



TO: Technical Advisory Committee Members and Other Interested Persons  
SUBJECT: July 15, 2026, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
FROM: Allie Isbell, MPO Assistant Director  
Jamila Owens, MPO Assistant Director  
DATE: July 9, 2026

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The next Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting will be conducted on July 15, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in-person at the Houston-Galveston Area Council offices. The meeting will be open to the public at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, TX 77027 – Conference Room 2B. All TAC members must be present on-site to participate. The meeting will be streamed live for viewing only at: [h-gac.com/live](http://h-gac.com/live).

The agenda items will be posted on the H-GAC website at: [Technical Advisory Committee Agendas and Minutes | Houston-Galveston Area Council \(H-GAC\)](#).

During this meeting, staff will request TAC approval of (or recommendation for approval for) the following items:

Action:

- Commute Solutions Month

Consent Agenda:

- May 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes Summary
- Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update

Staff will also present the following items:

Discussion:

- 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Year-End Amendments
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee Structure

Informational:

- Draft FY 2027 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) Update

Thank you in advance for your patience during our discussions. We will do our utmost to ensure everyone has an opportunity to speak and be heard. We look forward to hearing from you at our meeting. Please address any comments and/or questions regarding the TAC Meeting to Allie Isbell, MPO Assistant Director, at (713) 993-2411 or [Allie.Isbell@h-gac.com](mailto:Allie.Isbell@h-gac.com) or Jamila Owens, MPO Assistant Director, at (832) 681-2522 or [Jamila.Owens@h-gac.com](mailto:Jamila.Owens@h-gac.com).



## Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee For The Transportation Policy Council

*One Region, One Team.*

### Meeting Information

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<b>Date:</b>	July 15, 2026	<b>Time:</b>	9:30 A.M.
<b>Location:</b>	3555 Timmons Lane Houston, TX 77027 Conference Room 2B	<b>Livestream Link:</b>	<a href="https://h-gac.com/live">h-gac.com/live</a>

### Agenda

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1. **Introductions**
2. **Certification of Quorum**  
*Staff will certify the quorum requirement is met with 21 voting members*
3. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**  
*Members of the public will have 3 minutes each to comment on Agenda Items. Written comments may be sent by email to [TACPublicComments@h-gac.com](mailto:TACPublicComments@h-gac.com). Comments received by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2026, will be incorporated into the meeting record. Written comments may be viewed at [Public Comments](#).*
4. **Orientation to Agenda and MPO Assistant Director Report**

### Consent Agenda

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5. A. May 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes Summary  
B. Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update

### Action Items

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6. **Commute Solutions Month**  
*Staff will seek a resolution and present plans for Commute Solutions Month.  
(Staff Contact: Ms. Robyn Egbert)*

### Discussion Items

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7. **2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Year-End Amendments**  
*Staff will present 2026-2027 UPWP Year-End Amendments.  
(Staff Contact: Dr. Neely Kim)*

**8. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Subcommittee Structure**

Staff will discuss and present final recommendations regarding subcommittee structure for TAC.  
(Staff Contact: Ms. Allie Isbell and Ms. Jamila Owens)

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**Informational**

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**9. Draft FY 2027 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) Update**

TxDOT staff will present an update on the draft FY 2027 UTP.  
(Contact: Mr. Varuna Singh)

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**Announcements**

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Regional Transit Coordination (RTC) Subcommittee Meeting	July 9	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting	July 14	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Clean Cities Stakeholder Meeting	July 15	12:00 p.m.	Virtual
Pedestrian & Bicyclist (Ped-Bike) Subcommittee Meeting	July 16	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	July 24	9:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	August 5	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	August 19	9:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office
Greater Houston Freight (GHF) Committee Meeting	August 27	1:30 p.m.	Hybrid

**Adjournment**

5A. MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026, 9:30 A.M. MEETING

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Morad Kabiri, called the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Chair Kabiri gave a brief overview of the housekeeping rules. After the housekeeping rules, the Chair called on Ms. Jamila Owens, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Assistant Director, to conduct the Roll Call.

See Attachment 1 for the list of Committee representatives or alternates present. There were 35 members in attendance; 21 were required for a quorum.

The meeting agenda and materials are available on the TAC website at:

[Technical Advisory Committee Agendas and Minutes | Houston-Galveston Area Council \(H-GAC\)](#)

In addition, the livestream recording is available at: [Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Livestream Archive | Houston-Galveston Area Council \(H-GAC\)](#).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no written public comments received. No public comments were made in person.

**ITEM 4. ORIENTATION TO AGENDA AND MPO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT**

Ms. Allie Isbell, MPO Assistant Director, provided opening remarks and shared key updates and announcements relevant to current and upcoming transportation planning activities.

Please see a summary of Ms. Isbell’s report below.

**Agenda Overview:**

The agenda included one action item, one discussion item, and several informational updates.

- Action Item: Recommendation for approval of the FY 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program to the Transportation Policy Council.
- Discussion Item: Presentation of a proposed amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program. This item was introduced for preview and is scheduled to return for formal approval in July.
- Informational Items: Updates were provided on ongoing regional activities.

**Program Updates:**

An update was provided on the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside applications. A total of 85 questionnaires were received. Staff are currently conducting reviews, with completion expected within the next few weeks. Applications that meet initial requirements will advance to the benefit-cost analysis phase.

**Commute Solutions Program Update:**

Recognition was given to the Commute Solutions team for their ongoing outreach efforts throughout the region. Their “Find Your Game Plan” campaign has received significant media attention, including coverage by Channel 13, Univision, and the Houston Chronicle. These efforts are aimed at encouraging the public to plan ahead and remain mindful of traffic impacts during upcoming FIFA events.

Ms. Isbell concluded her report and returned the meeting to the Chair.

To hear the MPO Assistant Director Report in its entirety, please click on the link [here](#).

### **ITEM 5A-5B APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Kabiri called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the following items:

- Item 5A: Meeting Minutes Summary of April 15, 2026, TAC Meeting
- Item 5B: 2025–2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2045 RTP Amendments

#### **Motion:**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Wael Tabara. A second motion to approve was made by Ms. Perri D'Armond. The Committee voted, and the motion carried.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item are available [here](#).

### **ITEM 6. DRAFT FY2027-2030 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Mr. Stephen Keen, Principal Planner with H-GAC, presented the Draft FY2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for committee action.

Mr. Keen provided an overview of the TIP, noting that it is a federally required, fiscally constrained four-year program covering transportation project implementation within the region. The TIP is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the 10-year plan, the latest conformity determination, and TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program.

The 2027–2030 TIP reflects the addition of fiscal years 2029 and 2030 and the removal of fiscal years 2025 and 2026. Staff reviewed funding commitments, fiscal constraint requirements, and project selection processes. A new component for this cycle includes the use of risk registers and local government scheduling tools in accordance with the recently approved project milestone policy.

