

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

DATE: Friday April 5, 2019
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: TxDOT Houston District Auditorium, 7600 Washington Blvd., Houston, Texas 77056

Chairman Ken Clark 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 Clark invited introductions from Council members and staff.

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dominic Mazoch addressed the Council regarding his concerns about the High Capacity Transit Task Force. He feels the Task Force should not be exhausted and should meet every six months instead of every two months. He would like to see more input from the Woodlands express, Harris County Transit, and services in Brazoria and Galveston Counties. He also feels there should be more diversity of employment centers currently connected by light rail transit and bus rapid transit.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 22, 2019 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Mayor Joe Zimmerman motioned for approval of the March 22, 2019 meeting minutes and First Vice Chair David Robinson seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved the minutes.

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF PAULETTE SHELTON TO THE TPC

Chairman Clark recognized Paulette Shelton for her service to the TPC for 12 years as she represented Fort Bend County. She was also recognized for 23 years of service to the Technical Advisory Committee representing Rural Transit, as well as her appointment to several transit task forces and committees during her many years of experience.

Mayor Joe Zimmerman motioned for approval of the Resolution recognizing the service of Paulette Shelton to the TPC, and First Vice Chair Robinson seconded the motion. The Council voted and unanimously approved Resolution No. 2019-10.

Chairman Clark also recognized Mr. Richard Stolleis, P.E., alternate to Commissioner Grady Prestage, Fort Bend County. Today is Mr. Stolleis' last official TPC meeting as Fort Bend County Engineer.

Ms. Shelton and Mr. Stolleis were congratulated and applauded for their service to the TPC and to the Houston-Galveston Region.

ITEM 6. APPOINTMENT OF NON-VOTING EX-OFFICIO MEMBER TO THE TAC

Chairman Clark appointed Mr. Roger Rees, Port of Galveston Port Director, as a non-voting, Ex-Officio member to the Technical Advisory Committee for 2019.

Secretary Reid motioned for approval, and Mr. Rick Beverlin seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved the TPC Chair's appointment of Mr. Roger Rees as the Ex-Officio member to the TAC.

ITEM 7A. RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2019-2022 TIP AND THE 2040 RTP

Referring to the green sheeted material under this item, Mr. Jim Dickinson briefed the Council on 30 amendments for Transportation Policy Council approval this month.

- Program US 290 sound wall construction project into the TIP with TXDOT District Discretionary funding.
- Program additional federal funding on the Westchase Management District's Walnut Bend Street reconstruction project to cover cost overruns incurred with updated estimates for paving, signalization and non-decorative street lighting. The proposal is to split the \$2,365,966 increase with H-GAC 50/50.
- Program the H-GAC Planning Studies Bundle #2 which includes the Liberty County Mobility Plan and the Montgomery County Precinct 2 Mobility Plan into the TIP.
- Program the Houston Urbanized Area's FY 2018 Sections 5307, 5339 and 5337 Program of Projects for the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Harris County Transit and Fort Bend County Transit.
- Program the Gulf Coast Center's FY 2018 and FY 2019 FTA Section 5307 Program of Projects for Lake Jackson/Angleton and Texas City/ La Marque Urbanized Areas.
- Program Transportation Development Credits in lieu of local matching funds for the Gulf Coast Center's FY 2017 Capital, Engineering, Design and Construction project.

Mr. David Douglas motioned for approval of the Resolution amending the 2019-2022 TIP and the 2040 RTP, and Mayor Zimmerman seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2019-11.

ITEM 7B. ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE TIP AND RTP

Mr. Dickinson reviewed Administrative modifications to 11 projects.

- Update the project description of work on the City of South Houston sidewalks construction project to match the Advance Funding Agreement.
- Delay the H-GAC Regional Incident Management Program from FY 2019 to FY 2021.
- Change the Transtar ITS Infrastructure project matching funds from 'Local' to 'State'.
- Delay the SH 36 4-lane widening project FY 2019 to FY 2020.
- Delay two Regional Vanpool projects (CMAQ and STP funded) from FY 2019 to FY 2020 and change the sponsorship from H-GAC to Metro.
- Delay two Fort Bend County SH 99 frontage road construction projects from FY 2019 to FY 2020.
- Delay the City of Conroe Old Conroe Road 4-lane widening project FY 2019 to FY 2022.
- Carry over the City of Pearland Smith Ranch Road widening Right-of-Way acquisition phase, that was inadvertently categorized as being completed, into FY 2019 of the TIP. The State Texas Mobility Funds have not been obligated or expended.

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

ITEM 7C. FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE TIP AND RTP

There were no proposed amendments for preview this month:

ITEM 7D. RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2018-2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Ms. Neely Kim of the H-GAC staff reviewed amendments to the 2018-2019 UPWP. The amendments consisted of additional funding for planning projects in Task IV for the Montgomery County Pct. 2 Mobility Plan and for the Liberty County Mobility Plan.

