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

- DATE: Friday, June 23, 2023
- TIME: 9:31 a.m.

PLACE: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027 and Video Conference

The presiding officer, Chair David Robinson called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of June 23, 2023 at 9:31 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, June 23, 2023 and he was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027 and attested that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public and 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. Lucinda Martinez, H-GAC, for the Certification of the Quorum and she 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.

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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. No TPC members declared any conflicts.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under Item 1 through 3 are included in the meeting recording <u>HERE</u>

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Veronica Waller, H-GAC informed the Council that Spanish translation services were available and introduced Daniel Brassil to provide instructions on how to make Public Comments in Spanish by video conference. Ms. Waller also informed the Council that American Sign Language services were available to the public and the instructions were in the presentation in Zoom. Ms. Waller proceeded to introduce Kenneth Niemietz and Dionna Griffin. No public comments were received by 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2023. No public comments were made in person. The Public comments made online can be heard <u>HERE</u>

ITEM 5. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman David Robinson asked the Council if there was a need to pull any item from the consent agenda. No items were requested to be pulled. Chairman David Robinson asked for a motion on the Consent Agenda Items below:

- A. Approval of May 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes Summary Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion and Chuck Wemple seconded. The Council voted and approved the May 19, 2023 meeting minutes summary
- B. Approval of TPC Nominating Committee Recommendations Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion and Mayor Kevin Cole seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved the addition of the following to the Transportation Safety Committee and the Transportation Advisory Committee membership:

<u>Transportation Safety Committee</u> Sam Pena, City of Houston Fire Chief Russell Fritsch, City of Houston Assistant Fire Chief George Buenik, City of Houston Director of Public Safety and Homeland Security Thomas Munoz, City of Houston Deputy Director & Emergency Management Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management

<u>Transportation Advisory Committee</u> Stephan Gage, Primary, Active Transportation position

C. Honoring Ex-Officio TPC Member Hugh McCulley

Chairman David Robinson read TPC Resolution No. 2023-24 honoring the service of late Hugh L. McCulley. Chairman Robinson and Dr. Carol Lewis provided comments in honor of Mr. McCulley. Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion and Judge Mark Keough seconded. Chairman Robinson asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. McCulley. The Council voted and unanimously approved the TPC Resolution No. 2023-24.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording <u>HERE</u>

ITEM 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP), 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 and 2045 RTP are included below for the Council's review:

 Add \$109.3M of Categories 1 and 12 State construction funding to the TxDOT Houston District IH 69 South North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP) 10-lane widening project (MPOID 155) to cover increased estimates of inflation and Atlas 14 standards. Also, add right-of-way (ROW/R) as an authorized phase of work with \$132.6M of Federal/State ROW funding due to confirmed right of way acquisition and utilities relocation costs and to maintain eligibility for federal reimbursement of the ROW funds. Delay from FY 2023 to FY 2026 due to the recent release of the FHWA pause. Add 'NHHIP Seg-3A' to the Description. (+\$241.9M; Total Cost: \$648.5M)

- Update the Federal and State construction funding of Categories 1, 4, 12 and 'Design/Build' of the TxDOT Houston District IH 69 South NHHIP 10-lane widening project (MPOID 7428) per new estimates. Also, add ROW as an authorized phase of work with \$91.6M of Federal/State ROW funding due to confirmed right of way acquisition and utilities relocation costs and to maintain eligibility for federal reimbursement for the ROW funds. Add 'NHHIP Seg-3B' to the Description. (-\$28.2M; Total Cost: \$427.8M)
- Update the Federal and State construction funding of Categories 4 and 12 of the TxDOT Houston District IH 69 South NHHIP bridges construction project (MPOID 16337) to cover increased estimates of inflation and Atlas 14 standards. Also, add ROW as an authorized phase of work with \$10.1M of Federal/State ROW funding due to confirmed right of way acquisition and utilities relocation costs and to maintain eligibility for federal reimbursement. Add 'NHHIP Seg-3B' to the Description. (+\$4.6M; Total Cost: \$79.1M)
- Add ROW as an authorized phase of work with \$2.4M of Federal/State ROW funding to the TxDOT Houston District SH 35 8-lane construction project (MPOID 209) per TxDOT ROW Division policy for the region which will maintain eligibility for federal reimbursement of the funds. (+\$2.4M; Total Cost: \$63.0M)
- Add ROW as an authorized phase of work with \$15.0M of Federal/State ROW funding to the TxDOT Houston District SH 36 4-lane widening project (MPOID 263) per TxDOT ROW Division policy for the region which will maintain eligibility for federal reimbursement of the funds. (+\$15.0M; Total Cost: \$60.0M)
- Add ROW as an authorized phase of work with \$38.4M of Federal/State ROW funding to the Galveston County Pelican Island Vehicle Bridge replacement project (MPOID 18085). Add the project into the TxDOT Statewide Bridge Program where ROW funds will be eligible for federal reimbursement. (+\$38.4M; Total Cost: \$154.2M)
- Increase the Federal/State ROW funding of the TxDOT Houston District IH 610 direct connectors at SH 35 construction project (MPOID 18048) per TxDOT's latest estimate. (+\$4.3M; Total Cost: \$205.0M)
- Increase the Federal/State/Local ROW funding of the TxDOT Houston District SH 35 8-lane construction project (MPOID 202) because of recently updated schematic, revised maps, and additional parcels which need to be acquired. (+\$22.2M; Total Cost: \$100.5M)
- Increase the Federal/State ROW funding of the TxDOT Houston District IH 10 West widening project (MPOID 13864) due to updated ROW maps and utilities relocations costs. (+\$5.9M; Total Cost: \$20.0M)
- Increase the Federal/State ROW funding of the TxDOT Houston District IH 10 West widening project (MPOID 18402) due to updated ROW maps and utilities relocations costs. (+\$8.6M; Total Cost: \$88.7M)

