

5A. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 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 37 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 presented at the meeting.

ORIENTATION TO AGENDA AND MPO DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Craig Raborn gave a brief presentation on the Orientation to Agenda and MPO Director Report. For further details, please click on the link [here](#).

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński moved to separate the Consent Agenda Items.

Consent Agenda Item 5A. Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2023, and Consent Agenda Item 5B. Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2023, were removed for comments and revisions.

Consent Agenda Item 5C. Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), was set aside for a separate vote after the discussion on the meeting minutes.

The Chair opened the floor for comment on the meeting minutes for December 6, 2023. Ms. Jean Mann requested that the roll call be updated to show her present for the December 6, 2023, TAC Meeting.

Mr. Robert Winiecke also requested an update to the December 6, 2023, meeting minutes. Mr. Winiecke asked that the roll call sheet date, on page 18, be updated from November 8, 2023, to December 6, 2023.

Mr. Bruce Mann made a motion to approve the amended minutes to include the revisions from Ms. Jean Mann and Robert Winiecke for December 6, 2023, Meeting Minutes. A second motion to approve was made by Mr. Ken Fickes. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

Chair Chapa-Gorczyński then opened the floor for discussion on to the November 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

Mr. David Fields requested an update on page 14 in the packet for the November 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Mr. Fields asked that the language in the motion be amended as follows: A motion to approve was made by Mr. Mike Wilson to include the proposed edits identified above (made by Mr. Fields) and all other recommendations discussed to be incorporated. The Committee voted and the motion carried."

Mr. David Fields then made a motion to approve the amended language to the meeting minutes for November 8, 2023. A second motion was made by Ms. Sherry Weesner. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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

Chair Chapa-Gorczyński then proceeded to Consent Agenda Item 5C. Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Chair asked the Committee for comments or a motion to approve. No comments were given.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Morad Kabiri. A second motion was made by Ms. Perri D'Armond. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS

SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Mr. Stephen Keen presented on the Safety Performance Measures. The Federal Highway Administration requires an annual submission of safety performance measures by state department of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations. The five federal safety performance measures are 1) Number of fatalities, 2) Rate of fatalities (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT)), 3) Number of serious injuries, 4) Rate of serious injuries (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled) and 5) Number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries (pedestrians and bicyclists). The Houston-Galveston Area Council uses a methodology of a five-year rolling average to determine safety performance measures. The data used to determine the measurements are derived from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Crash Record Information System (CRIS) data. To hear this presentation, please click on the link below.

This item was for discussion only.

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

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Mr. Vishu Lingala provided an update for Project Selection Process. At the March 2020 Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting, the Council approved goals, priorities, and policies for selection and prioritization of projects to be programmed in Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 10-Year Plan, and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). These goals, priorities and policies guide the H-GAC staff, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and the TIP Subcommittee in development of project selection criteria and evaluation methodologies for project planning and programming. At the January 2023 meeting, TPC authorized the MPO staff to initiate the Project Selection Process.

On November 30, 2023, evaluation criteria and online questionnaire for the projects submitted under 5 investment categories (Major Projects, High Growth Area Needs, Operational Improvements and Congestion Management, Resiliency and State of Good Repair, Transit) were published on the website [here](#). To hear the updates and discussion on this presentation, please click on the link below.

This item was for discussion only.

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

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Mr. Stephen Keen presented on the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project Development Process. H-GAC does not have an established avenue that primarily serves to add projects to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). H-GAC and the RTP Subcommittee have jointly developed the RTP Project Development Process, which goals are to increase the number of projects submitted to the RTP, increase planning activities for said projects,

and enhance collaboration between H-GAC and its projects sponsors. The RTP Project Development Process was developed to serve as the primary avenue to add projects to the RTP fiscally constrained project list.

