

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

DATE: Friday, December 16, 2022

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 December 16, 2022 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, December 16, 2022 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.

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. Mayor Kevin Cole, City of Pearland, declared he had a Conflict of Interest on Item 6. He owns property adjacent to one of the projects being amended. Mayor Kevin Cole said that he would not vote on that item.

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

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, began the presentation by informing the Council there was one written public comment received by 5:00 p.m., on December 15, 2022. Ms. Isbell read it to the Council. The American Sign Language interpreters introduced themselves as Kenneth Niemietz and Amanda Malavese. The Spanish Interpreter, Ms. Lourdes McIntyre introduced herself and provided instructions on how to make Public comments by video. Members of the public were invited to make comments by video conference. Public comments made at this meeting and on video can be heard [HERE](#)

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Nancy Arnold presented the November 18, 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 Commissioner Billy Combs. 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 2022-41 and 2022-42, 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:

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- Add Right-of-Way ('R') as an authorized phase to the TxDOT Houston District SH 99 Segment B-1 construction project in Galveston County (MPO ID 283/CSJ 3510-01-001) with federal funding per the new TxDOT Right of Way Division policy. (+\$25.5M; Total Cost: \$257.0M)
- Add Right-of-Way ('R') as an authorized phase to the TxDOT Houston District FM 2100 widening project (MPO ID 290/CSJ 1062-02-011) with federal funding per the new TxDOT Right of Way Division policy. (+\$11.9M; Total Cost: \$42.9M)
- Add Right-of-Way ('R') as an authorized phase to the TxDOT Houston District SH 35 widening project in Brazoria County (MPO ID 18027/CSJ 0178-02-092) with federal funding per the new TxDOT Right of Way Division policy. (+\$2.0M; Total Cost: \$39.4M)
- Add Right-of-Way ('R') as an authorized phase to the TxDOT Houston District IH 45 widening project in Montgomery County (MPO ID 18028/CSJ 0110-04-205) with federal funding per the new TxDOT Right of Way Division policy. (+\$6.8M; Total Cost: \$21.7M)
- Add federal Right-of-Way ('R') funding to the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority SH 99 direct connector construction project at FM 1093 (MPO ID 11378/CSJ 3510-04-058) per the new TxDOT Right of Way Division policy. (+\$2.0M; Total Cost: \$80.8M)
- Increase the Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funding of the Fort Bend County wireless traffic signal communication construction project (MPO ID 17062/CSJ 0912-34-192) and confirm its CMAQ eligibility by updating the project description specifying that it is a new installation. (+\$2.50M; Total Cost: \$9.3M)
- Increase the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding of the City of League City Landing Boulevard/NASA Road 1 Bypass construction project (MPO ID 17080/CSJ 0912-00-519) to cover

new estimates which include higher unit costs for labor and material caused by inflation. (+\$14.4M; Total Cost: \$63.8M)

- Delay the Fort Bend County funded Beechnut Street widening project (MPO ID 972/CSJ N/A) from FY 2023 to FY 2028 due to a change in funding priorities. (Total Cost: \$6.2M)
- Delay the Fort Bend County funded Harlem Road widening project (MPO ID 12622/CSJ N/A) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 and reduce its funding by \$13.3M as a result of a new estimate. (Total Cost: \$11.2M)
- Delay the City of Pearland Mykawa Road widening projects (MPO IDs 7602, 17082/CSJs 0912-72-564, 0912-31-319) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 due to allow for the re-evaluation of environment documents. (Total Cost: \$41.9M)
- Delay the City of Sugar Land funded University Boulevard widening project (MPO ID 11196/N/A) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 due to a design change. (Total Cost: \$2.5M)
- Delay the Brazoria County funded CR 220 widening project (MPO ID 15315/CSJ N/A) from FY 2023 to FY 2028 in the 10Y due to a change in funding priorities. (Total Cost: \$8.2M)
- Delay the CMAQ funded Houston-Galveston Area Council Ridematching/Travel Demand Management software development project (MPO ID 17138/CSJ 0912-00-566) from FY 2023 to FY 2026 to allow time to coordinate with TxDOT on their ConnectSmart software development project. (Total Cost: \$2.5M)
- Change the sponsor of two City of Galveston funded, port-related, projects (MPO IDs 7566, 15492/CSJs N/A) to the Port of Galveston at the City's request. (\$24.9M)
- Add the TxDOT Houston District, Category-2 funded, FM 517 Access Management Implementation project (MPO ID 16319/CSJ 5800-00-950) to the TxDOT Statewide Safety Program (Total Cost: \$1.7M)
- Reprogram the Gulf Coast Transit District's FY 2013 to FY 2020 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307, Urban Area Formula, Program of Projects in FY 2023 by cancelling seventeen (17) projects (MPO IDs 11740, 14776, 11761, 18810, 14779, 18822, 18823, 18824, 18825, 11744, 18813, 16361, 16362, 18826, 18827, 18828 and 18829) and programming two new transit operating expenditure projects (MPO IDs 18881 and 18882) for the Texas City/La Marque and Lake Jackson/Angleton Urbanized Areas.

