

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

DATE: Friday January 25, 2019
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

The following persons addressed the Council regarding Agenda items:

1. Dominic Mazoch – Mr. Mazoch addressed the Council stressing the need to involve junior high and high school students in transit options available in our region. He suggested that a program might be introduced by transit and governments agencies to inform young students about the transit options that are available to them and how that might benefit them in getting to school or work.
2. Temidayo Ogan, TOCSS Foundation International – Ms. Ogan addressed the Council regarding design principals for promotion of road safety. She pointed out that the key leadership of H-GAC should consider an improved Transportation Safety Plan and who the users of this plan will be in 2045.
3. Lisa Graiff, Houston Parks Board – Ms. Graiff addressed the Council regarding the Bayou Greenways 2020 project which is 150 miles of shared use trails along our bayous. She expressed her concerns regarding the limited funding available. She requested that the Council look at CMAQ and other methods of funding for active transportation projects.
4. Katya Morzhueva, Cool Cat Cycles – Ms. Morzhueva addressed the Council representing cyclists, business owners, and residents of Rice Military--an area south of the Heights, south of IH 10, and north of Memorial Drive. She requested funding support of an improvement project or a bridge connecting IH 10 with a bike path or a shared use path, to the area under IH 10, and then to the Heights.

5. Gregg Nady – Mr. Nady addressed the Council regarding funding support for active transportation projects in the TIP. He thanked TxDOT for listening to the community and working with them to scope out and identify three projects: Conn Street to Memorial Park connector, White Oak Bayou to the Heights trail connector, and shared-use path from Westview 12th Street bike lanes down to the Northwest Transit Center.
6. Clark Martinson, Executive Director, Bike Houston – Mr. Martinson addressed the Council regarding the 2018 TIP Call for Projects. He compared the number of total projects in the TIP Call for Projects to the amount of discretionary federal funding available for the next 10 years. He requested that the Council consider ways to approve more projects so that our region can benefit from the local sponsor's willingness to partner with H-GAC.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2018 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Reid motioned for approval of the December 21, 2018 meeting Minutes and Council Member David Robinson seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved the Minutes.

ITEM 5A. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR OUTGOING TPC MEMBERS

Chairman Sebesta read the Resolution of Commendation for Port Houston Commission Chair Janiece Longoria. Ms. Longoria represented *Other Transportation Interests* on the TPC for five years and has served as Chairman of Port Houston since January 2013.

A motion was made and seconded for the Resolution of Commendation for Janiece Longoria and unanimously approved by Council members.

Ms. Longoria was not able to attend today's meeting, so Mr. Spencer Chambers (POHA) accepted her award. On behalf of Ms. Longoria, Mr. Chambers extended her gratitude to the Council for the opportunity to work with the TPC on regional mobility, especially those efforts that improved freight mobility.

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF TPC NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Nominating Committee Chair Joe Zimmerman read each of the recommendations for which the Nominating Committee was responsible and requested approval of each. These included:

I. Election of 2019 TPC OFFICERS:

- Chairman – Commissioner Ken Clark, Galveston County
- 1st Vice Chair – Council Member David Robinson, City of Houston
- 2nd Vice Chair – Commissioner Justin Beckendorff, Waller County
- Secretary – Honorable Tom Reid, City of Pearland
- Past Chair – Judge Matt Sebesta, Brazoria County

A motion was made and seconded for approval of the above recommendation for the slate of 2019 TPC officers.

METRO Chair Carrin Patman, Council Member Amanda Edwards, and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo made comments regarding the consideration of demographic diversity of gender and race in choosing candidates for TPC officers in the future.

The full discussion regarding this action is available in the meeting livestream archives at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01252019-657>.

Chairman Sebesta called for a vote on the above motion. The Council voted and approved the recommended slate of officers.

At this time, Past Chairman Sebesta passed the gavel to Chairman Elect, Commissioner Ken Clark.

Committee Chair Zimmerman continued to read the following recommendations of the TPC Nominating Committee.

