

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

DATE: Friday, August 28, 2009

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

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Chairman James Patterson called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Secretary Tom Reid announced that there was a quorum; 14 members 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

There were no introductions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Sue Lovell made a motion for the approval of the August 28, 2009 agenda. Secretary Tom Reid seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FRIDAY JULY 24, 2009 MEETING

Secretary Reid made a motion for the approval of the July 24, 2009 minutes. Ms. Sue Lovell seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2008 – 2011 TIP RTP

There were no amendments to the 2008 – 2011 TIP and 2035 RTP for the August 28, 2009 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2008 -2011 TIP AND 2035 RTP

Mr. Alan Clark provided a brief explanation of TIP Administrative Amendments 134 and 159. No approval was needed for these Administrative Amendments.

UPWP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Clark explained the revised funding and text changes in the UPWP. These changes took place due to the changes in resource allocations and priorities.

Ms. Sue Lovell made a motion to approve Resolution 0903-UPWP. Mr. John Sedlak seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved.

APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY FOR THE 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND 2008 – 2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Clark briefly discussed the few projects included in the conforming plan that have changed in scope and/or timing. He informed the Council that in a few cases, projects were modeled incorrectly in the travel demand analysis for the 2035 RTP. Some of the modeling errors were significant enough to warrant a new conformity determination for the RTP.

H-GAC held a 30 day public comment period and public meeting in August. A correction to the resolution was made to reflect that the public comment period concluded on August 22, 2009 with no public comment received.

The Council voted and approved as submitted.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Steve Howard updated the Council on the progress regarding the three recommendations the Bylaws Committee is currently working on: 1) an Ethics Policy required by the State Legislature; 2) technical corrections on outdated practices and 3) the composition of the Council membership and a membership cap. The desire of the Committee is to have these issues brought forth for consideration at its September 25, 2009 meeting. This report was concluded with comments, questions and answers.

STATUS REPORT ON REGIONAL AVIATION SYSTEM PLAN

Mr. Keith Garber, H-GAC, provided an update of the Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP). The RASP was created to provide a frame work for the development of airports in the 13 county region. This is the first update of the plan since 1992.

Mr. Garber reviewed the work accomplished in Phase I of the study, including meetings with 28 airports, chambers of commerce and economic development councils. Regional aviation issues range from funding to security to marketing challenges. The goals of the study are: preserving existing airports; improving safety and efficiency; and highlighting the benefits to the community. The presentation was concluded with public meeting dates. Phase II will begin October 2009. For more information on the Regional Aviation System Plan visit: [www.h-gac.com/aviation](http://www.h-gac.com/aviation).

#### CITY OF TOMBALL LIVABLE CENTERS STUDY

Mr. Jeff Taebel presented the results of the Livable Centers study for the City of Tomball. He stated that the goal of the Livable Centers Program is to provide support in planning and development of infrastructure that is walkable, transit friendly, connected, accessible leading to more compact/mixed use development. The Tomball Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the study and recommended it for City Council approval September 8, 2009.

Mr. Taebel introduced the Hon. Gretchen Fagan, Mayor, City of Tomball. Mayor Fagan commented on the implantation process and how the City of Tomball will integrate the plan into its comprehensive plan. She discussed the three Advisory Committees and indicated that participants who served on the Committees included business owners, property owners, elected officials and private citizens with diverse interests. The priority and goals will become a part of the City of Tomball zoning ordinance.

In conclusion, Mayor Fagan invited everyone to come out and Walk Tomball on Saturday mornings. “Walk Tomball” is a weekly event with walking routes between 1 and 3 miles long that allow participants to see the changes that are taking place in the City.

For more information, on studies and future reports regarding livable centers visit, [www.h-gac.com/livablecenters](http://www.h-gac.com/livablecenters).

#### STATUS REPORT OF AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FUNDING

Mr. Clark provided a status report on the updates regarding ARRA funding. A table was provided on the letting schedules and transit projects. He discussed the letters of support for projects that were in submitted on several projects.

For more information, visit, [http://www.txdot.gov/project\\_information/stimulus/tigerapplication.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/project_information/stimulus/tigerapplication.htm)

PORT FREEPORT ARRA TIGER GRANT PROPOSAL

Mr. Mike Wilson with Port Freeport provided a presentation to the Council on the Ports plans for the Port Rail Project using TIGER Grant funding. He briefly provided the history, makeup of the Port Commission, rankings and other statistics for the Port.

For more information, visit: [www.portfreeport.com](http://www.portfreeport.com).

REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

H-GAC The H-GAC Board approved the emissions control area for Ocean-Going Ships and the Baytown Express Park & Ride Service third year funding agreement. Surface Transportation Authorization was discussed and how the representation on the TPC can assist in informing our Senate and House. A video presentation on METRO Star Program was provided.

TCEQ Theresa Pella indicated that the Houston-Galveston region may become classified as a nonattainment area for particulate matter. Over the past few years, the Clinton Drive monitor has detected high levels of PM 2.5 which exceeds the limits of the Federal Clean Air Act. Ms. Pella noted actions taken by the Port of Houston Authority and others to mitigate fugitive dust from parking areas the adjacent railroad tracks and trucks loading and unloading in the immediate area. However she noted the poor condition of the pavement on Clinton Dr. still is a significant factor contributing to fugitive dust in the area. She urged the TPC to expedite plans for the reconstruction of Clinton Dr. East of loop 610 as an additional tool to reduce airborne particulate matter near the TCEQ Clinton Dr. air quality monitor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Patterson adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 11:20 a.m.

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Tom Reid, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)  
 FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON  
 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA  
 AUGUST 28, 2009

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"/> Kelly Carpenter – Alternate	City of Baytown
Galveston, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Hughes Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Dianna Puccetti – 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"/> Jeffrey Weatherford – Alternate	City of Houston
Missouri, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Elmer Director of Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Valerie Ruda – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Darrell Morrison, P.E. Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Benavides, P.E. – Alternate	City of Pasadena
Sugar Land, City of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Jacqueline Baly Chaumette Council Member <input type="checkbox"/> Donald L. Smither -Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas, City of	<input type="checkbox"/> Doug Kneupper, P.E. City Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	City of Texas City

**ATTACHMENT 1**

<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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Norman Brown Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Phil Fitzgerald – Alternate	Liberty County
Montgomery County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honorable Craig Doyal Commissioner <input type="checkbox"/> Mark J. Mooney, P.E. – Alternate	Montgomery County
Montgomery County	<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Calhoun City of Conroe Downtown Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Honorable Jay Ross Martin – Alternate	Smaller Cities

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Waller County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orval Rhoads, P.E. County Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Yancy Scott, P.E. – Alternate	Waller County
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delvin Dennis District Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Michael W. Alford, P.E. – 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 type="checkbox"/> Wade Battles Acting Executive Director, POHA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.J. “Pete” Reixach – Alternate	Other Transportation Interest

26 Total Voting Membership

23 Voting Membership Present

14 Required Quorum

**Persons Other Than Members or Their Alternates Attending the Meeting of the  
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL  
August 28, 2009**

Airiohuodion, Charles - TxDOT	McCulley, Hugh - BNSF
Alcorn, Sallie - City of Houston	Nixon, Carol - Gunda
Baxter-Lamb, Veronica - H-GAC	Pella, Theresa - TCEQ
Bayer, Katrina - H-GAC	Polasok, Kevin - Terra Associates
Bednar-Wood, Carolyn - TxDOT	Reixach, A.J. - Port Freeport
Benz, Robert - TTI	Rice, Rick - EHRA
Bowman, Noel - H-GAC	Rodgers, David - H-GAC
Brightwell, Holly - TCEQ	Sepulveda, David - Terra
Carpenter, Kelly - City of Baytown	Shelton, Paulett - Fort Bend County
Chong, Ray - EHRA	Shiraz, Mansour - TxDOT
Clark, Alan - H-GAC	Siwek, Alicja - KBR
Crocker, Maureen - GCFRD	Slaughter, Kim - METRO
Dickinson, Jim - H-GAC	Stout, Bob - StoutGov.Rel/HNTB
Fickes, Ken - Harris County Transit	Thomas, William Paul - City of Houston
Garrison, Danielle - FBC	Thurber, Todd - Jacobs
Hackett, Kari - H-GAC	Trietsch, Gary - DEC
Hawley, Steve - Houston Tomorrow	Van Ness, Laura - CHI
Hebert, Rosalind - H-GAC	Villegas, Gabriella - H-GAC
Jackson, Ch'rese - H-GAC	Violette, Kelly - City of Tomball
Jenkins, Charlie - PHA	Waskowiak, Pat - H-GAC
Johnson, Ashby - H-GAC	Wiersy, Douglas - Jacobs
King, Bill - Business Interest	Willer, Darrin - HNTB
Kunhn, Gary - Zachry American Infrastructure	Williams, Nicholas - H-GAC
Kunz, Mauren - Vollmer Public Relations	Wurdlow, David - H-GAC
Liang, Scott - H-GAC	
Lubertino, Graciela - H-GAC	
Mao, Andrew - Harris County	
Martinez, Lucinda - H-GAC	
McClure, Mark - City of Tomball	