

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

DATE: Friday December 15, 2017
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Houston-Galveston Area Council, 3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor, Room B, Houston,
Texas 77027

Chairman Matt Sebesta called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:35 a.m.

ITEM 1. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Secretary Tom Reid announced that a quorum of TPC membership was present; 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.

ITEM 2. INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Sebesta invited introductions from Council members and staff.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dominic Mazok addressed the Council regarding some ideas he had discussed with Council Member Trey Brown that might improve transit on Galveston Island, particularly the need for better transit to and from the Strand.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2017 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Reid motioned for approval of the November 17, 2017 meeting Minutes and Commissioner Rusty Senac seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved the Minutes.

ITEM 5A. RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2017-2020 TIP AND 2040 RTP

Mr. Dickinson reviewed 10 amendments for the month of December. These actions involved:

- Programming the Lynchburg Ferry Rehabilitation and Improvement Project into the TIP using funds allocated to Harris County through the FHWA Ferry Boat Program.
- Programming four projects into the TIP using Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program funds awarded by the Texas Transportation Commission.

- Change sponsorship of two Gulf Coast Rail District West Belt Railroad underpasses to the City of Houston, add Right Of Way phase and delay to FY 2020 and FY 2021. No change is proposed to the funding previously awarded.
- Change sponsorship of Fort Bend County FM 1093/FM 359 widening projects to TXDOT Houston District and use State funding for current costs. Additional state funding is in response to increased corridor costs and request from Fort Bend County for additional state participation.
- Increase funding for Max Road widening project on a 50/50 basis.

Commissioner James Patterson motioned for approval of the Resolution amending the TIP and RTP and Commissioner Ken Clark seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2017-19.

ITEM 5B. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE TIP AND RTP

Mr. Dickinson reviewed Administrative modifications for 13 projects for the month of December. These amendments involve:

- Nine projects were delayed one year within the TIP.
- Remove TXDOT CSJ number from FM 1092/Murphy Road access management project to reflect removal of federal funding.
- Project sponsor for Memorial Drive and Gessner Drive reconstruction projects was changed to Memorial City Redevelopment Authority.
- Minor scope of work change was made to Loop 494 reconstruction and widening project.

Since these are administrative modifications, there was no action required of the Council.

ITEM 5C. PREVIEW OF FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE TIP AND RTP

Mr. Dickinson outlined amendments to seven proposed projects for the Council's preview this month.

- Program the Gulf Coast Center FTA Section 5307 Program of Projects for the Lake Jackson/Angleton and Texas City/La Marque UZAs.
- Add \$1M of Category-1 federal funding to the IH-10 ramp reversal project in the City of Baytown.
- Delay the SH 36 grade separation construction project in West Columbia to FY 2022 of the RTP.

These amendments are presented for information only and are subject to change prior to a request for action.

ITEM 5D. RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2018-2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Presenting for Mr. Nicholas Williams today, Mr. Dickinson reviewed two amendments to the 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). These amendments would address comments from the Federal Highway Administration and added \$25,000 in FTA funding to Subtask 4.3 for monitoring and planning support for the implementation of priority projects identified in the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan (RCTP).

Mr. Jack Steele motioned for approval of the Resolution amending the 2018-2019 UPWP, and Commissioner Rusty Senac seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. UPWP 18/19-3.

ITEM 6. 2045 RTP INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

Mr. Vishu Lingala outlined the 2045 RTP proposed investment strategies to which will be used in the next Call for Projects and development of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. These investment strategies include updates to the vision, goals and strategies, performance measures, targets, used to identify needed investments and project priorities.

Mr. Lingala requested feedback from the Council regarding any additional strategies that may need to be considered.

Several comments were forthcoming from Council members and these are included in the TPC meeting livestream at: <http://hgac.swagit.com/play/12152017-636>. The Investment Priorities will return to the TAC for additional discussion and modification based on feedback received from TPC members.

ITEM 7. LIVABLE CENTERS STUDIES

Mr. Jeff Taebel, Director of Community and Environmental Planning at H-GAC, briefed the Council on nine Livable Centers Planning Studies proposed for inclusion in the 2018-2019 UPWP. These studies will come before the Technical Advisory Committee for a recommendation to the TPC for approval at their January 2018 meetings.

Mr. Taebel presented a list of the proposed study partners, Federal funding requested, and identified the locations for each study on the map under this item.

Questions and comments from the Council are covered in the meeting livestream at: <http://hgac.swagit.com/play/12152017-636>.

