

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

DATE: Friday, July 23, 2010

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

Chairman James Patterson called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting to order at 9:31 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Secretary Tom Reid made a motion for the approval of the July 23, 2010 agenda. Council Member Jacqueline Baly-Chaumette seconded the motion. Mr. Jeffrey Weatherford made a motion to amend the agenda and move Item 7 before Item 6. Mr. George Greanias second the motion. The Council voted and approved the July 23, 2010 agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FRIDAY JUNE 25, 2010 MEETING

Secretary Tom Reid made a motion for the approval of the June 25, 2010 minutes with a correction in the membership roll call acknowledging the presence of Ms. Maureen Crocker representing Freight Interests at the June 25, 2010 meeting. Mr. Delvin Dennis asked that the minutes reflect two corrections: first, correcting the spelling of a word on page 1 and second, a change in the wording on page 2. Council Member Sue Lovell seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved the minutes as amended.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF MR. MICHAEL MARCOTTE, P.E. TO THE TPC

Mr. Alan Clark presented a Resolution and plaque recognizing the services of Mr. Michael Marcotte. Mr. Marcotte thanked the Council and commented on the great work done in the region.

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

Mr. Alan Clark addressed amendment # 250 stating this is an amendment to the 2008 - 2011 TIP. He introduced Mr. John Breeding with the Uptown Management District. Mr. Breeding gave a summary of what the amendments would do for the projects. A brief discussion took place clarifying questions provided by the Council.

Ms. Dianna Puccetti made a motion for the approval of Resolution 2035-30 RTP. Mr. George Greanias seconded the motion. The Council voted to approve Resolution No. 2035-30 and the motion carried.

There were no questions regarding the Administrative Amendments under Agenda Item 6B.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED WORK SCOPE FOR UPDATE OF THE 2035 RTP

Mr. Alan Clark provided a presentation on the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He noted that the 2040 Plan, which is the next long range transportation plan, is currently being produced. Mr. Clark addressed the purpose of updating the 2035 RTP and why the plan must be fiscally constrained. A review of the scope and funding scenarios was provided and Mr. Clark discussed the three proposed funding scenarios that projects could fall under if a particular scenario is chosen by the TPC. Mr. Clark reviewed the input that is needed from the public and transportation agencies along with the 2035 RTP update schedule for the next three months. The presentation was concluded with comments/questions and answers.

Mr. Scott Elmer made a motion to approve the proposed work scope for update of the 2035 RTP. Secretary Tom Reid seconded the motion. The Council voted to approve the Proposed Work Scope for Update of the 2035 RTP and the motion carried. Mr. Delvin Dennis with TxDOT – Houston and Philip Lujan with TxDOT – Beaumont abstained from the vote.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS COMMUTE SOLUTIONS MONTH

Mr. Alan Clark requested approval of Resolution 2010-05. He commented on upcoming events that will take place through Commute Solutions partnerships. H-GAC Commute Solutions staff will host a press conference and transportation fair at 3 Greenway Plaza on Thursday, July 29, 2010. H-GAC will promote the 2010 Clean Air

Action Leadership Awards Luncheon on Thursday, August 19, 2010 and the Commute Solutions Pledge Challenge throughout the month of August.

Mr. Steve Howard made a motion to approve Resolution 2010 – 05. 2nd Vice Chair Norman Brown seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved.

APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO 2010 TPC SCHEDULE

Mr. Alan Clark requested delaying the October 22, 2010 TPC meeting one week to October 29, 2010 and then requested canceling the November TPC meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday. He added there will be a December meeting held a week earlier due to the Christmas Holiday.

Secretary Tom Reid made a motion to approve the TPC Schedule change to the 2010 meetings. Commissioner Kenneth Clark seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved the changes.

APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING RESPONSIBILITIES

Mr. Alan Clark requested the TPC's approval to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Transit Providers within the region. Mr. Clark explained the purpose of this agreement by stating that it is a requirement contained in federal rules for an agreement between the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the providers of public transportation services in our eight-county transportation planning region. Copies of the current versions of each of these documents are available online at www.h-gac.com/transportation/plans.

Mr. George Greanias made a motion for approval of the MOU. Council Member Lovell seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved.

UPDATE ON REGIONAL TRANSIT FRAMEWORK STUDY

Ms. Shaida Dezfuli with H-GAC provided a brief overview of the Regional Transit Framework Study. She added the schedule for completion of the study has been extended until December 2010. Ms. Dezfuli then introduced Mr. Scott Miller with HDR to finish the presentation of the study.

Mr. Miller provided an overview presentation of the work performed to date and the work remaining for the Regional Transit Framework Study. Mr. Miller explained the expected outcomes of the study and how they are utilizing the data collected to address the transit deficiencies and needs that have been identified in the Houston region. Mr. Miller then discussed public comment received regarding transit in the region as a result of the study's outreach efforts. Mr. Miller concluded the presentation by explaining the goals of the alternative transit scenarios currently being developed for the study. In closing, Mr. Miller provided answers to questions/comments put forth by the Council.

REPORTS ON THE STATUS OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

H-GAC The ARRA Update was provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman James Patterson adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 11:10 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Tom Reid, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council