

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

DATE: Friday, October 28, 2022
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027 and Video Conference

The presiding officer, 1st Vice Chair, Justin Beckendorff called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of October 28, 2022 at 9:31 a.m. to order.

1st Vice Chair Beckendorff 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, October 28, 2022 and he was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027. 1st Vice Chair Beckendorff attested that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public. 1st Vice Chair Beckendorff 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

1st Vice Chair Beckendorff recognized Mr. James Garland, 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.

ITEM 3. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1st Vice Chair Beckendorff 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 October 28, 2022.

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

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. James Garland, H-GAC, began the presentation by informing the Council and the public that there was one written public comment that was received by 5:00 p.m., on October 27, 2022. Mr. Garland read the comment to the Council. Members of the public were invited to make comments. No public comments were made in person. Mr. Garland provided instructions on how to make public comments by video conference and introduced the Spanish translator, Ms. Wendy Almanzan, and the American Sign Language interpreters, Kenneth Niemietz and Dionna Griffin. Members of the public were invited to make comments by video conference. Public comments made during this meeting can be heard at this [LINK](#)

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Nancy Arnold presented the September 23, 2022 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 Chuck Wemple. 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 2022-36, MR. JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, provided a presentation on Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TO) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District BU-90 widening project (MPO ID 60/CSJ 0028-01-067) for Category-2, Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor Projects, and add Category-4, Statewide Connectivity Corridor Projects, to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). (-\$881K; Total Cost: \$23.6M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District SH 36 widening project (MPO ID 263/CSJ 0188-01-016) for Category-2 and add Category-4 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$15.5M; Total Cost: \$45.0M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District SH 146 widening project (MPO ID 468/CSJ 0389-06-088) for Category-2 and add Category-4 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$42.3M; Total Cost: \$177.8M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District FM 646 widening project (MPO ID 514/CSJ 3049-01-022) for Category-2 and add federal Right-of-Way funding to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$5.9M; Total Cost: \$37.5M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District SH 105 widening project (MPO ID 965/CSJ 0338-02-032) for Category-2 and add Category-4 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$441.7K; Total Cost: \$91.6M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District IH 10 West widening project (MPO ID 6056/CSJ 0271-04-070) for Category-12, Strategic Priority, and add Category-4 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (-\$44.8M; Total Cost: \$248.0M)

- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District SH 105 widening project (MPO ID 10124/CSJ 0338-04-066) for Category-2 and add Category-4 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$0; Total Cost: \$81.4M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District FM 646 widening project (MPO ID 10144/CSJ 0978-02-053) for Category-2 and add Category-4 and federal Right-of-Way funding to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$2.7M; Total Cost: \$14.8M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District FM 646 widening project (MPO ID 10920/CSJ 3049-01-023) for Category-2 and add Category-4 and federal Right-of-Way funding to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$9.4M; Total Cost: \$33.3M)
- Cancel the TxDOT Houston District IH 45 single point urban interchange project at the Woodlands Parkway (MPO ID 15454/CSJ 0110-04-198), funded with Cat-2, at TxDOT’s request. (-\$49.1M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District FM 521 widening project (MPO ID 17110/CSJ 0111-03-059) for Category-2 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$7.0M; Total Cost: \$82.2M)
- Update the funding of the TxDOT Houston District SH 35 widening project (MPO ID 18027/CSJ 0178-02-092) for Category-2 and add Category-4 to reflect the funding approved by the Texas Transportation Commission in the FY 2023 UTP. (+\$0M; Total Cost: \$37.4M)
- Update the funding and scope of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) FY 2023 bus replacement project (MPO ID 18369/CSJ N/A) specifying the purchase of electric buses and charging infrastructure with Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities program (Section 5339) funding. (-\$36.8M; Total Cost: \$25.2M)