- Increase the Federal/State Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funding of the TxDOT Houston District FM 518 shared-use path construction project (MPOID 17122) due to inflation of bid prices. (+\$6.4M; Total Cost: \$19.8M)
- Increase the Federal/State Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) funding of the City of Houston's MKT-White Oak Bayou shared-use path construction project (MPOID 18018) due to new TxDOT estimates. (+\$2.3M; Total Cost: \$5.3M)
- Delay the TxDOT Houston District's SH 99 Segment F-2 Toll-funded widening project (MPOID 18723) from FY 2023 to FY 2028 in the 10Y due to railroad bridge design and utility relocation issues. (Total Cost: \$45.9M)
- Delay the Houston-Galveston Area Council's High-Capacity Surface Transportation Block Grant funded Transit Studies project (MPOID 18821) from FY 2023 to FY 2024 to allow for completion of an Advanced Funding Agreement with the TxDOT Houston District. (Total Cost: \$1.3M)
- Program METRO's Texas Medical Center Upgrades (MPOID 18924) in FY 2023 with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307, Urbanized Area Formula Program, funding. (+\$25.0M)
- Program METRO's State of Good Repair Projects (MPOID 18925) in FY 2023 with FTA Section 5307 funding. (+\$25.0M)
- Program Fort Bend County Transit's FY 2021 FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, \$1.1M apportionment (MPOID 18926) in FY 2023. (+\$1.3M)
- Program Harris County Transit's FY 2021 FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, \$1.1M apportionment (MPOID 18927) in FY 2023. (+\$1.3M)
- Program the Gulf Coast Transit District's FY 2021 FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, \$250K apportionment (MPOID 18928) in FY 2023. (+\$300K)
- Program the Gulf Coast Transit District's FY 2021 FTA Section 5339, Bus and Bus Facilities Program, \$275K apportionment (MPOID 18929) in FY 2023. (+\$330K)
- Program Fort Bend County Transit's FY 2022 FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, \$1.1M apportionment (MPOID 18930) in FY 2023. (+\$1.3M)
- Program Harris County Transit's FY 2022 FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, \$1.4M apportionment (MPOID 18931) in FY 2023. (+\$1.7M)
- Program the Gulf Coast Transit District's FY 2022 FTA Section 5339, Bus and Bus Facilities Program, \$1.9M apportionment (MPOID 18932) in FY 2023. (+\$2.3M)
- Increase the Federal/Local funding of METRO's FY 2023 FTA Section 5307 funded Bus/Rail Capitalization Preventative Maintenance: FY 2021 Apportionment (MPOID 18000) based on the actual allocation. (+\$133K; Total Cost: \$81.9M)

