

5A. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, April 17, 2024, 9:30 A.M. MEETING

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński, called the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A list of Committee representatives and alternates attending the meeting is included with these minutes as Attachment 1. There were 35 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**

There were no written public comments received and no public comments from the floor.

**ORIENTATION TO AGENDA AND MPO DIRECTOR REPORT**

There was no report for this item.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński opened the floor to the Committee for any comments or questions for Consent Agenda Items; 5A.) Meeting Minutes Summary for March 13, 2024, and 5B.) Approval of 2024 TAC Nominating Committee Recommendations (Vacancies). No comments on the Consent Agenda Items were given, and the Chair entertained a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda Items.

A motion to approve was made by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Mr. Morad Kabiri. Mr. Bruce Mann made the second motion for approval. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**TAC NOMINATIONS PROCESS**

First Vice Chair Kabiri presented on the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Nominations Process. Mr. Kabiri presented this item to the Committee for future discussions and revisions to the nominations process and possible revisions to the subcommittee bylaws for the next cycle. Mr. Kabiri posed that Staff consider reconvening the TAC Subcommittee Bylaws Committee to discuss revisions and bring a proposal back to the Committee later. To hear more details on this item, please click on the link below.

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

**AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented on the Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. The 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year capital improvements program for transportation projects. Under federal rules, all federally assisted projects must be included in the TIP to be eligible for funding. In addition, federal rules require that regionally significant local projects must also be included in the TIP.

The 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a long-range plan that prioritizes spending on regional transportation projects including short and long-range strategies to ensure the transportation network is safe and efficient. Updated every four years, the RTP outlines a fiscally constrained transportation investment program that is based on the unique needs and characteristics of the MPO region.

Amendments to the TIP and RTP are brought to the Transportation Policy Council for consideration monthly and amended in accordance with the H-GAC Public Participation Plan.

Staff presented a summary of proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP and RTP which can be found in the April TAC Meeting Packet.

Mr. Dickinson opened the floor for comments and questions. Ms. Catherine McCreight indicated that MPO ID 18960, identified as State Loop 8, should show that work is being performed on SH 225, not the Beltway. Staff will update accordingly.

Mr. David Wurdlow further commented on the METRO proposed amendment (MPO ID 18188) if it would be acceptable for Phase I of the amendment to remain and that Phase II to show 2029 instead of 2030, subject to further review and changes.

Staff will make revisions as requested by the Committee before taking the proposed amendments to the Transportation Policy Council.

Mr. Bruce Mann made a motion to approve the proposed amendments as amended. Mr. Morad Kabiri made a second motion for approval to the amended amendments. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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

### **TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT (TAM) PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Ms. Jamila Owens and Mr. Christopher Whaley gave an update of the Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Measures. Transit Asset Management (TAM) is a process introduced in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). These guidelines, published as a Final Rule by the Federal Transit Administration, require public transportation providers to establish a process to maintain and track capital assets over their life cycle. This reporting is also integral to developing and updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Assets are to be monitored across four categories: 1) Rolling Stock; 2) Equipment; 3) Facilities; and 4) Infrastructure.

Public transportation agencies must prepare a TAM plan that outlines asset conditions in each of the above categories. The plans must be updated every four years. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to work with transit agencies to develop regional performance measures for each of these asset categories. This process is designed to help ensure a state of good repair to improve safety and reliability in public transportation. This process also allows the MPO to identify categories of assets in need of investment. H-GAC staff coordinated with the regional transit agencies and the Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee to review performance data for 2024 and update 2026 targets for transit asset management. A report on this information can be found in the April TAC Meeting Packet. Staff brought this item back for action and requested TAC recommendation for TPC approval for Resolution 2024-09.