The proposed amendments to the TIP are summarized by funding category below:

| Proposed October TPC Amendments - TIP Budget Effects ¹ | | | | |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| | As of May 2022 | As of September 2022 | Proposed Amendments (October Action) | Programming as of October 2022 (Pending TPC Approval) |
| Total Federal Funding Programmed | | | | |
| Category 2 - Metro and Urban Area Corridors | \$1,453,610,240 | \$1,317,539,500 | -\$121,967,842 | \$1,195,571,658 |
| Category 5 - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) | \$604,869,695 | \$610,939,935 | \$0 | \$610,939,935 |
| Category 7 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) | \$795,981,665 | \$838,782,230 | -\$16,217,749 | \$822,564,481 |
| Category 9 - Transportation Alternatives - Set Aside (TASA) Program | \$52,939,485 | \$51,487,485 | \$0 | \$51,487,485 |

¹Includes Grouped and TIP status Project Fund Amounts.

Mr. Dickinson requested TPC approval of Resolution 2022-36. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. The Council voted and approved Resolutions 2022-36. Judge Mark Keough voted No.

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ITEM 7. CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK AND RESOLUTION NO 2022-38, MR. DAVID FINK, H-GAC

Mr. David Fink gave a presentation on Crash Responder Safety Week. Mr. Fink told the Council, The Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) initiative is an opportunity to recognize every emergency responder, every driver, and every passenger, to educate them in how to play their part in ensuring safe responses at roadway incident scenes. Mr. Fink described crash facts and videos of roadway incidents and emphasized the need for awareness to first responders, drivers, and passengers, on the how to respond at roadway incident scenes. Crash Responder Safety Week is from November 14-18, 2022.

Mr. Fink requested TPC approval of Resolution No. 2022-38. A motion was made by Secretary Nancy Arnold and seconded by Council Member Billy Combs. A brief comment, question and discussion period occurred after the motion. The Council voted and Resolution No. 2022-39 was approved.

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ITEM 8. UPDATE ON FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM and RESOLUTION NO. 2022-39, MR. VISHU LINGALA, H-GAC

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC, gave an update on Federal Functional Classification System. Mr. Lingala told the Council the Federal Functional Classification System provides a framework for role of roadways for movement of traffic in network of highways. Groups roadways into seven classifications from Interstates to local roads based on their hierarchical functionality which include:

1. Interstates
2. Other Freeways & Expressways
3. Other Principal Arterials
4. Minor Arterials
5. Major Collectors
6. Minor Collectors
7. Local Roads

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is requesting the following updates to the Functional Classification of two regional roadways. (Please see the attached documents from TxDOT [here](#) for more information, including maps.)

NASA Rd 1 Bypass Extension: Update the federal functional classification of NASA Rd 1 bypass extension to Major Collector (5) between FM 528 and Landing Blvd. (0.88 Miles) within the City of Webster in Harris County. The City of Webster is proposing to construct the NASA Rd. 1 extension as a 4-lane divided section on new alignment with pedestrian/bicycle accommodations.

Landing Blvd/NASA Rd 1 bypass Extension: Update the federal functional classification of Landing Blvd./NASA Rd 1 bypass extension to Minor Arterial (4) between FM 518 and IH 45 S (1.65 Miles) within cities of Webster/League City in Harris and Galveston counties. The City of League City is proposing to construct the

Landing Blvd/NASA Rd 1 bypass extension as a 4-lane divided section on new alignment with pedestrian/bicycle accommodations.

Both of these projects (MPOIDs 17080 & 17081) are programmed for construction in FY 2023 of the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed functional class updates are consistent with City of Webster Thoroughfare Plan, the City of League City Master Mobility Plan and the FHWA functional class update requirements.

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For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 9. UPDATE ON LIBERTY COUNTY MOBILITY PLAN RESULTS, MR. THOMAS GRAY, H-GAC

Mr. Thomas Gray, H-GAC gave an update on Liberty County Mobility Study and told the Council the study was funded through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and was purposed with examining existing transportation conditions and recommending multi-modal improvements intended to manage growth, mobility and focus on safety of the transportation system for all users within Liberty County, with special emphasis on conditions in and around the cities of Cleveland, Dayton and Liberty. The Steering Committee developed measurable goals and a project schedule. The study began in the Fall of 2020 and will end soon. Mr. Gray concluded his presentation with specific details and recommendations.