Mr. Keen outlined the document structure, including chapters on program overview, fiscal constraint, highway and transit projects, and appendices such as public comments and risk register scores. He also highlighted approximately \$500 million in potential funding capacity within MPO-controlled categories.

#### **Public Involvement Summary:**

The public comment period was conducted from April 8 through May 8, with a public meeting held on April 21. A total of 42 comments were received.

- Approximately 50% of comments originated from government entities, with additional input from businesses and private citizens.
- Key topics included freight mobility, particularly in East Harris County, as well as project-specific concerns and roadway conditions.
- Feedback emphasized freight congestion near SH 225 and I-610 East, increased coordination with port-related partners, development of a strong project pipeline, and improved accessibility for persons with disabilities.

Responses to public comments were published online, with additional late submissions to be addressed and posted.

#### **Discussion:**

Committee members discussed the availability and timing of public comment responses. Concerns were raised regarding whether the full documentation, including Appendix A (public comments and responses), was available for review prior to recommendation.

Staff clarified that:

Responses to comments submitted during the official comment period were completed and posted online.

A small number of comments received outside the official submission process were being finalized and would be posted prior to Transportation Policy Council (TPC) consideration.

The current action represents a recommendation to the TPC, which will receive complete documentation prior to final approval.

Additional discussion noted that:

- Public comments aligned with known regional freight congestion challenges, particularly in eastern areas and near port facilities.
- The TIP Subcommittee had reviewed the document and found no substantive issues raised in public comments that would alter project selections or policy direction.
- The timeline for submission to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) requires timely approval by TPC.

Suggestions were made to improve future processes, including providing direct links to online materials in meeting agendas and clarifying documentation availability.

After further discussion on public comments, members recommended moving forward with the recommendations presented. Comments received outside the official submission process would be finalized and posted prior to Transportation Policy Council (TPC) consideration.

**Motion:**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Michael Shannon. A second motion to approve was made by Mr. Wael Tabara. The Committee voted, and the motion carried.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item are available on the TAC website [here](#).

**ITEM 7. 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) MID-YEAR AMENDMENTS**

Dr. Neely Kim, Senior Manager with H-GAC, presented an overview of the mid-year amendments to the FY 2026–2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Dr. Kim provided background on the UPWP, noting that it is a two-year planning document guiding regional transportation planning activities and projects. The UPWP is a dynamic document that may be amended periodically to reflect program changes, funding adjustments, and evolving regional priorities.

**Proposed Amendments Overview:**

The proposed mid-year amendments are part of HGAC’s broader mid-year budget review and are intended to better align planning activities and resources. Key updates include:

- Adjustments to contracted service budgets to reflect more accurate timing and delivery of projects (e.g., shifting funds between fiscal years due to delays or accelerated schedules).
- Consolidation of regional modal planning efforts to maximize efficiency and coordination.
- Realignment of program resources to emphasize high-priority areas, particularly safety and system operations.
- Addition of in-house stakeholder engagement and public outreach resources to support regional initiatives.

Dr. Kim noted that more detailed information on the proposed amendments will be presented at a future meeting.

**Additional Clarification:**

Staff provided further context on the proposed changes, explaining that the amendments reflect an internal assessment of organizational structure and resource alignment within the transportation department. Efforts are focused on:

- Strengthening coordination by consolidating related functions (e.g., combining safety planning and outreach activities into a unified program area).
- Aligning project programming and project delivery functions under coordinated leadership to improve efficiency and integration.
- Enhancing staffing resources to better support high-impact priorities such as safety, project development, and delivery.

**Discussion:**

Committee members expressed support for the proposed direction. It was suggested that additional explanatory details be included in future documentation to ensure clarity for the Transportation Policy Council, particularly regarding budgetary implications and organizational adjustments.

This item was for discussion only.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item are available [here](#).

**ITEM 8. 2026 HURRICANE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

Ms. Frances Rodriguez, Principal Program Coordinator, with H-GAC, provided an overview of the 2026 Hurricane Awareness Campaign.

Ms. Rodriguez explained that H-GAC leads regional hurricane preparedness outreach efforts as the hurricane season begins on June 1. She shared historical context, referencing the 2005 evacuation, which highlighted significant challenges including severe traffic congestion, limited resources, and loss of life due to inadequate preparedness.

In response, H-GAC has partnered with regional agencies—including the Texas Department of Public Safety, TxDOT, local emergency management offices, flood control districts, healthcare providers, and nonprofit organizations—to improve evacuation coordination and regional readiness.

**Program Overview:**

H-GAC's hurricane preparedness efforts focus on public awareness and resource development, including:

- **Evacuation Route Maps:** Developed in coordination with partner agencies to guide evacuation travel.
- **Evacuation Zone Maps:** Designed to help residents identify their evacuation zone and understand when to evacuate.
- **Preparedness Resources:** Including checklists for emergency kits, non-perishable supplies, medications, and pet preparedness.
- **Special Population Guidance:** Resources for seniors and individuals with disabilities, with tailored planning considerations.
- **Public Information Campaign:** Encouraging residents to stay informed through official sources such as weather services and Houston TranStar, and to follow instructions from local officials.

Ms. Rodriguez emphasized the campaign's core message: residents should **make a plan, build a kit, and stay informed**. All resources are available through the HGAC hurricane preparedness website.

**Discussion:**

Committee discussion highlighted several additional considerations:

- **Flood Preparedness:** Members noted that while hurricane evacuation planning has improved significantly, flood preparedness presents different challenges and may benefit from enhanced regional coordination and communication.
- Staff acknowledged this distinction and noted that upcoming regional resiliency planning efforts, including a resiliency improvement plan, will address a broader range of hazards such as flooding.
- **Evacuation Awareness:** Members emphasized the importance of ensuring that only those in designated evacuation zones evacuate, reducing congestion and improving safety.
- **Support for Vulnerable Populations:** Questions were raised regarding financial assistance for preparedness kits, particularly for seniors. Staff clarified that while HGAC provides guidance and resources, direct financial assistance is not provided; however, community-based support and volunteer efforts are encouraged.
- **Regional Coordination:** Members discussed opportunities to incorporate lessons learned from past disasters, including coordination of resources and identification of safe areas for staging assistance. Staff noted that these considerations may be incorporated into future planning efforts and coordination initiatives.

This item was for discussion only.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item are available [here](#).

#### **ITEM 9. REGIONAL TRANSIT RIDERSHIP SURVEY**

Mr. Thomas Gray, Principal Transportation Planner, with H-GAC, presented an update on the Regional Transit Ridership Survey conducted by HGAC.