Ms. Perri D'Armond made a motion to approve. Ms. Ruthanne Haut made a second motion to approve. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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

### **BIKE MONTH RESOLUTION**

Mr. Emanuel Andrews presented on the Bike Month Resolution. For almost 30 years, the Commute Solutions program has promoted, and provided educational resources to encourage the use of transportation alternatives to reduce peak period trips and vehicle miles traveled, while improving air quality. This work is achieved through partnerships with other organizations that have a shared interest in increasing our region's use of options like carpooling, vanpooling, transit, teleworking, bicycling, and walking. For many years, the Commute Solutions program has leveraged National Bike Month as an opportunity to shift attention to the options that exist bicycling in the region. Last year, during Regional Bike Month, also known as Gulf Coast Bike Month, participants saved over 3,500 lbs. of CO2 by reducing vehicle miles by 38,239. Staff requested TAC recommendation for approval of the Transportation Policy Council to recognize May 2024 as Gulf Coast Bike Month and May 17, 2024, as Regional Bike to Workday in the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area, Resolution 2024-10.

Mr. Varuna Singh made a motion to approve. Mr. Wael Tabara made a second motion to approve. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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

### **2023 REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Sydni Lignons presented on the 2023 Regional Goods Movement Plan. The 2023 Regional Goods Movement Plan (RGMP) Update serves as a framework that supports the region's economic activity through efficient, safe, and connected freight movement while addressing the externalities associated with freight transportation. The RGMP Update builds upon and complements previous freight studies and plans, including the 2013 Regional Goods Movement Plan and the Ports Area Mobility Study. This plan identifies actionable, operational, logistical, and technological policies, programs, and projects that improve goods movement, leverage private and public investment, and further the goals outlined in the Regional Transportation Plan. The Houston Galveston Area eight-county region has one of the fastest growing economic sectors in the United States. Moving forward, freight tonnage is expected to grow at 2.1 percent annually until 2050 to a total of 1.7 billion tons annually. For the region to maintain its economic competitiveness, it must support a growing demand for goods moving from, to, and through the region.

The Regional Goods Movement Plan Update study was completed in August 2023. This plan has identified key recommendations associated with a wide range of policies and programs that various stakeholders from both the private and public sectors could adopt to address safety and reduce congestion, emissions, and residential and community impacts from freight activity. Please see the April TAC Meeting Packet for further details. Additionally, the full 2023 RGMP Update document, along with associated documents, data storyboards, recordings of a virtual public meeting, and steering and stakeholder meetings, are available at the following link [here](#). Staff was seeking TAC recommendation for TPC approval of adoption of the (RGMP) and incorporation into the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.

Mr. Bruce Man made a motion to approve. Ms. Catherine McCreight made a second motion to approve. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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

### **2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) OVERVIEW**

Mr. Adam Beckom presented on the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Overview. The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year capital improvements program for transportation projects. Under federal rules, all federally assisted projects must be included in the TIP to be eligible for funding. In addition, federal rules require that regionally significant local projects must also be included in the TIP.

H-GAC's TIP is included, along with all other MPO TIPs and rural TIPs developed by TxDOT, in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP, reviewed and approved by Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, forms the basis for federal project actions including environmental approvals, permits and fund obligations. A new STIP is compiled every two years resulting in at least two years of projects carried over from the previous STIP each cycle. H-GAC staff held two public meetings on April 3, 2024, for projects in the draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. Additionally, the public comment period for the draft 2025-2028 TIP started on March 25, 2024. Staff will draft responses to the comments and provide an opportunity for project sponsors to coordinate with H-GAC staff on the responses. The draft 2025-2028 TIP project listing is available at the site the following site:  
<https://www.h-gac.com/transportation-improvement-program/2025-2028>

For information only. No action requested.

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### PLANNING ACTIVITIES

#### A. Project Selection Process Update

Mr. Adam Beckom provided an update on the Project Selection Process. To hear the details on this update, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Pedestrian and Bicyclist (Ped-Bike) Subcommittee	April 18	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Greater Houston Freight Committee Meeting	April 18	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) Subcommittee Meeting	April 25	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	April 26	9:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	May 1	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Clean Cities Stakeholder Meeting	May 7	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	May 8	9:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting	May 8	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Area Emissions Reduction Credit Organization (AERCO) Meeting	May 8	2:00 p.m.	H-GAC Office

### ADJOURNMENT

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 10:48 a.m.

