

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION
MANAGEMENT AREA**

DATE: Friday, October 24, 2008

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Houston-Galveston Area Council, 3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor
Conference Room A, Houston, Texas 77027

Chair James Patterson called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Secretary Tom Reid announced that there was a quorum; 14 comprise a quorum. A quorum was declared present as recorded on the Roll Call included with these Minutes as Attachment 1. Attachment 2 lists persons in attendance other than members or their representatives.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Alan Clark recognized Mr. Ruben Landa with Senator Gallego's office. Mr. Delvin Dennis introduced Mr. Randall "Randy" Redmond, P.E., TxDOT Beaumont District Engineer. Mr. Dennis also announced the newly appointed Greg Punske, FHWA District B Engineer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jon Boyd with Citizens' Transportation Coalition (CTC) made comments related to TIP Amendment #90 on the Council agenda. Mr. Boyd expressed concern that approval of the amendment would violate the public comment process for TIP amendments as established by the Council. He referenced the Sunset Commission's report on the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) that recommends improvements in the department's public review and public comment processes.

Ms. Robin Holzer, also with CTC, addressed concerns with the Council's public comment process. Ms. Holzer stated that the proposed TIP Amendment #90 does not comply with the Council's public involvement policy for adding TIP amendments.

Mr. James Larimore discussed an alternative transit concept that he has developed that would transform the region's HOV lanes to Automated Light Rail lines. More information can be found at www.HoustonTransitIdea.com.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Steve Howard made a motion for adoption of the Agenda and Ms. Sue Lovell seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FRIDAY AUGUST 22, 2008 MEETING

Secretary Tom Reid made a motion for the approval of the August 22, 2008 minutes and Mr. Tom Kornegay seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2008-2011 TIP AND 2035 RTP

A Resolution for approval of TIP Amendment #90 was presented to the Council. Mr. Gabriel Y. Johnson, P.E., provided an overview of Amendment #90 and explained the urgency of expediting this amendment.

Mr. Mike Hodge, City of Pearland, discussed the merits of the proposed widening of FM 865 (Cullen Blvd.) for the City of Pearland and the Pearland ISD.

Policy Council members discussed the merits of the proposed project and expressed their concern that the proposed TIP amendment had not completed the additional public comment period normally required for significant TIP amendments.

Mr. Matt Sebesta made a motion for the provisional approval of Resolution 2035-13-RTP contingent on 1) completion of the required 30 day public comment period and public meeting; and 2) review by the Policy Council of public comment received to determine if the amendment should be sustained or (if the subject of adverse comment) revised or rejected. Mr. Tom Kornegay seconded the motion. The amendment was approved by the TPC contingent upon the results of the public comment period and public meeting.

APPROVAL OF REGIONAL COMMUTER RAIL CONNECTIVITY STUDY

Mr. Sam Lott provided a presentation on the Regional Commuter Rail Connectivity Study. Mr. Lott discussed the purpose of the study and provided a brief overview of the feasibility, accessibility, and connectivity requirements of implementing commuter rail service along selected corridors in the region. The presentation was concluded with questions and comments. Information on the study can be found at: [ftp://ftp.h-gac.com/Pub/Transportation/Communications/Commuter_Rail/](http://ftp.h-gac.com/Pub/Transportation/Communications/Commuter_Rail/).

METRO Working on final environmental impact statement for the University Corridor light rail line. Will continue to work with TxDOT on HOT Lanes.

TxDOT (Houston) Ribbon cutting on the Katy Freeway will take place October 28, 2008 and on the Galveston causeway on November 13, 2008. Ms. Elvia Cardinal, TxDOT Houston District's new Director of Planning, was recognized.

TxDOT (Beaumont) *Nothing further to report.*

TCEQ *Nothing further to report.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman James Patterson adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 11:39.