Mr. Gray explained that the survey was initially launched in March 2020 as a monthly effort to track the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on transit ridership, service adjustments, and safety measures. At the end of 2021, the survey transitioned to a quarterly format, at the request of regional transit providers, to continue monitoring ridership trends and service changes across the region.

#### **Key Findings:**

- Regional transit ridership declined significantly during the pandemic, dropping from over 90 million annual boardings in 2019 to approximately 47.6 million in 2021.
- Ridership has steadily recovered, reaching approximately 79.8 million passenger trips in 2025, or about 88.5% of pre-pandemic levels.
- Demand response and local bus service have shown the strongest recovery, with demand response exceeding pre-pandemic levels due to expanded microtransit services.
- Park-and-ride services have experienced slower recovery, largely due to sustained remote and hybrid work patterns.

Mr. Gray noted that ridership trends in the region align with national trends, with recovery rates slightly exceeding national averages. Ridership patterns have shifted away from traditional peak commuting toward more flexible, off-peak usage. Recovery has also been influenced by operational challenges, including driver shortages and supply chain issues affecting vehicle procurement.

#### **Discussion:**

Committee members provided the following input and observations:

- **Workforce Challenges:** Ongoing driver shortages were identified as a significant barrier to restoring full service levels, particularly following workforce losses during the pandemic.
- **Cost Pressures:** Members highlighted rising costs for fuel, vehicles, and labor, noting increasing financial pressures on transit agencies and potential constraints on service expansion.

- **Ridership Trends:** Recovery remains uneven across service types, with strong demand for paratransit and demand-responsive services and mixed recovery among commuter-oriented services such as park-and-ride.
- **Gas Prices and Demand:** Members suggested examining potential correlations between rising fuel prices and increased transit ridership in future analyses.
- **Local Agency Experience:** Agencies reported steady ridership growth in certain areas, driven partly by return-to-office policies and expanded service offerings. However, budget limitations continue to restrict the ability to scale service to meet demand.
- **Regional Coordination:** Members emphasized the importance of regional collaboration to support transit services, particularly in suburban and exurban areas, and highlighted opportunities for innovative service models tied to major events and activity centers.

**Public Access:**

Survey results are publicly available through HGAC’s annual mobility reporting resources.

For information only. No action needed.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item are available on the TAC website [here](#).

**10. NORTH HOUSTON COMMUNITIES TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES PLAN (NHCTPP) UPDATE**

Ms. Yutunde Oyewale, Senior Planner, with H-GAC, presented an update on the Northeast Communities Transportation Priorities Plan (NHTPP).

Ms. Oyewale provided background on the initiative, noting that in July 2019, the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) committed \$1.5 million to develop the North Houston Transportation Priorities Plan and \$50 million for transportation improvements in areas surrounding Segment 2 of the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP) to help mitigate potential impacts.

She also noted that the NHHIP experienced a pause by the Federal Highway Administration in March 2021, which was subsequently lifted in March 2023.

**Study Area and Goals:**

The study area includes portions of northeast Houston, generally bounded by major corridors and roadways within the project limits.

The plan’s objectives include:

- Identifying opportunities for improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, including trails and streetscape enhancements such as lighting, signage, and landscaping.
- Enhancing transit access and multimodal connectivity to improve overall quality of life.
- Evaluating environmental considerations, including potential low-emission strategies and air quality monitoring before, during, and after project implementation.
- Developing an implementation plan with a defined project timeline.

**Project Timeline and Progress:**

The effort is structured as a 12-month planning process, initiated in February 2026. Key milestones include:

- Initial steering committee meeting held in March 24, 2026.
- First public meeting scheduled for May 19, 2026.
- Focus groups and a second steering committee meeting planned for June 3, 2026.
- Scenario development and an additional public meeting anticipated later in 2026.
- Draft recommendations are expected in early 2027.

Staff are currently focused on data collection and analysis and are developing a public-facing dashboard that will be made available upon completion.

**Public Engagement:**

A project webpage has been established to provide information and updates to stakeholders and the public.

For information only. No action needed.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item are available on the TAC website [here](#).

**ITEM 11. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN CALL FOR PROJECTS CRITERIA**

Mr. Brandon Mosley, Principal Planner, with H-GAC, presented an overview of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Call for Projects criteria and evaluation framework.

Mr. Mosley explained that the RTP is a federally required long-range plan that guides transportation investments, policies, and development over a 20-25 year horizon. The plan must be fiscally constrained, consistent with federal regulations, and updated every four years. The current RTP was adopted in 2024 and will be updated for the 2050 planning horizon.

**Evaluation Framework:**

Projects submitted through the call for projects will be evaluated based on four primary goals:

- **Safety:** Reduction of fatalities and serious injuries across all modes, including improvements to pedestrian and bicycle safety.
- **Optimized Mobility and Economic Vitality:** Enhancements to multimodal access, freight movement, and commuter mobility, including reduced congestion and travel times.
- **Integrated and Innovative Network:** Development of a multimodal system that improves connectivity, accessibility, use of emerging technologies, and environmental outcomes.
- **Resiliency and Adaptability:** Strengthening transportation infrastructure to withstand environmental impacts, maintain service during disruptions, and support long-term sustainability.

Projects will be scored across these criteria, with a cumulative evaluation framework. Sponsors will be required to provide narrative responses and supporting documentation demonstrating how their projects align with regional goals.

**Project Evaluation and Outcomes:**

Following evaluation, projects may be:

- Included in the fiscally constrained RTP project list.
- Placed on an illustrative list for future funding consideration.
- Returned to sponsors for refinement if additional detail or development is needed.

**Discussion:**

The committee engaged in extensive discussion regarding the relationship between the RTP, the 10-year plan, and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Key points included:

- The RTP establishes a long-term, fiscally constrained set of regional priorities, while the TIP identifies shorter-term funding commitments.
- Inclusion in the RTP is required for projects—particularly regionally significant projects—to be eligible for future federal funding or advancement into the TIP.

- Not all projects must be individually listed; some may be captured as broader investment categories (e.g., safety improvements or grade separations).
- Projects currently programmed within the active TIP will generally carry forward, while others may be subject to reevaluation as part of the new RTP process.
- The RTP serves as a framework or “funnel” that defines the universe of eligible projects, with subsequent TIP processes determining near-term funding priorities.

Members expressed both support and caution regarding the updated process, emphasizing:

- The importance of clearly defining “regionally significant” projects.
- The need to maintain flexibility for future priorities and evolving technologies.
- Concerns regarding timelines, coordination among agencies, and the effort required for project resubmittals.
- The importance of collaboration with partners such as TxDOT and regional agencies early in project development.

Staff acknowledged these considerations and emphasized that the updated process aims to improve prioritization, accountability, and the effective use of limited funding resources.