Mayor Zimmerman motioned for approval of amendments to the 2018-2019 UPWP, and Secretary Reid seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. UPWP 18/19-11.

ITEM 8. ACCEPTANCE OF HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT REPORT

Co-chair Amanda Edwards acknowledged co-chair Carin Patman, Task Force Chair Rusty Senac, and H-GAC staff for their efforts in preparing this report. Co-chair Edwards thanked all members of the Task Force and special workgroups who volunteered their time to serve.

Co-chair Patman and Chairman Senac also added their thanks to members, staff, and other volunteers for their efforts, time, and energy in the work of the Task Force.

Thomas Gray of the H-GAC staff presented the second part of the High Capacity Transit Task Force report previewed last month. He informed the Council that copies of a draft report are available at today's meeting.

The presentation, questions and discussion from the Council are available in the recorded livestream from the TxDOT offices at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33bhvWYLQhE&feature=youtube>

Ms. Patman motioned for acceptance of the High Capacity Transit Task Force Report and inclusion of its recommendations into the Draft 2045 RTP, and Council Member Edwards seconded the motion. The Council voted and accepted the Task Force Report.

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF DRAFT 2045 RTP TO BE RELEASED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Alan Clark briefed the Council on the summary Draft RTP documents which are also posted on our website at: <http://2045rtp.com/default.aspx>. These documents consist of the Executive Summary, Appendices, the Active Transportation Plan, the Transportation Safety Plan, and plan document chapters.

Mr. Clark's presentation consisted of maps of household population and household employment numbers, projects planned for each of the eight counties, updates to the 2040 RTP, overview of the 2045 RTP, financial and fiscal constraint, draft conformity results, and action requested. Staff is requesting TPC approval for the Draft 2045 RTP to be released for public comment.

Mayor Zimmerman motioned for approval to submit the Draft 2045 RTP to be released for public comment, and First Vice Chair Robinson seconded the motion. The Council voted and approved release of the Draft 2045 RTP to be released for public comment.

The presentation, comments and discussion under this item are included in the meeting livestream at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33bhvWYLQhE&feature=youtube>

ITEM 10. REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

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

ITEM 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next TAC Meeting will be Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., at the H-GAC offices, Rm B on the 2nd Floor.

Today's TPC meeting REPLACES the previously scheduled TPC meeting on April 26th. The next TPC meeting will be Friday, May 24, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at the H-GAC offices, Room B on the 2nd Floor.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Clark adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 11:00 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	_____ Honorable Robert Hoskins Council Member, District 5 _____ Hon. Heather Betancourth – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	_____ Thomas Woolley Interim Director of Engineering _____ Chris Bogert – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	_____ 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 – 1 st - Vice Chair _____ Hon. Martha Castex-Tatum- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Amanda Edwards Council Member _____ Karla Cisneros - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Jeffrey Weatherford, P.E. Director, Public Works & Engineering _____ Maureen Crocker – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 _____ Hon. Hank Dugie - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	_____ Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works <u> X </u> Clifford Brouhard – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	_____ Honorable Cary Bass Council Member _____ 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 <u> x </u> Jon Branson –Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> </u> Hon. Jennifer Lane – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	<u> X </u> Phil Roberts Mayor Pro Tem <u> </u> Doug Kneupper, P.E. - Alternate	City of Texas City
City of Bellaire	<u> X </u> Honorable Trisha Pollard Council Member, City of Bellaire <u> x </u> Honorable Natalie Picha - Alternate	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Brazoria County	<u> </u> Honorable Matt Sebesta County Judge – Past Chair <u> </u> Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u> X </u> Billy Combs Commissioner <u> </u> Cory Taylor, P.E. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u> </u> Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, Pct 2 <u> X </u> Richard Stolleis – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u> X </u> Kenneth Clark County Commissioner - Chairman <u> </u> Judge Mark Henry – Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	<u> </u> Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge <u> </u> 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> </u> Judge Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

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Montgomery County	_____ Charlie Riley County Commissioner, Pct 2 _____ Judge Mark Keough – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> X </u> Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 2nd VC _____ Yancy Scott, P.E. - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u> X </u> Carrin Patman METRO Chair _____ Thomas Lambert - Alternate	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u> X </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director _____ Jeff Taebel – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	_____ 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 _____ Adam Jack, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port of Houston Authority	<u> X </u> Phyllis Saathoff Executive Director, Port Freeport _____ Roger Guenther, POH – Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	_____ Bert Keller Chairman, GCRD _____ Carol Lewis, TSU – Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u> 28 </u> Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 21 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

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<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Texas State Senate	_____ Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	_____ Brenda Mainwaring	Union Pacific Railroad
Freight Rail Interests	_____ Hugh McCulley	BNSF Railway
Texas State Legislator	_____ Hon. Dennis Paul	8-County Region
Texas State Legislator	_____ Hon. Ed Thompson	8-County Region
Wharton County	<u> X </u> Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County
TxDOT Yoakum District	_____ Paul Reitz, P.E. District Engineer	TxDOT Yoakum District