

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

DATE: Friday, August 26, 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 August 26, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. to order.

Chairman 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, August 26, 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 Robinson 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.

Chairman Robinson also welcomed Council Member Howard Wood, City of Conroe and Commissioner Robin Armstrong MD, Galveston County and recognized them as new members of the Transportation Policy Council.

ITEM 3. 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 August 26, 2022.

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ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. James Garland, H-GAC, 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. Garland also introduced American Sign Language Interpreters Frank Peralez and Kenneth Niemietz and provided instructions on how to view them on video conference. Mr. Garland said no written comments were received by 5:00 p.m. on

August 26, 2022 and no comments were made in person. Members of the public were invited to make comments by video conference.

The public comments made by video conference can be heard at this [LINK](#).

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Nancy Arnold presented the July 29, 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 RESOLUTIONS 2022-27 AND 2022-28, 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). The amendments are listed below:

- Program Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) vanpool projects funded with Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) in FY 2023 (MPO ID 18355/CSJ 0912-00-651) and FY 2024 (MPO ID 18356/CSJ 0912-00-653 & 18364/CSJ 0912-00-654) as they were inadvertently left out of the 2023-2026 TIP. (+\$4.9M; Total Cost: \$4.9M)
- Program the Fort Bend County FM 521 widening project (MPO ID 17110/CSJ 0111-03-059) funded with Metropolitan Mobility (Cat-2) in FY 2023 as it was inadvertently left out of the 2023-2026 TIP. (+\$75.2M; Total Cost: \$75.2M)
- Program the Fort Bend County Public Transportation bus support project (MPO ID 18343/CSJ N/A) funded with FTA Section 5307 in FY 2024 as it was inadvertently left out of the 2023-2026 TIP. (+\$0.6M; Total Cost: \$0.6M)
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District SH 36 widening project (MPO ID 263/CSJ 0188-01-016) funded with Metropolitan Mobility (Cat-2) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 due to Right-of-Way and funding issues. (Total Cost: \$29.5M)
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District FM 2100 widening project (MPO ID 290/CSJ 0162-02-011) funded with Metropolitan Mobility (Cat-2) from FY 2024 to FY 2025 due to Right-of-Way and realignment issues. (Total Cost: \$31.0M)
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District SH 105 widening project (MPO ID 7706/CSJ 0338-07-019) funded with Metropolitan Mobility (Cat-2) from FY 2023 to FY 2025 due to a railroad agreement. (Total Cost: \$32.6M)

- Delay the Fort Bend County wireless traffic signal project (MPO ID 17062/CSJ 0912-34-192) funded with CMAQ from FY 2023 to FY 2024 due to design changes. (Total Cost: \$6.7M)
- Delay the City of Tomball FM 2920 reconstruction project (MPO ID 17085/CSJ 2941-02-056) funded with Metropolitan Mobility (Cat-2) from FY 2023 to FY 2025 due to additional coordination required to confirm project scope. (Total Cost: \$28.6M)
- Delay the Montgomery County IH 45/SH 242 direct connector construction project (MPO ID 18028/CSJ 0110-04-205) funded locally from FY 2023 to FY 2024 due to design and agreement issues. (Total Cost: \$14.9M)
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District US 90A widening project in Fort Bend County (MPO ID 18029/CSJ 0027-08-147) funded with Metropolitan Mobility (Cat-2) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 due to two separate railroad agreements. (Total Cost: \$35.0M)
- Split the TXDOT Houston District SH 99 Segment-B tollway construction project (MPO ID 257/CSJ 3510-02-001) creating (MPO ID 18872/CSJ 3510-02-008) with \$319M of the local Category-3 Tollway funding which is being converted from local to state. (-\$203.8M; Total Cost: \$487.0M)
- Rescope the TXDOT Houston District IH 10 W widening project (MPO ID 60560 to add two new managed lanes to match managed lanes to match the adjoining sections (Total Cost: \$292.7M)
- Add \$5.4M of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds to the Harris County MUD#500 Greenhouse Road at US 290 underpass construction project (MPO ID 18052/CSJ 0050-06-092) to cover costs of due inflation. Correct the federal/local funding split from 75%/25% to 80%/20%. (+\$5.4M; Total Cost: \$43.4M)
- Program the Gulf Coast Transit District's FY 2022 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307, Urbanized Area Formula, Program of Projects (MPO IDs 18866, 18867, 18868, 18869, 18870 and 18871) in FY 2023 with 3.6M Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds. Funding will provide for transit capital, planning and operating expenditures in the Texas City/La Marque and Lake Jackson/Angleton urbanized areas. (+\$4.0M)
- Modify the scope of the Fort Bend Public Transportation bus acquisition project (MPO ID 11935), funded with FTA Section 5339, Bus and Bus Facilities, funding to that of construction activities for the Westpark Tollway Park & Ride facility. The funding was obligated in FY 2020 of the 2019-2022 TIP. The 178K Transportation Development Credits will remain as the match.