**Guidance and Next Steps:**

- The project submission portal is expected to open in late May or early June.
- Staff will provide technical assistance to project sponsors throughout the submission period.
- Agencies are encouraged to engage early, coordinate with relevant partners, and participate in subcommittee discussions to refine project proposals.

For information only. No action needed.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item are available on the TAC website [here](#).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Event	Date	Time	Location
Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	May 22	9:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office
Regional Air Quality Program Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) Meeting	May 28	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	June 3	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Air Quality (TAQ) Subcommittee	June 9	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting	June 9	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	July 15	9:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Morad Kabiri adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:39 a.m.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item are available on the TAC website [here](#).

## Attachment 1

Technical Advisory Committee  
Meeting Attendance  
May 13, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

NOTE:

- Attendance is marked with "X" in the corresponding column for the Primary Member or Alternate Member, present and voting for this meeting.

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
<i>Chair</i>			Jildardo Arias, P.E., CFM, ENV, SP	
Morad Kabiri, P.E., AICP	X	Smaller Cities - 1		
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</i>				
Perri D'Armond	X	Fort Bend County Transit	Pamela Lebrane	
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</i>		Harris County – Toll Road		
Brian Alcott, P.E.	X	Authority	Amar Mohite	
Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	X	Active Transportation	Lisa Graiff	
Katherine Parker	X	Gulf Coast Rail District	(Vacant)	
Sean Middleton	X	Houston Airport System	Tim Joniec, CM, IAP	
		Regional Transportation		
Christina Cabral	X	Advocacy Group	Marlisa Briggs	
Joseph Peart		Smaller Cities - 2	Hon. Lori Klein-Quinn	X
Andy Rodgers	X	Smaller Cities - 3	Hon. Chad Nesvadba	
Lee Tipton	X	Smaller Cities - 4	Hon. Dan Davis	
Todd Stephens	X	The Woodlands Township	Chris Nunes, Ph.D.	
Robert Castaneda		Regional Toll Road Authority	David Gornet	
		Transportation Management		
Amy Skicki	X	Organization	(Vacant)	
Danny Schnautz	X	Truck Freight Transportation	Liz Castillo	
Clint Harbert, AICP		METRO	Alan Clark	X
Brent Rawlinson		TxDOT – Beaumont Dist.	Carolina Lopez-Herrera	X
Grady Mapes, P.E.	X	TxDOT – Houston Dist.	Randee Shields, P.E.	
Callie Barnes	X	Port Houston	Candice Armenoff	
Rob Lowe		Port Freeport	Jason Muira	X
Ruthanne Haut, CPM	X	The Woodlands Transit	Nicole Mathews	
Brant Gary	X	City of Baytown	Martin Scribner	
Brandy Taylor		City of Conroe	Chuck Purvis	
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	X	City of Galveston	Brandon Cook	
			Johana Clark,	
Fabio Capillo		City of Houston	P.E., PTOE, ENV SP	X
Marlene Gafrick	X	City of Houston	Vonn Tran	
David Wurdlow	X	City of Houston	Megan Campbell	
Christopher Sims	X	City of League City	Cara Davis	
Vicenzo S. Corazza, P.E., PTOE	X	City of Missouri City	Edward Nagorski, P.E.	
Sarah Benavides, P.E.		City of Pasadena	Mark Gardemal, P.E.	
			Fabiola de Carvalho, CFM,	
Lorenzo Wingate		City of Pearland	AMP, MIAM	
Melanie Beaman	X	City of Sugarland	Huy Ton	
Kim Golden, P.E.	X	City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
Wael Tabara, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	<u>          </u>
Zachery Vogler, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Chambers County	Alfonso Acosta	<u>          </u>
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	<u>          </u>
Michael Shannon, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Galveston County	Nancy Baher	<u>          </u>
Patrick Mandapaka, Ph.D., AICP	<u>X</u>	Harris County – Position 1	Richard Smith, P.E.	<u>          </u>
Luis Guajardo, AICP	<u>X</u>	Harris County – Position 2	Faustino Benavides, P.E.	<u>          </u>
Ken Fickes, CCTM	<u>X</u>	Harris County Transit	Vernon Chambers	<u>          </u>
Hon. Jay Knight	<u>          </u>	Liberty County	Gerald Kolarik	<u>          </u>
Jason Smith	<u>          </u>	Montgomery County	Thomas Woolley	<u>          </u>
Ross McCall, P.E.	<u>          </u>	Waller County	Luke Fortkamp, P.E.	<u>          </u>
	<u>42</u>	<b>Total Voting Membership</b>		
	<u>35</u>	<b>Total Voting Membership Present</b>		
	<u>21</u>	<b>Required Quorum</b>		

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Advisory Members – Non-Voting</u>	<u>Present</u>
H-GAC	Ron Papsdorf Chief Transportation Officer / MPO Director (or his/her designee)	<u>X</u>
TxDOT	Catherine McCreight Director, TxDOT District Transportation Planning (Houston District)	<u>X</u>
TxDOT	(Vacant) Director, TxDOT District Advanced Project Development Houston District)	<u>          </u>
FHWA	(Vacant) Designated Representative, Federal Highway Administration	<u>          </u>
FTA	Ronisha Hodge Community Planner, Federal Transit Administration	<u>          </u>

5B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP) UPDATE

**BACKGROUND**

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The Public Participation Plan serves as a guide for the Metropolitan Planning Organization's public involvement process. It is part of a regional effort to ensure a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated process among stakeholders to provide opportunities for broad-based participation in the development and review of regional transportation plans and programs.

The Public Participation Plan provides the public with an understanding of the transportation planning process and the core functions of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, which also includes developing the Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan, and the Unified Planning Work Program.

The Public Participation Plan must be updated on a regular basis in concordance with federal and state regulations and was last updated in 2019.

**CURRENT SITUATION**

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Staff have updated the Public Participation Plan. The update includes principles and goals for public engagement, as well as updated public participation strategies to reflect virtual methods for engagement.

A 45-day public comment period was held along with an in-person public meeting at the H-GAC office on May 20, 2026. The updated Public Participation Plan documented all comments received and provided a response to those comments. The updated Public Participation Plan will be posted on the H-GAC website for the public to view upon approval.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

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Technical Advisory Committee recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval of the Public Participation Plan (PPP).



# Resolution

No. 2026-17

ADOPTING THE UPDATED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA.