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First Vice Chair  
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING ATTENDANCE (ROLL CALL)  
April 17, 2024, at 9:30 A.M.**

- Attendance is marked with “X” in the corresponding column for the Member and/or Alternate.
- 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>      </u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u>  X  </u>	Smaller Cities	Jildardo Arias	<u>      </u>
2nd Vice Chair				
Perri D’Armond	<u>  X  </u>	Transit	Shawn Davis	<u>      </u>
Dan Johnson, P.E., CFM	<u>      </u>	Smaller Cities	(Vacant)	<u>      </u>
Joe Garcia	<u>  X  </u>	Smaller Cities	Janet Corte	<u>      </u>
Ken Fickes	<u>  X  </u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	<u>      </u>
Ruthanne Haut	<u>  X  </u>	Transit	Todd Stephens	<u>      </u>
Shelly Sekula-Gibbs, M.D.	<u>      </u>	Environmental	Sue Theiss	<u>  X  </u>
Katherine Parker	<u>  X  </u>	Environmental	Carl Woodward, P.E., CFM	<u>      </u>
Monique Johnson, AICP	<u>      </u>	Planning	Jennifer Ostlind, AICP	<u>  X  </u>
David Wurdlow	<u>  X  </u>	Planning	Katherine Summerlin	<u>      </u>
Catherine McCreight	<u>  X  </u>	Planning	Brenda Bustillos, PhD	<u>      </u>
Marlisa Briggs	<u>  X  </u>	Business Interests	Amy Skicki	<u>      </u>
Nikki Knight	<u>  X  </u>	Citizens Interests	Dexter Handy	<u>      </u>
Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u>  X  </u>	Citizens Interests	Irma Sanchez	<u>      </u>
Bruce Mann	<u>  X  </u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	<u>      </u>
(Vacant)	<u>      </u>	Ports	Dean Corgoy	<u>      </u>
Brian Alcott	<u>  X  </u>	Toll Road	Amar Mohite	<u>      </u>
Robert Castaneda	<u>      </u>	Toll Road	(Vacant)	<u>      </u>
Stephen Gage	<u>  X  </u>	Active Transportation	Patricia Kievlan	<u>      </u>
Aubin Phillips	<u>      </u>	Active Transportation	Joe Cutrufo	<u>      </u>
James Brown	<u>  X  </u>	Airport	Marcel Allen	<u>      </u>
Joe Compian	<u>  X  </u>	Regional Planning	(Vacant)	<u>      </u>
Clint Harbert	<u>  X  </u>	METRO	Alan Clark	<u>      </u>
Nancy Peron, P.E.	<u>  X  </u>	TxDOT-Beaumont District	Carolina Lopez-Herrera, P.E.	<u>      </u>

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
Varuna Singh, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Houston District	Jeffrey English, AICP	<u>          </u>
Wael Tabara, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	<u>          </u>
Natalie G. Lopez	<u>X</u>	Chambers County	Cory Taylor, P.E.	<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>
David Douglas	<u>X</u>	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	<u>          </u>
Jean Mann	<u>X</u>	Montgomery County	John McKinney, Jr., Esq.	<u>          </u>
Ross McCall	<u>          </u>	Waller County	Luke Fortkamp	<u>          </u>
Brant Gary	<u>          </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>
Fabio Capillo	<u>X</u>	City of Houston	Khang Nguyen, P.E.	<u>X*</u>
Christopher Sims	<u>X</u>	City of League City	Cara Davis	<u>          </u>
Marcus Snell	<u>X</u>	City of Missouri City	Joi Johnson	<u>          </u>
Sarah Benavides	<u>X</u>	City of Pasadena	Mark Gardemal	<u>          </u>
Lorenzo Wingate	<u>X</u>	City of Pearland	Rajendra Shrestha, P.E., CFM	<u>          </u>
Melanie Beaman	<u>X</u>	City of Sugar Land	Sagnik “Nik” Raha, P.E.	<u>          </u>
Kim Golden, P.E.	<u>          </u>	City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	<u>          </u>
	<u>44</u>	<b>Total Voting Membership</b>		
	<u>35</u>	<b>Total Voting Membership Present</b>		
	<u>22</u>	<b>Required for Quorum</b>		