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

Proposed August TPC Amendments - TIP Budget Effects¹				
	As of May 2022	As of July 2022	Proposed Amendments (August Action)	Programming as of August 2022 (Pending TPC Approval)
Total Federal Funding Programmed				
Category 2 - Metro and Urban Area Corridors	\$1,453,610,240	\$1,414,499,500	\$49,040,000	\$1,463,539,500
Category 5 - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$604,869,695	\$643,980,435	-\$10,141,000	\$633,839,435
Category 7 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	\$795,981,665	\$858,792,106	\$5,420,429	\$864,212,535
Category 9 - Transportation Alternatives - Set Aside (TASA) Program	\$52,939,485	\$52,939,485	(+/-)\$ 0	\$52,939,485
¹ Includes Grouped and TIP status Project Fund Amounts.				

Mr. Dickinson requested approval for TPC approval of Resolution No. 2022-30 and Resolution 2022-31. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff. Mr. Craig Raborn pointed out that the amended Resolution and would not include the following project:

- Split the TXDOT Houston District SH 99 Segment-B tollway construction project (MPO ID 257/CSJ 3510-02-001) creating (MPO ID 18872/CSJ 3510-02-008) with \$319M of the local Category-3 Tollway funding which is being converted from local to state. (-\$203.8M; Total Cost: \$487.0M)

The motion was amended by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff to approve Resolution No. 2022-30 and Resolution No. 2022-31. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2022-30 and Resolution No. 2022-31.

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ITEM 7. COMMUTE SOLUTIONS MONTH REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2022-32, FRANCIS RODRIGUEZ, H-GAC

Ms. Francis Rodriguez, H-GAC, made a presentation on Commute Solutions Month. Commute Solutions is a travel demand management outreach and marketing program that promotes shifting how, when, where and whether we travel to reduce congestion and improve air quality in our region. Commute Solutions is conducted by the Houston-Galveston Area Council, in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation, regional Transportation agencies, area companies, universities, local governments and other community organizations. The program provides commuter program planning assistance, education, information, and outreach about transportation options like carshare, bikeshare, walking, bicycling, transit, carpool, vanpool, telework, and compressed work weeks to help reduce vehicle miles traveled in the region and improve air quality. Ms. Rodriguez also told the Council about ongoing activities that are occurring during Commute Solutions Month.

Ms. Rodriguez requested TPC Approval of Resolution No. 2022-32. After the presentation, a motion was made by Secretary Nancy Arnold and withdrawn by Secretary Arnold. A robust discussion occurred among TPC members. A motion was made by 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff and seconded by Council

Member Larry Millican to amend the resolution and to strike the wording “and International Car-Free Day” from the resolution. A roll call vote was requested and was conducted by H-GAC staff. 12 TPC members voted Yes and 10 TPC Members voted No to Amend the motion. The Council voted and approved the amended Resolution No. 2022-32. Dr. Carol Lewis abstained from the vote.

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ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF CRITICAL URBAN FREIGHT CORRIDORS REQUEST APPROVAL OF CRITICAL URBAN FREIGHT CORRIDORS, VERONICA GREEN, H-GAC

Ms. Veronica Green, H-GAC, presented on the Approval of Critical Urban Freight Corridors. A key deliverable for the ongoing Regional Goods Movement Plan update is the identification of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) region’s Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFC). CUFC are public roads that connect freight generators to the Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS), and expand the PHFS to increase economic competitiveness, reduce congestion, and reduce freight costs. The designated corridors expand the state National Highway Freight Network and are eligible for funding from the National Highway Freight Program. The Texas Department of Transportation allotted the H-GAC region 90.72 miles of the 372.78 miles allocated to the State of Texas. In collaboration with the Greater Houston Freight Committee, H-GAC designated the first iteration of Critical Urban Freight Corridors in 2017. Of the 36 corridors designated, 30 corridors were improved. Ms. Green gave an overview of the scoring criteria ranked projects and presented a map to show a list of the designated area for critical urban freight corridors. Based upon rankings and stakeholder input, 25 new corridors were selected as Critical Urban Freight Corridors and retained 2 unimproved corridors from the iteration, totaling the 90.72 miles allotted from TxDOT.

Ms. Green requested approval of Critical Urban Freight Corridors by the TPC. There was period of comment and discussion among H-GAC Staff and TPC members. A motion was made by Council Member Billy Combs and a second by Mayor Kevin Cole. The Council voted and approved the Critical Urban Freight Corridors.