WHEREAS, The Public Participation Plan serves as a guide for Houston-Galveston Area Council's transportation public involvement process. It is part of a regional effort to ensure a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated process among stakeholders to provide opportunities for broad-based participation in the development and review of regional transportation plans and programs;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council adopted the current Public Participation in 2019 and it has not been updated since;

WHEREAS, the Public Participation Plan has been updated with principles and goals for public engagement, inclusive public participation strategies to reflect virtual methods for engagement, and updates to amendment processes for the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program;

WHEREAS, a 45-day public comment period was held along with an in-person public meeting at the H-GAC office on May 20, 2026. The updated Public Participation Plan documented all comments received and provided a response to those comments. The updated Public Participation Plan will be posted on the H-GAC website for the public to view upon approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL OF THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL THAT:**

- 1. THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL APPROVES OF THE UPDATES TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN; AND**
- 2. THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN IS HEREBY ADOPTED UPON APPROVAL.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED**, this 24th day of July 2026, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council for the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Hon. Justin Beckendorff, Chairman  
Transportation Policy Council

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Hon. Sally Branson, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council

## 6. COMMUTE SOLUTIONS MONTH

### BACKGROUND

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Commute Solutions is the region's travel demand management program that provides marketing, education, and outreach about transportation options in the region that can help reduce congestion and improve air quality. The Commute Solutions program is administered on behalf of the Metropolitan Planning Organization in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation, regional transportation agencies, area employers, higher education, local and county governments, and other community organizations.

For the past two years, the Commute Solutions program has piloted an Ozone Action Campaign in partnership with organizations across the region. The Campaign provides marketing to encourage community members to make choices that can reduce ground level ozone during the peak ozone season.

Historically, September is one of the worst months for air quality in our region. During the pilot, conducted in September 2024 & 2025, transit ridership at participating agencies increased, and continued into the following months, helping to reduce congestion and lower pollution during this critical time.

### CURRENT SITUATION

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Houston-Galveston Area Council staff are working with the Texas Department of Transportation to continue this campaign as part of Commute Solutions Month 2026 and build on last year's momentum of educating and spreading awareness of how commuters can reduce air pollution emissions. Staff are requesting the Transportation Policy Council recognize September 2026 as the region's Commute Solutions Month. During the month, H-GAC staff plan to conduct the Ozone Action Campaign, "Breathe Easy September", that will:

- **Encourage** the region to try transportation strategies that can reduce ground level ozone during the peak ozone season (ex: Trip chaining, taking transit, carpool, vanpool, fueling up at night).
- **Partner with area transit providers** to provide funding support to help people try transit on Fridays in September.
- **Partner with additional agencies such** as Air Alliance and the Texas Department of Transportation's Connect Smart program to raise awareness about the campaign and strategies that can reduce ground level ozone during this time.

### ACTION REQUESTED

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Technical Advisory Committee recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolution 2026-18.



# Resolution

No. 2026-18

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REGIONAL COMMUTE SOLUTIONS PROGRAM AND RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2026 AS COMMUTE SOLUTIONS MONTH IN THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA.

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the Commute Solutions Program is to reduce traffic congestion and improve regional air quality by encouraging transportation options that reduce vehicle trips and vehicle miles traveled; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commute Solutions Program will provide organizations and the commuters they serve with information about carpooling, vanpooling, regional mass transit, teleworking and other transportation alternatives and strategies that can improve air quality during peak ozone season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Policy Council supports the goals of the Commute Solutions Program and H-GAC's involvement in partnerships with other area agencies and businesses to promote transportation alternatives and strategies to improve air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commute Solutions Program, enters its 32<sup>nd</sup> year, in September 2026;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED by the Transportation Policy Council of the Houston-Galveston Area Council that:

1. The Transportation Policy Council hereby recognizes September 2026 as Commute Solutions Month and expresses its support for the Commute Solutions Program during its annual celebration.
2. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 24th day of July 2026, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Hon. Justin Beckendorff, Chairman  
Transportation Policy Council

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Hon. Sally Branson, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council

7. 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) – END YEAR AMENDMENTS

**BACKGROUND**

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is developed by Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and documents metropolitan transportation planning activities performed with federal transportation funds as well as other regionally significant projects. The UPWP documents the metropolitan planning requirements, planning priorities facing the eight-county metropolitan planning area, transportation planning activities, and the related tasks to be accomplished during the two-year planning period; October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027.

**CURRENT SITUATION**

- H-GAC Staff are preparing for the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) fiscal year end amendment which includes moving budgeted FY 2026 projects and funds to the FY 2027 budgeted projects and funds on October 1, 2026 (the beginning of FY 2027). This forwarding of projects and funds is done for those projects that need to be continued from one year to the next as they are in various stages of completion.

In the chart below are the current FY 2026 projects and funds that will be continuing into FY 2027.

FY 2026 Continuing Projects

Task/Subtask	Project Name	FY 2026 Amount	FY 2026 Carry Forward Balance	FY 2027 Amount	Total FY 2027
<b>Task II</b>					
Task II Subtask 2.1.a	Freight Modeling & Development	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$700,000.00
	Conformity Support	\$50,000.00	\$39,430.75	\$50,000.00	\$89,430.75
<b>Task III</b>					
Task III Subtask 3.1.c	TIP Software Development	\$250,000.00	\$226,456.36	\$250,000.00	\$476,456.36
	Telus Maintenance	\$100,000.00	\$50,695.90	\$100,000.00	\$150,695.90
Task III Subtask 3.2.a	Regional Fares Planning Support	\$46,966.94	\$46,966.94	-	\$46,966.94
Task III Subtask 3.3.c	Emissions Reduction Methodologies	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	-	\$150,000.00
	Regional Pollutant Inventories	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	-	\$200,000.00
<b>Task IV</b>					
Task IV Subtask 4.1.a	RTP Assessment, Methodologies, Development	\$790,000.00	\$790,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$1,120,000.00
Task IV Subtask 4.2.a	Thoroughfare Plans or Mobility Plans	\$900,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$900,000.00	\$1,700,000.00
Task IV Subtask 4.2.b	Freight Related CMP Activities	\$62,500.00	\$62,500.00	\$62,500.00	\$125,000.00
	Freight Grade Separation Planning Program	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00
	FM 197 Grade Separation Planning Study	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$250,000.00
Task IV Subtask 4.2.c	City of Needville Mobility Plan	\$300,000.00	\$260,627.04	\$300,000.00	\$560,627.04
	Montgomery County Mobility Plan	\$450,000.00	\$80,810.00	\$450,000.00	\$530,810.00
Task IV Subtask 4.5.a	Long Range Regional Active Transportation Plan	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$600,000.00
<b>Task V</b>					
Task V Subtask 5.2.a	Congestion Management Plan	\$275,000.00	\$42,846.06	\$275,000.00	\$317,846.06
Task V Subtask 5.3.b	Livable Centers Cycle 7 Studies	\$1,148,778.00	\$937,653.72	\$1,244,000.00	\$2,181,653.72
Task V Subtask 5.4.a	TSU Automated Vehicle Project	\$170,000.00	\$125,367.25	\$170,000.00	\$295,367.25
Task V Subtask 5.5.b	Zero Emissions Vehicle Plan	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	-	\$250,000.00
Task V Subtask 5.6.a	Regional Resiliency Plan A Pilot Project	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Task V Subtask 5.7.a	Wayside Dr. Corridor Study	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00
	State Hwy. 35 Corridor Study	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$800,000.00
Task V Subtask 5.7.e	Project Delivery Assessment & Planning	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	-	\$300,000.00
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>\$7,618,244.94</b>	<b>\$6,538,354.02</b>	<b>\$6,306,500.00</b>	<b>\$12,844,854.02</b>

\* Projects to be replaced after consultation with local and state partners. We are carrying over the funds only.