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For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 10. BIKE SAFETY TRAINING UPDATE, MS. SUSAN JAWORSKI, H-GAC

Ms. Susan Jaworski provided an update on Bike Safety Training. Both the 2020-2021 UPWP, and the 2022-2023 UPWP include support for promoting traffic safety in the region through public outreach and providing information and outreach about best practices for bicycle safety. H-GAC partnered with a consultant to provide adult safety education for bicyclist and motorists. These courses are supported through an Advanced Funding Agreement with TxDOT. Motorist and in-person courses were held in Harris County early in the project. The courses in Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller Counties were postponed due to COVID and are currently being restarted. In Person Bike Handling Classes and Motorists classes for 2022-2023 are currently being scheduled and will launch this fall.

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ITEM 11. PLANNING ACTIVITIES, H-GAC

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

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

B. Regional Transportation Plan Public Meeting Schedule

Mr. Mike Burns provided an update on Regional Transportation Plan Public Meeting Schedule. Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet.

C. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

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| Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting | October 19 | 9:30 a.m. | Hybrid |
| Transportation Policy Council | October 28 | 9:30 a.m. | Hybrid |

1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
October 28, 2022

ROLL

| <u>AGENCY</u> | <u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u> | <u>REPRESENTING</u> |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Baytown, City of | _____ Honorable Brandon Capetillo Mayor _____ Hon. Heather Betancourth – Alternate | City of Baytown |
| Conroe, City of | _____ Honorable Howard Wood Council Member _____ X Thomas Woolley – Alternate | City of Conroe |
| Galveston, City of | _____ Honorable David Collins Council Member _____ Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate | City of Galveston |
| Houston, City of | _____ Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – Chairman _____ X Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate | City of Houston |
| Houston, City of | _____ X Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member _____ Honorable Sallie Alcorn - Alternate | City of Houston |
| Houston, City of | _____ X Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works _____ * Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate | City of Houston |
| League City, City of | _____ X Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 _____ Honorable John Bowen - Alternate | City of League City |
| Missouri City, City of | _____ X Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works _____ Todd Hoover – Alternate | City of Missouri City |
| Pasadena, City of | _____ Honorable Cary Bass Council Member _____ Dan Pennington, 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> X </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> </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> </u> Matt Hanks, JD, P.E. County Engineer <u> </u> Honorable David Linder – Alternate | Brazoria County |
| Chambers County | <u> X </u> Honorable Billy Combs County Commissioner, Pct 4 <u> </u> Cory Taylor, P.E. - 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> </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> </u> Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 <u> X </u> Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate | Harris County |
| Liberty County | <u> </u> David Douglas Engineering Administrator <u> </u> Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate | Liberty County |

| <u>AGENCY</u> | <u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u> | <u>REPRESENTING</u> |
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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 – 1st Vice Chair <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> Onyinye Akujuo – Alternate | H-GAC |
| TxDOT | <u> X </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. <u> </u> District Engineer <u> </u> Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate | TxDOT Houston District |
| TxDOT | <u> X </u> Martin Gonzalez, P.E. <u> </u> District Engineer <u> </u> Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate | TxDOT Beaumont District |
| Port Freeport | <u> </u> Phyllis Saathoff <u> </u> Executive Director, Port Freeport <u> </u> Roger Guenther, Port Houston - <u> </u> Alternate | Other Transportation Interests |
| Gulf Coast Rail District | <u> X </u> Dr. Carol Lewis <u> </u> Chairman, GCRD <u> </u> Jeff Ross - Alternate | Gulf Coast Rail District |
| | <u> 28 </u> Total Voting Membership | |
| | <u> 21 </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 |