ITEM 8A. REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Mr. Clark invited questions or comments from members concerning the staff report on planning activities. He highlighted two public meetings planned this month to receive comments on our air quality conformity analysis on projects selected by the TPC to be included in the RTP. Staff analysis of

the proposed projects show that the Regional Transportation Plan, if amended to incorporate these projects, will continue to be compliant with the State’s air quality budgets. Following the public comment period, approval of the transportation conformity finding will be requested of the TPC at its January meeting.

ITEM 8B. H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

There were no items submitted by staff to the Board of Directors in December.

A brief discussion followed regarding a number of toll road bills introduced at the last legislative session and discussed at the Texas Transportation Commission meeting yesterday. Comments from the Council and details of that discussion are available in the meeting archives at:

<http://hgac.swagit.com/play/12152017-636>.

ITEM 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next TAC meeting – January 17, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., Rm B
- Next TPC meeting – January 26, 2018, at 9:30 a.m., Rm B
- January Brown Bag Lunch Series – January 22, 2018. H-GAC, Rm B “Autonomous Vehicles” by Mr. Sam Lott (TSU), Noon-1:00 p.m.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sebesta adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 10:40 a.m.

Hon. Matt Sebesta, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

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ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable David McCartney Council Member, District 6 _____ Honorable Robert Hoskins – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	<u> X </u> Thomas Woolley Interim Director of Engineering _____ Chris Bogert – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Craig Brown Council Member <u> x </u> Rick Beverlin - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member, At-Large 2 _____ Honorable Karla Cisneros - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	_____ Honorable Larry Green Council Member <u> X </u> Honorable Amanda Edwards - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	_____ VACANT Director, Public Works & Engineering <u> X </u> Jeffrey Weatherford, P.E. – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 _____ John Baumgartner – Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	_____ Scott Elmer, P.E. Assistant City Manager <u> X </u> Shashi Kumar, P.E. – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	_____ VACANT Council Member <u> X </u> Sarah Benevides, P.E. – Alternate	City of Pasadena

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<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Pearland, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Tom Reid Mayor - Secretary <u> x </u> Jon Branson –Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> </u> Hon. Carol McCutcheon – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	<u> X </u> Doug Kneupper, P.E. City Engineer <u> </u> VACANT – Alternate	City of Texas City
City of Bellaire	<u> X </u> Honorable Pat McLaughlan Council Member, City of Bellaire <u> </u> Honorable Natalie Picha - Alternate	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Brazoria County	<u> X </u> Honorable Matt Sebesta County Judge - Chairman <u> </u> Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u> X </u> Honorable Rusty Senac Commissioner – 1st Vice Chair <u> </u> Jimmy E. Gore - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u> X </u> Honorable James Patterson County Commissioner, Pct 4 <u> x </u> Paulette Shelton – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u> X </u> Honorable Kenneth Clark Commissioner - 2nd Vice Chair <u> </u> Judge Mark Henry – Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	<u> </u> Honorable Ed Emmett County Judge <u> X </u> Honorable Jack Morman – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<u> X </u> Honorable Steve Radack County Commissioner, Pct 3 <u> </u> Gary Trietsch, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	<u> </u> Honorable Greg Arthur County Commissioner, Pct 3 <u> </u> Honorable Leon Wilson – Alternate	Liberty County

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Montgomery County	<u> </u> Honorable Charlie Riley County Commissioner, Pct 2 <u> X </u> Honorable Craig Doyal – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> </u> Hon. Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner <u> </u> Yancy Scott, P.E. - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u> X </u> Carrin Patman METRO Chair <u> x </u> Thomas Lambert - Alternate	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u> X </u> Jack Steele Executive Director <u> x </u> Chuck Wemple – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<u> X </u> Quincy Allen, P.E. District Engineer <u> x </u> Eliza Paul, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	<u> X </u> Tucker Ferguson, P.E. District Engineer <u> x </u> Adam Jack, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port of Houston Authority	<u> </u> Honorable Janiece Longoria Commissioner/POH Chair <u> </u> Phyllis Saathoff – Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u> </u> Bert Keller Chairman/GCD <u> X </u> Maureen Crocker – Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u> 28 </u> Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 24 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

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<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Freight Rail Interests	<u> X </u> Brenda Mainwaring Vice President, Public Affairs	Union Pacific Railroad
Freight Rail Interests	_____ Hugh McCulley	BNSF Railway
Texas State Legislator	_____ Hon. Rick Miller	8-County Region
Texas State Legislator	_____ Hon. Sylvia Garcia	8-County Region
Wharton County	<u> X </u> Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County
TxDOT Yoakum District	<u> X </u> Paul Reitz, P.E. District Engineer	TxDOT Yoakum District