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ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDMENTS RESOLUTION NO. 22/23-4, NEELY KIM, H-GAC

Ms. Neely Kim, H-GAC, presented on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment. The 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the regional transportation plans and programs, and the transportation-related air quality planning activities that will be undertaken during the fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The current UPWP was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) on August 27, 2021.

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a two-year plan that runs from October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2023. However, the UPWP does have a yearly close out date each year in September where H-GAC Transportation closes out completed projects, or carries forward projects that are still ongoing, or that are due to start in the next fiscal year.

Ms. Kim requested approval of the Unified Planning work Program (UPWP) Amendments and Resolution No. 22/23-4 by the TPC. A motion was made by Mayor Kevin Cole and seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman. A brief question and answer period occurred after the presentation. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 22/23-4

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ITEM 10. UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE MEANSURES, KAREN OWEN, H-GAC

Ms. Karen Owen gave an update on Performance Measures. A performance-based transportation planning process is a federal requirement in the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Federal legislation created Transportation Performance Management to focus federal funds on addressing the challenges facing the transportation system. Performance Management is a useful analytical tool for tracking regional performance over time and can illustrate how we are meeting the regional goals for improved performance of the transportation system. The process for measuring performance consists of gathering data, formulating a quantitative forecast, setting targets, monitoring conditions, and reporting target progress. The first federal performance period spans four years, from 2018 to 2021. H-GAC has responsibility for these federal measures in the areas of person and freight travel reliability, congestion, and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality, known as the Performance Measures 3 (PM3) set of measures. In 2020, the Transportation Policy Council adopted targets for the PM3 measures.

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For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 11. UPDATE ON CONNECT SMART, FRANCIS RODRIGUEZ, H-GAC.

Ms. Francis Rodriguez gave a brief introduction and invited Ms. Brenda Bustillos to update the Committee on ConnectSmart. The Texas Department of Transportation Houston District's ConnectSmart Program was one of the 2016 ATCMTD grant recipients, aiming to deploy an advanced technology platform that integrates Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) and Active Demand Management (ADM) with multimodal demand/mobility management. The Federal Highway Administration defines TSMO as a "set of strategies that focus on operational improvements that can maintain and even restore the performance of the existing transportation system before extra capacity is needed." Furthermore, FHWA defines ADM as the "use of information and technology to dynamically manage demand by influencing daily travel choices to support redistributing travel to less congested times of day or routes or reducing overall vehicle trips by influencing a mode choice." This app will go live on September 16, 2022.

There was a brief comment period by TPC members after this presentation.

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ITEM 12. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- 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. Future Amendment to the 2023-2026 TIP AND 2045 RTP
Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC presented on Future Amendments to the 2023-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet
- C. Quarterly TIP Report
Ms. Callie Barnes provided an update on the Quarterly TIP Report. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.
- D. Project Selection Process Update
Mr. Vishu Lingala provided an update on the Project Selection Process Update. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.
- E. Household Survey
Mr. Michael Onuogu introduced Ms. Sonia Solinsky, TxDOT, who provided an update on the Household Survey. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.
- F. 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.
- G. H-GAC Board of Directors Report
Mr. Craig Raborn presented information on transportation items on the H-GAC Board of Directors meeting on August 16, 2022. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization Meeting	September 14	2:00 p.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting	September 14	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Deadline	September 15	5:00 p.m.	N/A
Greater Houston Freight Committee Meeting	September 22	1:00 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Policy Council	September 23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Performance Measures PM3 Public Comment Period	July-August	N/A	N/A

Chairman Robinson adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Nancy Arnold

E-signed 2022-09-25 07:34PM CDT
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Attachment 1
 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
 FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
August 26, 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 _____ Thomas Woolley – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	_____ <u> X </u> 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 _____ * Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	_____ <u> X </u> Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 _____ Honorable John Bowen - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	_____ Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works _____ <u> X </u> 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> Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid-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> Honorable 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> X </u> Robert 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	_____ Honorable Mark Keough County Judge _____ Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> X </u> Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 1st Vice Chair _____ Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u> X </u> Sanjay Ramabhadran METRO Chair _____ * Thomas Lambert	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u> X </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director _____ Onyinye Akujuo – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<u> X </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. District Engineer _____ Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	<u> X </u> Martin Gonzalez, P.E. District Engineer _____ Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port Freeport	<u> X </u> Phyllis Saathoff Executive Director, Port Freeport _____ Roger Guenther, Port Houston - Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u> X </u> Dr. Carol Lewis Chairman, GCRD _____ Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u> 28 </u> Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 22 </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> 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	Wharton County