

4A. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, 9:30 A.M. MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

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 36 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 comment was received.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński entertained a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda Items:

- 4A. Meeting Minutes for the August 16, 2023, meeting
- 4B. Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

A motion was made by 1st Vice Chair Morad Kabiri to approve Consent Agenda Item 4A. Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2023, and remove Consent Agenda Item 4B) Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). A second motion was made by 2nd Vice Chair Perri D'Armond. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

Chair Chapa-Gorczyński then called Mr. Jim Dickinson to the floor to present Consent Agenda Item 4B) Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) recommendations. Mr. Dickinson gave a brief presentation on Consent Agenda Item 4B). After the presentation, the Chair asked Mr. Craig Raborn to provide a brief update on the status of the Air Quality Conformity Determination. Mr. Raborn provided the update and advised the Committee that the amendments were still being given as recommendations. For further details on this Consent Agenda Item, please click on the link below.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve consent agenda item 4B. A motion was made by 1st Vice Chair Morad Kabiri. The second motion for approval was made by Mr. Mike Wilson. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item is available on the TAC website [here](#).

AGENDA ITEMS

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE

The presentation was given in two parts. Ms. Callie Barnes first presented on the status of Project Readiness evaluation. H-GAC requested Project Readiness Questionnaires for over 230 projects submitted as Projects of Interest for which the project sponsor indicated the project could let within a 0-3 year timeframe. Approximately

200 Project Readiness Questionnaires have been submitted. H-GAC is assessing the questionnaire responses and will be contacting local sponsors regarding project delivery schedules. Ms. Barnes further discussed how the questionnaire responses will be developed and the required planning steps to get the project into the TIP and STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program).

Additionally, Ms. Barnes presented the Draft List of “Recommended Carryover Balance Spend Down Projects” to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transportation Policy Council (TPC) in October 2023 for information only. H-GAC will address any comments received from the committees and council, then present the Final List of “Carryover Balance Spend Down Projects” to the TIP Subcommittee, TAC and TPC in November 2023 for Action.

In the second half of this presentation, Mr. Vishu Lingala presented on the status of the Regional Goods Movement (RGM) projects benefit/cost analysis (BCA) and the next five investment categories. In July sponsors submitted project costs and benefits for 40 RGM projects that scored at least 50/100 points in draft evaluation scoring. A table was provided to show a summary of RGM and BCA submitted. Staff are reviewing and finalizing benefit calculations submitted for RGM projects and conducting follow up meetings with the sponsors. Mr. Lingala then discussed with the Committee the next five investment categories as to how the projects will be reviewed. To view next steps/timeline and further details on this presentation, please click on the link below.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item is available on the TAC website [here](#).

UPDATE ON CONNECT SMART

Mr. Emmanuel Andrews introduced Ms. Brenda Bustillos with TxDOT, to give the update on ConnectSmart Program and recognize the programs’ one year anniversary. The Texas Department of Transportation Houston District’s ConnectSmart Program launched September 16, 2022, providing integrated trip planning and navigation across a wide array of mode options, including carpooling. Other features include toll rates on routes, Tow and Go™ request button, high-comfort bike lane routing, and BCycle station locations as well as the ability to purchase, store, and redeem digital transit tickets right in the app. The program provides a critical element in regional congestion mitigation efforts as it enables Active Demand Management strategies to help advance the region’s Transportation Systems Management & Operations goals. The Houston-Galveston Area Council, through Commute Solutions and Tow and Go, is one of several partners to the ConnectSmart program. To hear more about this update please click on the link below.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item is available on the TAC website [here](#).

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 September 13, 2023, TAC Packet or click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item is available on the TAC website [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were shown on the slide for the upcoming meetings:

Transportation Air Quality (TAQ) Subcommittee Meeting	September 20	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
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Regional Air Quality Policy Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) Meeting	September 28	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	September 29	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	October 4	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting	October 11	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Regional Transit Coordination (RTC) Subcommittee Meeting	October 12	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Greater Houston Freight (GHF) Committee Meeting	October 16	1:00 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	October 18	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Pedestrian Bicyclist (Ped-Bike) Subcommittee Meeting	October 19	9:30 a.m.	Virtual

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chapa-Gorczyński adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 10:37 a.m.

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1st Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)
September 13, 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>
1 st Vice Chair				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Jildardo Arias	
2nd Vice Chair				
Perri D’Armond	<u>X</u>	Transit	Pamela LeBrane	<u>X*</u>
(Vacant)		Smaller Cities	Brian Winningham	
Jeremiah Hill		Smaller Cities	Janet Corte	<u>X</u>
Ken Fickes	<u>X</u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	<u>X*</u>
Ruthanne Haut	<u>X</u>	Transit	Todd Stephens	
Carl Woodward	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Sue Theiss	
Katherine Parker	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Amy Skicki	<u>X*</u>
David Fields	<u>X</u>	Planning	Jennifer Ostlind, AICP	
			Faustino Benavidez, P.E.	
David Wurdlow	<u>X</u>	Planning		
Catherine McCreight	<u>X</u>	Planning	Brenda Bustillos	<u>X*</u>
Marlisa Briggs	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	Elijah Williams	<u>X*</u>
Dexter Handy	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Amy Skicki	<u>X*</u>
Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Gabe Cazares	
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)	
(Vacant)		Toll Road	(Vacant)	
Stephen Gage	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Patricia Kievlan	
Bill Zrioka	<u>X</u>	Airport	Marcel Allen	
Joe Compian	<u>X</u>	Regional Planning	Wil Kennedy	
Clint Harbert		METRO	Alan Clark	<u>X</u>
James W. Koch, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Houston District	Jeffrey English, AICP	<u>X*</u>

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
Lisa Collins, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Beaumont District	(Vacant)	<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>X</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>
Patrick Mandapaka, Ph.D, AICP	<u>X</u>	Harris County	Susan Fraser, P.E.	<u> </u>
Melinda Soliday	<u> </u>	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	<u> </u>
Jean Mann	<u>X</u>	Montgomery County	John McKinney	<u> </u>
Ross McCall	<u> </u>	Waller County	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Brant Gary	<u>X</u>	City of Baytown	Martin Scribner	<u> </u>
Jordan Cruz	<u> </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>X*</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> </u>	City of Pearland	Rajendra Shrestha, P.E., CFM	<u> </u>
(Vacant)	<u> </u>	City of Sugar Land	Melanie Beaman	<u>X</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>36</u>	Total Voting Membership Present		
	<u>22</u>	Required for Quorum		