubertino described the reason for the air quality determination was the amendment of 2045 RTP and 2021-2023 TIP. Ms. Lubertino also described the significant projects that were included, results of the study and concluded with a proposed timeline that highlighted TPC adoption of the conformity determination for RTP/TIP amendments and Federal approval three months later.

A brief question, answer and comment period among the Council Member and H-GAC staff occurred after this presentation.

D. Call for Projects

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, provided an update on the Call for Projects. Mr. Beckom described some of the discussions held during the workshops held during the month of March. Mr. Beckom described the next steps in coordination with the TPC workgroup.

E. Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Measures and Targets

Ms. Jamila Owens, H-GAC, presented on TAM Performance Measures and Targets. Ms. Owens let the Council know that the purpose of TAM was to ensure a state of good repair. Each transit agency has a Transit Asset Management Plan with agency targets and the MPO collected that information to set regional targets. H-GAC sets the regional targets biennially for asset management using the information in each agency's TAM plans. Ms. Owens described each category, performance targets, actual performance results and future proposed targets. TPC approval is anticipated in May.

A brief question and answer period occurred after the presentation.

F. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

A summary of Transportation Planning Activities and described specific MPO activities. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet. Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, commended METRO for requesting the funds for 20 electric buses and 10 multi-purpose vehicles. The TPC action to approve will be a great step in the region towards implementing cleaner transportation options. Mr. Raborn also said that staff has been discussing internally and

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then meeting with some stakeholders to explore on how to address the impacts of inflation on project costs in TIP amendments. Mr. Raborn added that there is need to address scope and budget changes to add resilience related improvements to projects.

G. H-GAC Board of Directors Report

The H-GAC Board of Directors meeting was held on April 19, 2022. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

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ITEM 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

- Regional Safety Committee Meeting -April 26, 2022, 1:30 p.m. (Virtual)
- Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) Meeting-April 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
- Air Quality Conformity Public Meetings – May 9, 2022, 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Virtual)
- Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization (AERCO) Meeting – May 12, 2022 – 2:00 p.m. (Virtual)
- Next TAC Meeting- May 18, 2022, 9:30 a.m. (Hybrid)
- Next TPC Meeting – May 20, 2022, 9:30 a.m. (Hybrid)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff adjourned the meeting of the TPC 10:42 a.m.

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Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council

**Nancy Arnold**

E-signed 2022-05-24 01:04PM CDT  
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**Attachment 1**  
**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)**  
**FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON**  
**TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA**  
**April 22, 2022**

ROLL

<u><b>AGENCY</b></u>	<u><b>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</b></u>	<u><b>REPRESENTING</b></u>
Baytown, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Brandon Capetillo Mayor <u>      </u> Honorable Heather Betancourth – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	<u>      </u> Raymond McDonald Mayor Pro Tem <u>      </u> Thomas Woolley – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	<u>      </u> Honorable David Collins Council Member <u>      </u> Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – <b>Chairman</b> <u>      </u> Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u>      </u> Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member <u>  X  </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 Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 <u>      </u> Honorable John Bowen - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<u>  X  </u> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works <u>      </u> Todd Hoover – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<u>      </u> Honorable Cary Bass Council Member <u>      </u> Dan Pennington-Alternate	City of Pasadena



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Pearland, City of	<u>  X  </u> _____ Honorable Kevin Cole _____ Mayor _____ Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u>  X  </u> _____ Honorable Joe Zimmerman _____ Mayor _____ Honorable Jennifer Lane – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	_____ _____ Honorable Dedrick Johnson _____ Mayor _____ Jon Branson. - Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of	_____ _____ Honorable Nancy Arnold _____ Council Member, <b>Secretary</b>	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Vacant	_____ _____ Honorable Sally Branson-Alternate	
Brazoria County	<u>  X  </u> _____ Honorable Matt Hanks, JD, P.E. _____ County Engineer _____ Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u>  X  </u> _____ Honorable Billy Combs _____ County Commissioner, Pct 4 _____ Cory Taylor, P.E. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	_____ _____ Honorable Grady Prestage _____ County Commissioner, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</b> _____ Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u>  X  </u> _____ Honorable Kenneth Clark _____ County Commissioner – <b>Past Chairman</b> _____ Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	_____ _____ Honorable Lina Hidalgo _____ County Judge <u>  X  </u> _____ Robert Treviño, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	_____ _____ Honorable Adrian Garcia _____ County Commissioner, Pct. 2 <u>  X  </u> _____ Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	_____ _____ David Douglas _____ Engineering Administrator _____ Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

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Montgomery County	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Mark Keough County Judge <u>      </u> Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</b> <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> Jeff Taebel – 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> Adam Jack, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port Freeport	<u>  X  </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 Chairman, GCRD <u>      </u> Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u>  28  </u> <b>Total Voting Membership</b>	
	<u>  21  </u> <b>Voting Membership Present</b>	
	<u>  14  </u> <b>Required Quorum</b>	

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Texas State Senate	<u>      </u> Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<u>  X  </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>  X  </u> Hon. Ed Thompson	8-County Region
Wharton County	<u>  X  </u> Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County