The chart presented below details the increase in Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) due to the continuation of FY 2026 projects projected to be completed in FY 2027, by task, showing the new FY 2027 TPF budget totals.

<b>FY 2027 TPF - New Totals per Task</b>	<b>FY 2026 Funds</b>	<b>FY 2026 Carry Forward Funds Total</b>	<b>FY 2027 Funds</b>	<b>FY 2027 New Total</b>
<b>Task/Subtask</b>				
TASK I	\$5,677,072.00	\$ -	\$5613,366.00	\$5,613,366.00
TASK II	\$5,659,313.00	\$389,431.00	\$5,572,746.00	\$5,962,177.00
TASK III	\$2,568,188.00	\$674,119.00	\$1,615,984.00	\$2,290,103.00
TASK IV	\$6,283,254.00	\$2,668,937.00	\$8,591,810.00	\$11,260,747.00
TASK V	\$10,400,449.00	\$2,805,867.00	\$9,798,695.00	\$12,604,562.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$30,588,276.00</b>	<b>\$6,538,354.00</b>	<b>\$31,192,601.00</b>	<b>\$37,730,955.00</b>

- TASK V, Subtask 5.7.e, staff are requesting to add the Sienna Corridor Plan and the Navigation Corridor Study as FY 2026-FY 2027 activities with no increase in funding.

To see the most Current UPWP please use the following link: [Unified Planning Work Program | Houston-Galveston Area Council \(H-GAC\)](#)

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Discussion Only.



# Resolution

No. UPWP 2026/27-03

ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council adopted the 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) on June 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this amendment makes the following project and funding carryforward requests from the FY 2026 UPWP to the FY 2027 UPWP which includes continuing projects in various stages of completion. This amendment makes the following requests for projects in TASK II-Data Development and Maintenance, TASK III-Short Range Planning, TASK IV-Metropolitan Transportation Planning, and TASK V-Special Studies;

TASK II, staff request the following FY 2026 UPWP projects to be carried forward with funds to FY 2027 UPWP for the continuation of projects until completion.

- a. Subtask 2.1.a, Freight Modeling and Development
- b. Subtask 2.1.a, Conformity Support

TASK III, staff request the following FY 2026 UPWP projects to be carried forward with funds to FY 2027 UPWP for the continuation of projects until completion.

- a. Subtask 3.1.c, TIP Software Development
- b. Subtask 3.1.c, Tellus Software Development
- c. Subtask 3.2.a, Regional Fares Planning Support
- d. Subtask 3.3.c, Emissions Reduction Methodologies
- e. Subtask 3.3.c, Regional Pollutant Inventories

TASK IV, staff request the following FY 2026 UPWP projects to be carried forward with funds to FY 2027 UPWP for the continuation of projects until completion.

- a. Subtask 4.1.a, RTP Assessment, Methodologies, and Development
- b. Subtask 4.2.a, Various Thoroughfare Plans
- c. Subtask 4.2.b, Freight Related CMP Activities
- d. Subtask 4.2.b, Freight Grade Separation Planning Program
- e. Subtask 4.2.b, FM 197 Grade Separation Planning Study
- f. Subtask 4.2.c, City of Needville Mobility Plan

- g. Subtask 4.2.c, Montgomery County Mobility Plan
- h. Subtask 4.5.c, Long Range Regional Active Transportation Plan

TASK V, staff request the following FY 2026 UPWP projects to be carried forward with funds to FY 2027 UPWP for the continuation of projects until completion.

- a. Subtask 5.2.a, Congestion Management Plan
- b. Subtask 5.3.b, Livable Centers Cycle 7 Studies
- c. Subtask 5.4.a, TSU Automated Vehicle Project
- d. Subtask 5.5.b, Zero Emissions Vehicle Plan
- e. Subtask 5.6.a, Regional Resiliency Plan and Pilot Project
- f. Subtask 5.7.a, Wayside Dr. Corridor Study
- g. Subtask 5.7.a, State Hwy. 3 Corridor Study
- h. Subtask 5.7.e, Project Delivery Assessment and Planning

TASK V, Subtask 5.7.e, staff requests to add the Sienna Corridor Plan and the Navigation Corridor Study as UPWP FY 2026-FY 2027 activities with no increase in funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL, FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA THAT REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM, AS SHOWN, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED**, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2026, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council for the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Justin Beckendorf, Chairman  
Transportation Policy Council

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Sally Branson, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council

## 8. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) SUBCOMMITTEES' STRUCTURE

### **BACKGROUND**

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The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviews the work of the metropolitan planning process, provides advice on the methods of planning and implementation, and works with staff to develop and evaluate policy options and recommendations to the Transportation Policy Council.

The TAC performs technical, planning, and policy review of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) planning activities and products. The planning activities and products include the Unified Planning Work Program, Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Public Participation Plan, Congestion Management Process, transportation air quality conformity documents, and other regional and subregional planning efforts carried out by the MPO.

The TAC bylaws allow the TAC to create standing committees, ad hoc committees, and work groups (collectively called technical subcommittees) composed of subject matter experts and other interested parties. Technical subcommittees provide specialization, expertise, collaboration, in-depth analysis, advice, or recommendations to the TAC on specific tasks or issues.

There are six subcommittees of the Technical Advisory Committee:

- Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO)
- Pedestrian-Bicyclist
- Regional Transportation Plan
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Transportation Air Quality
- Regional Transit Coordination

The subcommittees are currently governed by the Bylaws and Operating Procedures of the Technical Advisory Committee's Subcommittees, which was last amended May 13, 2020, available here: (<https://www.h-gac.com/getmedia/7f66779d-cf75-40dc-a38e-849d56fcb730/TAC-Subcommittees-Bylaws>).

The TAC bylaws have been reviewed and amended as of November 21, 2025. Partners, stakeholders, and staff noted during the review process that the current subcommittee structure may no longer be serving the TAC and the MPO as efficiently and effectively as they could. It is also noted that the subcommittee purposes and membership should be reviewed to ensure continued relevance to the current structure and work of the TAC and MPO as well as the revised TAC bylaws.

TAC reviewed draft updates to the subcommittee bylaws and provided feedback and suggestions to staff at its February meeting. Proposed revisions to the TAC subcommittee structure were presented in April.