II. OTHER TRANSPORTATION INTERESTS ON THE TPC (1 position):

- Primary – Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO, Port Freeport
Alternate – Roger Guenther, Port of Houston Authority

III. 16 AT-LARGE POSITIONS ON THE TAC:

- **Smaller Cities (1 position)**
Primary – Sharon Valiante, Director of Public Works, Fulshear TX
Alternate – Morad Kabiri, P.E., AICP, City of Friendswood
- **Rural Transit (1 position)**
Primary – Paulette Shelton, Fort Bend County Transit
Alternate – Perri D’Armond, Fort Bend County Transit
- **Urban Transit (1 position)**
Primary – Ken Fickes, Harris County Office of Transit Services
Alternate – Vernon Chambers, Harris County Office of Transit Services
- **Environmental/Planning (5 positions)**
Primary – Andrea French, TAG Executive Director
Alternate – Theresa Rodriguez, BayTran

Primary – Dr. Carol Lewis, Director of Transportation Policy
Alternate – Elijah Williams, Gulf Coast Rail District

Primary – Ruthanne Haut, Deputy Director Community Services, The Woodlands
Alternate – John Powers, Covenant Administration, The Woodlands

Primary – Jennifer Ostlind, City of Houston Planning
Alternate – Sharon Moses-Burnside, Transportation Planning Manager

Primary – Maureen Crocker, City of Houston
Alternate – Juan Chavira, Public Works Assistant Director, City of Houston

- **Citizen & Business Interests (2 positions)**

Primary – Auggie Campbell, West Houston Association
Alternate – Larry Buehler, City of Alvin

Primary – Bob Eury, Central Houston, Inc.
Alternate – Irma Sanchez, Westchase District

- **Intermodal Interests (6 positions)**

Primary – Bruce Mann, Port of Houston
Alternate – Mark Griffin, Port of Houston

Primary – Mike Wilson, Port Freeport
Alternate – Amar Mohite, Harris County

Primary – John Tyler, Harris County Toll Road Authority
Alternate – Dale Hillard, Harris County Toll Road Authority

Primary – Clark Martinson, Bike Houston
Alternate – Veronica Chapa Gorcynski, Greater East End Management District

Primary – Bill Zrioka, Houston Airport System
Alternate – Meagan Campbell, City of Houston Public Works

Primary – Oni Blair, Executive Director LinkHouston
Alternate – Jonathon Brooks, LinkHouston

A motion was made and seconded for approval of the above recommendation for the Other Transportation Interests at-large position on the TPC and the 16 at-large positions on the Technical Advisory Committee. The Council voted and approved both recommendations as listed above.

IV. 23 AT-LARGE POSITIONS ON THE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE (TSC):

- **Public Transit, State/City/County Engineering & Planning (8 positions)**

Primary – Timothy H. Kelly, Executive Vice President
Alternate – Sean Cagan, Chief Safety Officer

Primary – Ian Hlavacek, P.E., Supervising Engineer
Alternate – Khange Nguyen, P.E., Traffic Management Division

Primary – Kevin Thompson
Alternate – Russell Gerami, Fort Bend County Transportation

Primary – Brannan Hicks, Harris County Transportation & Planning
Alternate – Stuart Corder, Harris County Transportation Engineer

Primary – Ken Fickes, Harris County Transit Services
Alternate – Vernon Chambers, Harris County Transit Services

Primary – James Kenner - TxDOT
Alternate – Ugonna Ughanze - TxDOT

Primary – Anita Hollman, H-GAC C&E
Alternate – Cheryl Mergo, H-GAC C&E

Primary – Vacant
Alternate – Vacant

- **Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management (5 positions)**

Primary – Henry J. Gaw, City of Sugar Land
Alternate – Kenneth N. Campbell, Director of Public Safety

Primary – Sean Wright, Seabrook Chief of Police
Alternate – Vacant

Primary – Bennie Boles, City of LaPorte Police Dept
Alternate – Vacant

Primary – John Hermann, Fort Bend County Constable Precinct 4
Alternate – Vacant

Primary – Dr. Rohit Sheno, Texas Children’s Hospital
Alternate – Vacant

- **Healthcare/Education/Social Service/Citizens (6 positions)**

Primary – Joshua Zuber, Senior Public & Community Affairs, AAA Texas
Alternate – Anne O’Ryan, Public Policy Strategist & Legis. Affairs, AAA Texas