- Increase the Federal/Local funding of METRO's FY 2023 FTA Section 5307 funded METROLift ADA Support: FY 2021 Apportionment (MPOID 18007) based on the actual allocation. (+\$453K; Total Cost: \$10.7M)
- Increase the Federal/Local funding of METRO's FY 2023 FTA Section 5337, State of Good Repair Program, funded Rail Capitalized Maintenance: FY 2021 Apportionment (MPOID 18153) based on the actual allocation and update the description. (+\$7.5M; Total Cost: \$15.5M)
- Increase the Federal/Local funding of METRO's FY 2023 FTA Section 5339, Bus and Bus Facilities Program, funded West Bellfort Park & Ride Modifications: FY 2020 Apportionment (MPOID 18858) based on the actual allocation and update the description. (+\$20.2M; Total Cost: \$26.5M)
- Decrease the Federal/Local funding of METRO's FY 2023 FTA Section 5307 funded Bus/Rail Capitalized Maintenance: FY 2022 Apportionment (MPOID 11759) based on the actual allocation. (-\$24.6M; Total Cost: \$57.2M)
- Increase the Federal/Local funding of METRO's FY 2023 FTA Section 5307 funded METROLift ADA Support: FY 2022 Apportionment (MPOID 11811) based on the actual allocation. (+\$3.5M; Total Cost: \$13.8M)
- Increase the Federal/Local funding of METRO's FY 2023 FTA Section 5337 funded Rail Capitalized Maintenance: FY 2022 Apportionment (MPOID 11892) based on the actual allocation. (+\$15.6M; Total Cost: \$24.1M)

Proposed June 2023 TPC Amendments - TIP Budget Effects					
Total Federal Funding Programmed	As of May 2022	As of May 2023	Proposed Amendments (June Action)	Programming as of June 2023 (Pending TPC Approval)	
Category 2 - Metro and Urban Area Corridors	\$1,453,610,240	\$1,043,453,232	\$0	\$1,043,453,232	
Category 5 - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)	\$604,869,695	\$636,001,768	\$5,093,165	\$641,094,933	
Category 7 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	\$795,981,665	\$867,727,577	\$0	\$867,727,577	
Category 9 - Transportation Alternatives - Set Aside (TASA) Program	\$52,939,485	\$50,035,485	\$1,841,879	\$51,877,364	
¹ Includes Grouped and TIP status Project Fund Amounts.					

A question-and-answer period occurred after the presentation among TPC members and H-GAC Staff. Mr. Dickinson requested approval of TPC Resolution No. 2023-23. 1st Vice Chair Justin Beckendorff made a motion and Ms. Carol Haddock seconded. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2023-23

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ITEM 7. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS/FUNDING INSTRUCTIONS, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, provided a presentation to the Council on the Project Selection Process/Funding Instructions. Mr. Beckom told the Council that discussions and recommendations have been made at the Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee and the Transportation Advisory Committee and today will be seeking approval from the TPC. Mr. Beckom presented the eight investment categories to the Council and said that staff was working with the Regional Goods Movement sponsors and projects at this time. Mr. Beckom described the other 7 categories and the eligible activities for potential spend. For the past few months staff developed a recommendation for TPC to instruct level of investment in an Investment Category. Approach 1: Identify and achieve TPC's desired policy outcomes; Approach 2: Funding instructions proportional to sponsor submittals. Staff's potential recommendation is a combination on approaches 1 & 2 and worked with TIP and TAC to bring forward a final recommendation. Mr. Beckom described a funding instruction alternative based on statements of interest, projects that are included in the RTP and locally funded projects now seeking federal funds and transit funding as criteria. Mr. Beckom requested TPC approval of the Project Selection Process/Funding Instructions adjustments. See below:

Investment Category	Initial Recommendation	Adjusted
Regional Goods Movement	12%	11%
Operational Improvements & Congestion Management	13%	16%
High-Growth Area Needs	25%	<mark>23.75%</mark>
Active Transportation	7.5%	7.5%
Transit	7.5%	10%
Major Projects	30%	<mark>23.75%</mark>
Resiliency & State of Good Repair	5%	8%
Safety **	TBD; ~\$30M/yea	ır

A lengthy question, answer and comment period occurred after the presentation among members of the TPC and H-GAC staff. A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman to adopt the Initial recommendation. Judge Mark Keough seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved the initial recommendations. Tom Lambert voted No.

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ITEM 8. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT PROJECTS EVALUATION, MR. ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, provided an update on Project Selection and the Regional Goods Movement projects evaluation. Mr. Beckom pointed out a Project Screening flowchart for the call for projects and gave a brief overview of the flowchart and described 0-3 year projects and informed the Council that the 205 projects were separated into 5 groups with a requested amount of \$5.7 Billion. Mr. Beckom let the Council know once projects are entered into the TIP, projects must go through realistic considerations for 0-3 years projects listed in the presentation for the Council and a timeline for readiness and TPC/TAC and then Federal Approval. Mr. Beckom continued his presentation with an update on the 64 Regional Goods Movements projects staff is evaluating against the planning criteria with a cost of \$2.35B. Staff is reviewing the planning narratives and coordinating with project sponsors. Mr. Beckom described next steps, focus areas and timeline. A discussion period occurred after this presentation.