### **CURRENT SITUATION**

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Staff will briefly review the proposed subcommittee structure for the TAC, previously presented in April. Staff will also present draft guidelines for the proposed standing subcommittees of the TAC.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

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Discussion only.

## Summary of Current Technical Subcommittees and Proposed Changes

<b>Current Subcommittee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>
<p><b>Transportation Systems Management and Operations</b></p>	<p>The Transportation Systems Management and Operations Subcommittee will provide guidance on the development of Regional ITS architecture and a Regional Automated and Connected Vehicle Strategy.</p>	<p>Subcommittee members are nominated and appointed by the TAC and are representatives of the various stakeholders involved with Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). This shall include technically qualified professionals; local, county and state agency engineers and planners; as well as members of the TAC knowledgeable in ITS standards. A maximum of seventeen (17) voting members shall comprise the Subcommittee.</p> <p>17 Members            11-Local Gov            2-Transit Agency            2-Ports            2-TxDOT</p>	<p>Sunset this subcommittee. Merge functions into new, more broadly focused congestion subcommittee.</p>
<p><b>Pedestrian-Bicyclist</b></p>	<p>The Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee's purpose is to accomplish the following tasks: review and approve the Active Transportation Plan, guide and review the FHWA Connectivity Measures Pilot, guide the Regional Safety Campaign, guide reinvigoration of counter program, guide the creation of and review the ATP Toolbox, and develop naming conventions for sidewalk layer.</p>	<p>Subcommittee members are stakeholders involved with pedestrian and bicyclist issues. This shall include advocacy, safety, user groups, local, county representatives of economic development, developers or management districts, state agencies, engineers, land use planners, community organizations, and interested citizens. A maximum of twenty-two (22) voting members shall comprise the Subcommittee, which shall include any TAC representative.</p> <p>22 Members            Local Gov            Transit Agencies            TxDOT Districts            Management Districts            Advocacy/Activity Groups            H-GAC</p>	<p>Continue this subcommittee with little change.</p>

<b>Current Subcommittee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>
Regional Transportation Plan	<p>The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee's purpose is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purpose of the RTP Subcommittee is to:</li> <li>• Provide guidance to TAC in the development of the RTP; and sub-regional plans</li> <li>• Review and revise the performance measures and targets and outcomes used to measure the ability of potential projects/activities to support the vision, goals, objectives strategies of the RTP;</li> <li>• Provide recommendations to TAC on fundamental planning assumptions, data and methodologies used in development of the RTP;</li> <li>• Provide guidance on the development of a Congestion Management Plan; and</li> <li>• Provide guidance for major amendments to the RTP.</li> </ul>	<p>The RTP Subcommittee shall be comprised of members of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) or their representatives who have expertise or interest in developing transportation and land use plans. A maximum of twenty-three (23) voting members shall comprise the Subcommittee.</p> <p>23 Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9-Local Gov</li> <li>2-TxDOT Districts</li> <li>3-Transit Agencies</li> <li>1-Environmental</li> <li>1-Planning</li> <li>1-Citizen</li> <li>1-Business</li> <li>2-Ports</li> <li>1-Active Transportation</li> <li>1-Toll Roads</li> <li>1-Airports</li> </ul>	Convert to an ad-hoc subcommittee and continue the work on the 2050 RTP.
Regional Transit Coordination	<p>The Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee's purpose is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide guidance related to the implementation of regional transit coordination pilot projects that were identified in the regional transit coordination action plan;</li> <li>• Assist with tasks related to the development of regional transit planning initiatives that focus on identifying opportunities for expanding transit services in the region for all, as well as improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the current regional transit system;</li> <li>• Promote regional coordination among existing and future public and private transportation providers, social service and health and human service agencies.</li> </ul>	<p>The RTCS subcommittee membership will include appointees from the TAC for each of the implementing transit agencies in the region and representatives of social service agencies as well as other transit professionals. State government (TxDOT Houston, Beaumont, Yoakum, and Bryan Districts) shall serve as Ex-Officio members. A maximum of eighteen (18) voting members shall comprise the Subcommittee.</p> <p>18 Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9-Transit Agencies</li> <li>3-Cities and/or Counties</li> <li>4-TAC and/or H-GAC</li> <li>2-TAC</li> </ul>	Continue this subcommittee with minor refinements and a name change.

<b>Current Subcommittee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>
<b>Transportation Improvement Program</b>	<p>The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee’s purpose is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide guidance to TAC in the development of the 10-Year Plan, and the Transportation Improvement Program;</li> <li>• Define strategies to link the RTP, the 10-Year Plan investment plan, and the TIP;</li> <li>• Recommend strategies to create a predictable project development and delivery pipeline; and</li> <li>• Provide guidance for major amendments to the 10-Year Plan/TIP.</li> <li>• Review and tracking of the progress on performance measures and targets</li> </ul>	<p>The TIP Subcommittee is composed of Transportation Advisory Committee members with project implementation experience who are appointed by the TAC. However, all members of the TAC, primary and alternate, may participate. A maximum of twenty-two (22) voting members shall comprise the Subcommittee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TIP Subcommittee members must be members of the TAC;</li> <li>• Only official members of each subcommittee may vote during subcommittee meetings;</li> </ul> <p>22 Members  13-Local Government  2-State Gov  3-Transit Interests  2-Ports  1-Active Transportation  1-Planning</p>	<p>Sunset this committee. Convert to an ad-hoc subcommittee to be formed when needed to develop the TIP Policy document and new TIP.</p>
<b>Transportation Air Quality</b>	<p>The Transportation Air Quality Subcommittee’s purpose is to assist H-GAC staff in the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification and analysis of the most cost-effective on-road transportation emission reduction measures;</li> <li>• Development of a list of committed Transportation Control Measures to be implemented by the deadline outlined in updated NAAQS for the next SIP;</li> <li>• Development of a list of new or expanded on-road transportation VMEPs that must be accomplished in a strictly voluntary manner;</li> <li>• Expansion of existing TDM programs and projects and the development of new programs for TIP consideration;</li> <li>• Monitor implementation of those TDM projects or programs that are consistent with and meet or exceed the Clean Vehicle and Commute Solutions Cost-Benefit Analysis.</li> <li>• Provide guidance to programs funded through CMAQ</li> </ul>	<p>The Transportation Air Quality Subcommittee will be comprised of representatives of the Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC), local government, transit providers, private sector, and environmental, public interest or TDM professionals.</p> <p>19 Members  5-Local Governments  2-State Government  1-TCEQ  2-Transit Agencies  3-Environmental/Public Interests/TDM  3-Private  2-H-GAC  1-Ports</p>	<p>Sunset this subcommittee and continue the work through the Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee.</p>

