



Resolution

No. 2019-14

ADOPTING THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND CERTIFYING ITS CONFORMITY WITH APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL PLANNING AND AIR QUALITY REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the eight-county Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Area includes all of Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council (TPC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with the H-GAC and continues to be the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act assigns the MPO the responsibility for developing and maintaining the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program and their periodic updates; and,

WHEREAS, the FAST Act requires the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program include a financial plan to demonstrate the consistency of proposed transportation investments with available and projected sources of revenue; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program were developed using the most recent federal guidance and applicable regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was developed in cooperation with local governments, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO), and other transportation agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 12898 mandate nondiscrimination and analysis of impacts to protected populations for all federally funded projects; and,

WHEREAS, the FAST Act assigns the MPO the responsibility for carrying out the transportation conformity process, in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly owned transit services; and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated an eight-county area coterminous with the Metropolitan Planning Area as moderate nonattainment under the 2008 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for the pollutant ozone, effective June 21, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the EPA has designated a six-county area coterminous with the Metropolitan Planning Area as marginal nonattainment under the 2015 8-hour NAAQS for the pollutant ozone, effective August 3, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, technical analysis has determined the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan conforms to motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in *Revisions to the State Implementation Plan for the Control of Ozone Air Pollution, Houston/Galveston/Brazoria Ozone Nonattainment Area*; and,

WHEREAS, expeditious implementation of the transportation control measures identified in the applicable State Implementation Plan has been accomplished and documented; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act and Clean Air Act regulations require information regarding the development of the RTP and the transportation conformity analysis be available for public comment according to the adopted MPO public participation plan; and,

WHEREAS, the transportation facilities, services and projects recommended in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan have been made available to the public in compliance with H-GAC's *Public Participation Plan*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA ADOPTS THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN; AND

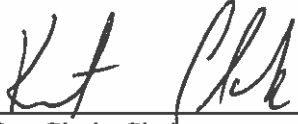
THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN IS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE 1990 U.S. CLEAN AIR ACT AS AMENDED; AND

THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN SATISFIES PLANNING REQUIREMENTS OF THE FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT INCLUDING APPLICABLE PROVISIONS WITHIN THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 12898.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of May 2019, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Policy Council for the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area.

APPROVED:



Ken Clark, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

ATTEST:



Hon. Tom Reid, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council