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For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 9. PAVEMENT & BRIDGE PERFORMANCE MEASURES, MS. KAREN OWEN, H-GAC

Ms. Karen Owen, H-GAC, provided a presentation on the Pavement and Bridge Performance measures. Ms. Owen informed the Council the Federal Measures are focused on the National Highway System what we refer to the as (NHS) on the Pavement side the measures are in two subsets. Ms. Owen presented a map to the Council that illustrated The Interstate highlighted in red and Non-Interstate highlighted in black (Beltway 8, US 290 and Highway 105.) H-GAC has a responsibility of setting regional targets in the 8-County area. Ms. Owen described the Performance Measures and Targets and discussed the process on setting targets, she also presented and described the targets met and not met. Ms. Owen provided information on H-GAC analysis of regional data sets and described agency coordination, past and future pavement conditions for interstate and non-interstate, bridge conditions, regional investments by category, setting future targets, and staff recommendations for future targets. Ms. Owen concluded her presentation with a timeline for Pavement and Bridge Performance Measure approval. A question-and-answer period occurred after the presentation among TPC member and H-GAC Staff.

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For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 10. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. <u>Administrative Amendments to the 2023-2025 TIP and 2045 RTP</u> Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, provided a presentation on the Administrative Amendments to the 2023-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet. Discussion among H-GAC staff and the Council occurred during the presentation.

- B. <u>Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP AND 2045 RTP</u> Mr. Jim Dickenson provided a presentation on 14 Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to TPC members in the meeting packet
- C. <u>Summary of Transportation Planning Activities</u> Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update on various Transportation Planning Activities. Information was provided to the TPC members in the meeting packet.
- <u>H-GAC Board</u>
 Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update of Transportation items approved at the June 17, 2023 meeting of the H-GAC Board. Information was provided to the TPC members in the meeting packet.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD)

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting	7/19/23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Regional Air Quality Policy Advisory Committee	7/27/23	10:00 a.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Policy Council Council	7/28/23	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid

Chairman David Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

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Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC) FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA June 23, 2023

ROLL

AGENCY		VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE	REPRESENTING
Baytown, City of	X	_ Honorable Brandon Capetillo Mayor _ Jason Reynolds – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	X	Honorable Howard Wood Council Member Norman McGuire – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	X	Honorable Marie Robb Council Member Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	X	Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – Chairman Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	X	Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member Honorable Sallie Alcorn - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	X	Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	X	Honorable John Bowen Council Member Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	X	_ Shashi Kumar, P.E Director of Public Works _ Marcus Snell – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<u> </u>	Sarah Benavides, P.E. Sr. Assistant Public Works Director	City of Pasadena

Mark Gardemal- Alternate

AGENCY		VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE	REPRESENTING
Pearland, City of	X	_ Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor _ Trent Epperson-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	X	_ Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor _ Honorable Stewart Jacobson – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	X	_ Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor _ Jon Branson - Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of Vacant	X	_ Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, Secretary _ Honorable Sally Branson-Alternate	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Brazoria County	X	_ Matt Hanks, JD, P.E. County Engineer _ Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County		_ Honorable Ryan Dagley County Commissioner _ Honorable Tommy Hammond Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	X	_ Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, 2nd Vice Chair _ Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	X	_ Honorable Robin Armstrong County Commissioner _ Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County		_ Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge Roberto Treviño, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	X	– Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 – Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	X	_ Melinda Solliday Department Administrator _ Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

AGENCY		VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE	REPRESENTING
Montgomery County	X	_ Honorable Mark Keough County Judge _ Commissioner, Matt Gray – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> </u>	Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 1 st Vice Chair Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	X	_ Sanjay Ramabhadran METRO Chair _ Thomas Lambert	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	X	Chuck Wemple Executive Director Onyinye Akujuo – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	X	Eliza Paul, P. E. District Engineer Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	X	_ Martin Gonzalez, P.E. District Engineer _ Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Other Transportation Interests		Roger Guenther Executive Director, Port Houston Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport- Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	X	Dr. Carol Lewis Chairman, GCRD Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	28	_ Total Voting Membership	
	24	_ Voting Membership Present	
	14	_ Required Quorum	

<u>REPRESENTING</u>

<u>AGENCY</u>

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Texas State Senate	Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	Clint Schelbitzki	Union Pacific
Texas State Legislator	Hon. Dennis Paul	8-County Region
Texas State Legislator Wharton County	Hon. Ed Thompson X Hon. Phillip Spenrath	8-County Region Wharton County