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

Proposed December TPC Amendments - TIP Budget Effects¹				
	As of May 2022	As of November 2022	Proposed Amendments (December Action)	Programming as of December 2022 (Pending TPC Approval)
Total Federal Funding Programmed				
Category 2 - Metro and Urban Area Corridors	\$1,453,610,240	\$1,113,706,072	\$0	\$1,113,706,072
Category 5 - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$604,869,695	\$606,908,935	\$2,528,633	\$609,437,568
Category 7 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	\$795,981,665	\$822,564,481	\$14,419,130	\$836,983,611
Category 9 - Transportation Alternatives - Set Aside (TASA) Program	\$52,939,485	\$51,487,485	\$0	\$51,487,485
¹ Includes Grouped and TIP status Project Fund Amounts.				

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, requested TPC Approval of Resolutions 2022-41 and 2022-42. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolutions No. 2022-41 and 2022-42. Mayor Kevin Cole abstained.

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

ITEM 7. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS AND INSTRUCT STAFF TO INITIATE PROCESS, MR. CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, presented information on the Project Selection Process to the Council on various highlights of the proposed update. The investment would be approximately \$1.2 billion in a mix of existing and new projects. If approved, the process would start in January 2023 and the first projects would be approved by the TPC as soon as August 2023 and the cycle would continue until all categories were completed. Final projects would be approved by the TPC by April 2024. This process addresses all elements of the TPC’s guidance. Mr. Raborn gave an overview of key elements of the process, investments categories, classifications of projects selection and/or funding, initial investment categories, selection process step by step, timeline, scoring and criteria with January review and action, funding instructions for review and March action. Mr. Raborn told the Council that approximately \$1.2 Billion will be available and \$200M requested for current projects, \$700M for projects smaller than \$50M, \$300M for major projects larger than \$50M and additional funding for Safety and Resiliency. Mr. Raborn continued by describing the TPC’s guidance details and proposed process key elements and preliminary steps to begin and implement the Project Selection Process.

Mr. Raborn requested TPC Approval of Key Project Selection Process Elements and Authorize MPO to initiate process. There was a lengthy open discussion among TPC members and H-GAC Staff after the presentation. A motion was made by Ms. Carol Haddock to adopt the Criteria as presented and seconded by 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff. A robust discussion continued among the Council. A motion was made by Judge Mark Keough to Amend the Motion to approve the item as presented and table the discussion. The motion was seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman. Mayor Joe Zimmerman requested a roll call vote. Ms. Allie

Isbell conducted the roll call vote. The Council voted and approved the amended motion to table the discussion. 17 voted Yes and 1 voted No.

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ITEM 8. GULF COAST RAIL DISTRICT UPDATE, MS. ANITA HOLLMANN MATIJCIO

Ms. Anita Hollmann Matijcio, H-GAC introduced Dr. Carol Lewis, Gulf Coast Rail District, who gave an update on the development of a new committee to facilitate the formation of the rail collaborative effort. The GCRD Board of Directors convened on December 6, 2022 to initiate discussion concerning the committee structure for possible action in January 2023

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

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 9. 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. Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet.
- B. Request for Nominations
Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, provided information on the Transportation staff request for nominations for TPC Officers, TPC Other Transportation Interests and TAC At-Large Positions.
- 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.
- D. H-GAC Board of Directors Update
Mr. Craig Raborn presented information on transportation items on the H-GAC Board of Directors meeting agenda on December 20, 2022. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

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

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13. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting	1/18/23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Policy Council	1/27/23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid

Chairman David Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

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Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Nancy Arnold

E-signed 2023-01-30 11:56AM CST
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Attachment 1
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
December 16, 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 <u> X </u> 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	<u> X </u> Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – Chairman _____ Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member _____ 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	_____ Vacant <u> X </u> Honorable John Bowen - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<u> X </u> 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> X </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> 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> </u> Roberto Treviño, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<u> </u> Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 <u> </u> Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	<u> </u> David Douglas Engineering Administrator <u> </u> 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 – 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> 20 </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> </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	Wharton County