Primary – Kristen Beckworth, Texas Children’s Hospital
Alternate – Vacant

Primary – Robert Benz, Texas A&M
Alternate – Vacant

Primary – Lisa Minjares-Kyle, Texas A&M

Primary – Dr. Inge Ford, Bike Houston
Alternate – Jessica Wiggins, Bike Houston

Primary – Kaitlin Youngblood, Mothers Against Drunk Driving
Alternate – Eric Pacheco, Mothers Against Drunk Driving

- **Private Shippers & Carriers (2 positions)**
Primary – Jeff McKinney, Jetco Logistics Safety Director
Alternate – Vacant

Primary – Vacant
Alternate – Vacant

- **Railroads & Ports (2 positions)**
Primary – Kevin Barnett, Director Safety Process
Alternate – Vacant

Primary – Bruce C. Mann, Port Houston
Alternate – Don Smith, Construction Manager, Port Houston

A motion was made and seconded for approval of the above recommendation for the 23 at-large positions on the Transportation Safety Committee. The Council voted and approved the TSC recommendations as listed above (vacancies to be filled at a later date).

ITEM 7. APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF TPC NON-VOTING EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Chairman Clark reappointed the following TPC non-voting Ex-Officio members for 2019:

1. Brenda Mainwaring, Union Pacific Railroad
2. Hugh McCulley, Freight Rail Interests
3. Honorable Ed Thompson, Texas State House of Representatives
4. The Honorable Phillip Spenrath, County Judge, Wharton County
5. Mr. Paul Reitz, P.E., District Engineer, TxDOT Yoakum District

A motion was made and seconded for approval of the above appointments of non-voting, Ex-officio members. The Council voted and approved the Ex-Officio members as listed above.

ITEM 8A. RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2040 RTP AND THE 2017-2020 TIP

There were no amendments for Council approval this month.

ITEM 8B. ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE TIP AND RTP

Mr. Dickinson reviewed Administrative modifications to two projects. One is to reduce the scope and funding of the City of League City's FM 518 Hike & Bike trail construction project due to citizen feedback. The other one is to delay the Fort Bend County Wireless Traffic Signal Communication System construction project from FY 2019 to FY 2020 at the sponsor's request.

These Administrative Amendments were presented for information only and did not require action by the Council.

ITEM 8C. FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE TIP AND RTP

Mr. Dickinson informed the Council that the one amendment for preview this month involves programming of additional funding on the City of League City's Landing Boulevard/NASA Road 1 extension project. The amendment is to cover changes in bridge design. Due to relocation of the span over Clear Creek, the length of the bridge increased from 700 feet to 2,772 feet. The proposal is to split the cost increase 50/50 with H-GAC.

This amendment is presented for information only and subject to change prior to a request for action.

ITEM 9. RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2040 RTP TO ADD HIGH-SPEED RAIL

Mr. Adam Becom explained that the proposed draft amendment would be to add the privately funded, \$18 billion high-speed rail project to the 2040 RTP and 2019-2022 TIP. Adding this project to the RTP and TIP does not come with a funding commitment. However, due to the significance of this project, staff wanted to make sure it would be added to the 2040 RTP and added to the TIP. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed last month, and it is included in the meeting materials under this item.

A brief discussion followed in which concerns were expressed by some Council members.

Mr. Alan Clark offered to delay a request for approval of this Resolution if requested by the Council.

After more discussion, Dr. Carol Lewis motioned to accept the amendment to add the high-speed rail project to the 2040 RTP and the 2019-2022 TIP at today's meeting instead of delaying for future action.

Mayor Joe Zimmerman amended the original motion to have Texas Central use their best efforts to address Commissioner Beckendorff's concerns and that Texas Central is to follow up with a report back to the TPC in 90 days.

The motion was seconded by Carrin Patman.

The Council voted and approved the motion as amended. The Resolution amending the 2040 RTP and the 2019-2022 TIP was approved with the understanding that Texas Central will address the concerns expressed by Council members and report back to the TPC in 90 days.