H-GAC staff, guided by the Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee, has developed the RTP Project Development Process. Its purpose is twofold: establish a primary avenue for projects to be submitted for inclusion into the RTP, and to ensure that projects added to the RTP align with the vision statement, goals, and desired outcomes of the Plan. The RTP Project Development Process, along with the Project Selection Process, will allow project sponsors to submit their projects to the appropriate process. Mr. Keen provided an overview of the proposed steps of the RTP Development Process to the Committee. After the overview, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. To hear the discussion and comments made on this item, please click on the link below.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Sherry Weesner. A second motion was made by Ms. Catherine McCreight. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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NOMINATIONS PROCESS AND TIMELINE

Assistant Director, Allie Isbell presented on Nominations Process and Timeline. The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws instruct the Chair of the TAC to select a three-member Nominating Committee each year. The Nominating Committee is responsible for considering all nominations for TAC Officers, which include Chair, 1st Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair. The Nominating Committee is also responsible for reviewing nominations and making recommendation for the subcommittees of the TAC, which include the Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee, Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee, Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee, Transportation Air Quality Subcommittee, Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee, and Transportation Systems Management and Operations. Ms. Isbell reviewed the process and noted that the Nominations for these roles will open after the February 2024 TAC meeting. For further details on this presentation, please click on the link below.

This item was for discussion only.

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

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

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

Mr. Jim Dickinson provided a brief overview of Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP. For a summary of the Future Amendments, please view January 17, 2024, TAC Packet or click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting	December 13	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Regional Air Quality Program Advisory Committee (RAQPAC)	December 14	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	December 15	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	January 26	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid

Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Subcommittee Meeting	February 1	2:00 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	February 7	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	February 14	9:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting	February 14	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Greater Houston Freight Committee (GHFC) Meeting	February 19	1:00 p.m.	Hybrid
Road Safety Audit Training Workshop	February 22	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m	H-GAC Office

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chapa-Gorczyński adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 10:57 a.m.

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1st Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)
January 17, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.**

NOTES:

1. Attendance is marked with “X” in the corresponding column for the Member and/or Alternate.
2. 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>X*</u>
1 st Vice Chair				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Jildardo Arias	
2nd Vice Chair				
Perri D’Armond	<u>X</u>	Transit	Pamela LeBrane	
(Vacant)		Smaller Cities	Brian Winningham	<u>X</u>
Jeremiah Hill		Smaller Cities	Janet Corte	<u>X</u>
Ken Fickes	<u>X</u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	
Ruthanne Haut	<u>X</u>	Transit	Todd Stephens	
Carl Woodward		Environmental	Sue Theiss	
Katherine Parker	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Amy Skicki	<u>X*</u>
David Fields	<u>X</u>	Planning	Jennifer Ostlind, AICP	<u>X*</u>
			Faustino Benavidez, P.E.	<u>X</u>
David Wurdlow		Planning		
Catherine McCreight	<u>X</u>	Planning	Brenda Bustillos	<u>X*</u>
Marlisa Briggs	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	Elijah Williams	
Dexter Handy	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Amy Skicki	<u>X*</u>
Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Gabe Cazares	
Bruce Mann	<u>X</u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	
Michael Wilson		Port Freeport	(Vacant)	
Brian Alcott	<u>X</u>	Toll Road	(Vacant)	
(Vacant)		Toll Road	(Vacant)	
Stephen Gage	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Patricia Kievlan	<u>X*</u>
Bill Zrioka	<u>X</u>	Airport	Marcel Allen	
Joe Compian	<u>X</u>	Regional Planning	Wil Kennedy	
Clint Harbert		METRO	Alan Clark	<u>X</u>
James W. Koch, P.E.		TxDOT-Houston District	Jeffrey English, AICP	<u>X</u>

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
Lisa Collins, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Beaumont District	Nany Peron, P.E.	<u>X*</u>
Wael Tabara, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	<u> </u>
Cory Taylor	<u> </u>	Chambers County	Natalie G. Lopez	<u>X</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	<u> </u>
Ross McCall	<u> </u>	Waller County	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Brant Gary	<u>X</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>
Veronica O. Davis, P.E.	<u>X</u>	City of Houston	Fabio Capillo	<u>X*</u>
Christopher Sims	<u> </u>	City of League City	Cara Davis	<u>X</u>
Marcus Snell	<u>X</u>	City of Missouri City	Shashi Kumar	<u> </u>
Sarah Benavides	<u>X</u>	City of Pasadena	Mark Gardemal	<u> </u>
Trent Epperson	<u>X</u>	City of Pearland	Rajendra Shrestha, P.E., CFM	<u>X*</u>
(Vacant)	<u> </u>	City of Sugar Land	Melanie Beaman	<u>X</u>
Kim Golden, P.E.	<u>X</u>	City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	<u> </u>
	<u>44</u>	Total Voting Membership		
	<u>37</u>	Total Voting Membership Present		
	<u>22</u>	Required for Quorum		