## New, Proposed Technical Subcommittees

<b>New TAC Subcommittees</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Type of Subcommittee</b>
<p><b>Standing Subcommittee on Congestion</b></p>	<p>Provide guidance and advise the TAC and H-GAC staff on regional efforts to address congestion, including the Congestion Management Process, Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO), Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), Travel Demand Management (TDM), the annual Regional Mobility Report, and such other systems management and operations issues referred by the TAC or H-GAC staff.</p> <p>H-GAC staff will work with the subcommittee to develop an annual work plan. The annual work plan will describe the key goals and tasks for the upcoming year and will be presented to the TAC.</p>	<p>Maximum of 28 members, seeking at least one member representing the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Development and Land Use Planning (General Planning)</li> <li>• Traffic Engineers – City/County</li> <li>• Transportation Demand Management Practitioner (TMO, Vanpool, Carpool, etc.)</li> <li>• Transit Operators</li> <li>• Management Districts</li> <li>• Colleges and Universities</li> <li>• Rail/Freight</li> <li>• Trucking/Logistics</li> <li>• Citizen Representative</li> <li>• Transportation Management Centers</li> <li>• Ports</li> <li>• Toll Authorities</li> <li>• TxDOT</li> <li>• Chair or Representative- Standing Committee on Active Transportation</li> <li>• Chair or Representative- Standing Committee on Human Services and Public Transportation</li> </ul> <p><u>Selection Criteria:</u> Members must also be nonprofit or government representatives (staff, committee or board volunteer) or affiliated with a relevant business/industry association with expertise in measuring, analyzing or reducing congestion representing various related areas – recurring congestion (including commute to work or school, signalization), non-recurring congestion (including weather, event, collisions, breakdowns, other incidents, construction/work zone).</p>	<p>Standing</p>

<b>New TAC Subcommittees</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Type of Subcommittee</b>
<p><b>Standing Subcommittee on Active Transportation</b></p>	<p>Provide guidance and advise TAC and H-GAC staff on regional active transportation issues and strategies, including the regional Active Transportation Plan, safe routes to schools, transportation alternatives project selection criteria and evaluation, active transportation subregional planning projects, and such other active transportation issues referred by the TAC or H-GAC staff.</p> <p>H-GAC staff will work with the subcommittee to develop an annual work plan. The annual work plan will describe the key goals and tasks for the upcoming year and will be presented to the TAC.</p>	<p>Maximum of 24 members, seeking representatives from the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transit</li> <li>• Local Government</li> <li>• TxDOT</li> <li>• Citizen interests</li> <li>• Management Districts</li> <li>• Nonprofits</li> <li>• Chair or Representative- Standing Committee on Congestion</li> <li>• Chair or Representative- Standing Committee on Human Services and Public Transportation</li> </ul> <p><u>Minimum Selection Criteria:</u> Members must be nonprofit or government representatives (staff, committee or board volunteer) with expertise in pedestrian and bicyclist issues including safety, education, infrastructure, enforcement and advocacy,</p>	<p>Standing</p>
<p><b>Standing Subcommittee on Transit and Human Services Transportation</b></p>	<p>Provide guidance and advise TAC and H-GAC staff on regional transit and human services transportation issues, strategies, and projects including regional transit provider and services coordination, regional and subregional transit service and capital planning, human services transportation coordination, and such other transit issues referred to it by the TAC or H-GAC staff.</p> <p>H-GAC staff will work with the subcommittee to develop an annual work plan. The annual work plan will describe the key goals and tasks for the upcoming year and will be presented to</p>	<p>Maximum of 24 members, representing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each Regional Transit Provider (11)</li> <li>- TxDOT Public Transportation Division (1)</li> <li>- Local Governments (1)</li> <li>- Social/Human Services (5)</li> <li>- Business and Citizen Interests (4)</li> <li>- Chair or Representative- Standing Committee on Active Transportation (1)</li> <li>- Chair or Representative- Standing Committee on Congestion (1)</li> </ul> <p><u>Minimum Selection Criteria:</u> Members should have a basic interest in and understanding of public and/or human transportation service provision and operation within the region: what services are available, how they are provided/operated,</p>	<p>Standing</p>

	the TAC.	and (ideally) the gaps where they aren't. Any entity that operates general public transit or specialized transportation services (elderly, disabled, mental disability, NEMT, etc.) within the region should be eligible to participate. Business or non-profit interests for whom public or human service transportation is important to their operations (e.g. large management districts like TMC, HHS organizations like Baker-Ripley) should also be eligible, as well as citizen's interest/advocacy groups (e.g. LINK Houston).	
<b>Regional Transportation Plan</b>	As Established	As Established	Ad-hoc, until approval of the 2050 RTP.
<b>Transportation Improvement Program</b>	To be established at the appointed time.	To be established at the appointed time.	Ad-hoc, to be formed when developing the next TIP.

*Please note the following additional committees that currently operate and assist the Metropolitan Planning Organization.*

Transportation Policy Council Committees:

- Technical Advisory Committee
- Greater Houston Freight Committee
- Regional Transportation Safety Committee

H-GAC Board Committees:

- Regional Air Quality Policy Advisory Committee

Additional Bodies, as Designated by State and National Partners:

- AERCO Board
- Clean Cities Coalition

9. DRAFT 2027 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP) UPDATE

**BACKGROUND**

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The Unified Transportation Program (UTP) is a multimodal, comprehensive programming document aligned with federal and State strategic goals and performance measures and targets that guides transportation project development and delivery across Texas. The UTP authorizes the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and local partnering agencies to develop projects for construction based on projected cash flow over a continuous 10-year timeframe. The UTP is updated annually and approved in August by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) in accordance with State law.

The UTP authorizes 12 categories of funding for which projected State, federal, and other funding are distributed, and the formula by which those funds are allocated. It also identifies project selection criteria by funding category. In general, Metropolitan Planning Organizations are involved in project selection for Categories 2, 5, 7, 9, and 10, in coordination with TxDOT.

**CURRENT SITUATION**

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Development of the 2027 UTP is underway following a prescribed development process. At the January TTC meeting, TxDOT's Transportation Planning & Programming (TPP) and Finance Divisions presented the draft 2027 UTP 10-year financial forecast, covering fiscal years 2027-2036. After the January TTC meeting, TPP then distributed the draft 2027 UTP planning targets by funding category.

The financial forecast projects a \$7.1 billion reduction in funding from \$101.6 billion in the 2026 UTP to a projected \$94.5 billion in the 2027 UTP. The lower funding is related primarily to adjustments in expected federal and Proposition 1 revenue. This reduction in funds has the potential to impact project development and delivery.

Currently, TxDOT is conducting public meetings to solicit input on 2027 UTP. Public involvement began July 3, 2026, and runs through August 3, 2026. The TTC is expected to approve the 2027 UTP at the August 26, 2026, meeting.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

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Information only.