ITEM 10. CALL FOR PROJECTS DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Alan Clark briefed the Council on the Call for Projects draft recommendations. He discussed the listing of the projects applications received and preliminary ranking of the projects and scoring system. Mr. Clark also provided answers to questions raised during his presentation.

Details of this presentation and discussion are available in the meeting livestream archives at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01252019-657>.

ITEM 11 SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS

Due to time constraints, there was no presentation on this item.

Chairman Clark called for a motion for approval. A motion was made and seconded for approval. The Council voted and approved the Safety Performance Measures and Targets.

ITEM 12. REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- A. Transportation Planning Activities – Mr. Clark invited questions from members regarding planning activities for January.
- B. H-GAC Board of Directors – Items submitted to the H-GAC Board of Directors in January are summarized in this item.

ITEM 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Clark presented an engraved gavel plaque to Past Chair Matt Sebesta who served as TPC Chair from 2015-2018. Past Chair Sebesta was thanked and applauded for his service as Council Chair.

Chairman Clark alerted members to the Ethics Policy Form in the meeting materials as well as extra copies on the sign-in tables. He asked that all members sign the form and return to H-GAC staff today.

Mr. Alan Clark reminded members of the High Capacity Transit Task Force to meet in this room immediately following the TPC meeting.

The January Brown Bag Lunch Series presentation is Monday, January 28, 2019 featuring Mr. Jesus Saenz regarding “Houston Airports” at the H-GAC offices from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

The next TAC Meeting will be Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., Rm B

The next TPC meeting will be Friday, February 22, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., Rm B

ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Clark adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 11:50 a.m.

Hon. Tom Reid, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

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ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Robert Hoskins Council Member, District 5 <u> </u> Honorable Charles Johnson – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	<u> X </u> Thomas Woolley Interim Director of Engineering <u> </u> 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 – 2 nd VC Council Member, At-Large 2 <u> </u> Hon. Martha Castex-Tatum- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Amanda Edwards Council Member <u> </u> Karla Cisneros - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Jeffrey Weatherford, P.E. Director, Public Works & Engineering <u> x </u> Maureen Crocker – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 <u> x </u> Hon. Hank Dugie - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<u> </u> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works <u> </u> Clifford Brouhard – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Cary Bass Council Member <u> </u> James Rodriguez – 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 Jon Branson –Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor Hon. Jennifer Lane – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	<u> X </u> Phil Roberts Mayor Pro Tem <u> x </u> Doug Kneupper, P.E. - Alternate	City of Texas City
City of Bellaire	<u> X </u> Honorable Trisha Pollard Council Member, City of Bellaire Honorable Natalie Picha - Alternate	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Brazoria County	<u> X </u> Honorable Matt Sebesta County Judge – Past Chair Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u> X </u> Hon. Billy Combs Commissioner Cory Taylor, P.E. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u> X </u> Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, Pct 4 <u> x </u> Richard Stolleis, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u> X </u> Honorable Kenneth Clark Commissioner – Chairman Judge Mark Henry – Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	<u> X </u> Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge Commissioner A. Garcia – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<u> </u> Honorable Steve Radack County Commissioner, Pct 3 <u> X </u> Gary Trietsch, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	<u> X </u> David Douglas Engineering Director <u> x </u> Judge Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

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Montgomery County	<u> X </u> Honorable Charlie Riley County Commissioner, Pct 2 <u> </u> Honorable Craig Doyal – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> X </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> Chuck Wemple Executive Director <u> x </u> Jeff Taebel – 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> Phyllis Saathoff Executive Director, Port Freeport <u> </u> Roger Guenther, POH – Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u> </u> Bert Keller Chairman, GCRD <u> X </u> Carol Lewis, TSU – Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u> 28 </u> Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 25 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

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Freight Rail Interests	_____ Brenda Mainwaring Vice President, Public Affairs	Union Pacific Railroad
Freight Rail Interests	<u> X </u> Hugh McCulley	BNSF Railway
Texas State Legislator	<u> X </u> Hon. Ed Thompson	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