Tom Reid, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
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ROLL CALL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Brandon Capetillo Councilman <input type="checkbox"/> Stephen DonCarlos – Alternate	City of Baytown
Galveston, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Vacant</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Steve LeBlanc, P.E – Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Pam Holm Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable James Rodriguez – Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Sue Lovell Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Melissa Noriega – Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Marcotte, P.E. Director, Public Works & Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Raymond D. Chong, P.E. – Alternate	City of Houston
Missouri, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Elmer Director of Public Works <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Ruda – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Benavides, P.E. Assistant City Engineer/Acting Director of Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Lee Jane Ream, P.E. – Alternate	City of Pasadena
Sugar Land, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Dennis Parmer Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Jacqueline Baly Chaumette - Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Matthew Doyle Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Doug Kneupper – Alternate	City of Texas City

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<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Brazoria County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Matt Sebesta Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/> Donald Payne – Alternate	Brazoria County
Brazoria County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Tom Reid Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Modesto Mundo – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Don Brandon, P.E. County Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Nelson – Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable James Patterson County Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/> Paulette Shelton – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Kenneth Clark County Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Fitzgerald – Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Ed Emmett County Judge <input type="checkbox"/> Rose Hernandez – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arthur L. Storey Jr., P.E. Executive Director/County Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Jackie Freeman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Pat McLaughlan, P.E. Councilman <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Robert A. Fry – Alternate	Smaller Cities
Liberty County	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Norman Brown Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Phil Fitzgerald – Alternate	Liberty County
Montgomery County	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Alan B. Sadler County Judge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Mooney – Alternate	Montgomery County
Montgomery County	<input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Larry Calhoun Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Jay Ross Martin – Alternate	Smaller Cities
Waller County	<input type="checkbox"/> Orval Rhoads, P.E. County Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Terry Harrison – Alternate	Waller County

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Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Frank Wilson President and CEO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Sedlak – Alternate	Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority
Houston-Galveston Area Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Howard Chief Operating Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Jack Steele – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delvin Dennis – Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randall “Randy Redmond, P.E. District Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Phillip Lujan, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port of Houston Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Kornegay Port of Houston Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Joseph Adams – Alternate	Other Transportation Interest

26 Total Voting Membership

19 Voting Membership Present

14 Required Quorum

**Persons Other Than Members or Their Alternates Attending the Meeting of the
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Airiohuodion, Charles - TxDOT
Amar, Liza - WSA
Aweidah, Inas - HNTB
Benz, Robert - TTF
Beverlin, Rick - The Goodman Corp.
Boyd, Jon - CTC
Caul, Carol - CTC
Chentham, Joe - Crossland Acquisition
Chong, Raymond - City of Houston
Clark, Alan - H-GAC
Crocker, Maureen - City of Houston
Dean, Charles - Harris County
Dennis, Delvin - TxDOT
Dorubusch, Tom - CTC
Fickels, Ken - Harris County Transit
Fickles, Ken - Harris County Transit
Freeman, Jackie - HCPID
Garrison, Danielle - Fort Bend County
Gornet, David - GPA
Hammer Menzel, Mary - M&M
Hernandez, Rose - Harris County
Hodge, Mike - City of Pearland
Holzer, Robin - CTC
Hope, Kevin - RIMKUS
King, Bill - Business Interest
Landa, Ruben - Senator Mario Gallegos
Larimore, James
Lott, Sam - Kimley-Horn and Associates
Lujan, Phillip - TxDOT Beaumont
Mao, Andrew - Harris County
Martinez, Lucinda - H-GAC
McCreight, Catherine - TxDOT
Moss, Brian - LTRA
Nixon, Carol - Gunda
Olvason Chris - GPA
Pearson, Gary - Consultant
Rodgers, David - TxDOT
Ruda, Valerie - City of Missouri City
Rudick, Dale - The City of Sugar Land
Shiraz, Mansour - TxDOT
Spencer, Lynn - The Goodman Corp.
Stout, Bob - Stout Government Relations
Villegas, Gabriella - H-GAC
Wadick, Ashley - TCEQ
Waskowiak, Pat - H-GAC
Waterworth, Len - DEC
Whaley, Jack - TranStar