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

DATE: Friday, September 24, 2021

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027 and Video Conference

Chairman Kenneth Clark called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:30 a.m. and made a statement to TPC members and others that this meeting was a duly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council being held as a video conference on September 24, 2021. Chairman Clark stated that he was the presiding officer of the board and was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027. Chairman Clark attested that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public. Chairman Clark reminded each member of the governing body participating in via Zoom they must be visible and audible to be considered a participant in this meeting. Chairman Clark let the members know that they must enable their video and microphone when responding to a roll call, voting on action items and asking questions. Chairman Clark let all members know that members who called into the meeting should hang up and log back in using a device with a camera to participate in the meeting.

ITEM 1. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC conducted the Roll Call of the TPC membership. Fourteen (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

Chair Kenneth Clark invited introductions from Council members and staff.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <u>https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09242021-748/2/</u>

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Kenneth Clark provided instructions on the process to submit public comments and asked if any public comments were submitted by the 5:00 p.m. on September 21, 2021.

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC announced to the Council that written public comments were received by email or correspondence by 5:00 p.m. on September 21, 2021. Ms. Neely Kim, H-GAC summarized the names of the individuals and comments that were submitted.

The public comments submitted by email or correspondence can be viewed here: <u>https://www.h-gac.com/getmedia/5a1bd689-b7fe-44a5-b589-7ee0ccd32a19/2021-September-TPC-</u> <u>Public-Comments.pdf</u>

Mr. Mandapaka provided instructions to the public in attendance at the meeting on providing public comments. Mr. Mandapaka also introduced the Spanish and American Sign Language Interpreters.

The public comments made during the meeting can be heard here: <u>https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09242021-748/3/</u>

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Grady Prestage presented the August 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes summary to the Council. Secretary Prestage asked the Council for any modifications or corrections as presented. There were no modifications or corrections.

Council Member David Robinson made a motion for approval of the August 27, 2021 meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Justin Beckendorff. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <u>https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09242021-748/4/</u>

ITEM 5. APPROVAL TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, MAYOR JOE ZIMMERMAN, CITY OF SUGARLAND

Mayor Joe Zimmerman stated that the TPC Nominating Committee met on September 21, 2021. The TPC Nominating Committee members include the following members:

- Mayor Joe Zimmerman (City of Sugarland) Chair
- Commissioner Grady Prestage (Fort Bend County)
- Council Member Sally Branson (City of Friendswood)

- Mr. Robert Treviño (Harris County Toll Road Authority)
- Council Member Sallie Alcorn (City of Houston)
- Mr. Chuck Wemple (Houston-Galveston Area Council)
- Judge Mark Keough (Montgomery County)
- Council Member Larry Millican (City of League City)

Mayor Joe Zimmerman said that the TPC Nominating Committee had discussed and voted on the nominees submitted to fill the vacant positions on the Transportation Advisory Committee and Transportation Safety Committee. Mayor Joe Zimmerman presented the slate of recommended nominees to the TPC for approval:

Transportation Advisory Committee-Alternate Members

- Citizen Interests: Oscar Slotboom
- Planning: Jessie Li (City of Sugarland)
- Airport: Beth Rosenbaum (City of Sugarland)
- Cities of less than \$50,000 Population: Larry Buehler

Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion to approve the nominees for the Transportation Advisory Committee and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Justin Beckendorff.

A brief discussion occurred among the Council concerning the experience of some of the nominees and the eligibility criteria for participation in the Transportation Advisory Committee. The Council members discussed the need to review the definitions or eligibility criteria for at-large positions under TAC Bylaws. Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, addressed the questions.

The Council voted and approved the 2021 TPC Nominating Committee recommended slate as presented. Carol Haddock, City of Houston, voted No.

Transportation Safety Committee Membership

- Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management Alternate: Commander Darrell Schindler (Houston Police Department)
- Public Transit. State, City, County Engineering & Planning Alternate: Melody Galland (TxDOT) Alternate: Sean Middleton (Gulf Coast Transit District) Primary: Santiago Osorio (METRO)

Alternate: Mohammed Boukhriss (METRO)

Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion to approve the nominees for the Transportation Safety Committee and was seconded by Commissioner Justin Beckendorff.

The Council voted and approved the 2021 TPC Nominating Committee recommended slate as presented.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <u>https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09242021-748/5/</u>

ITEM 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC.

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented on the amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The amendments are as follows:

- Change the funding from Category-3 (Non-Traditionally Funded Transportation Projects) to Category-10 (Supplemental Transportation Projects) of the SH 36 4-lane widening project in Brazoria County (MPO ID 251/CSJ 0111-08-100) to reflect the actual obligation which occurred in August 2021.
- Cancel the City of League City's locally funded SH 96 Hike and Bike Trail (MPO ID 5056) at the City's request as the project is no longer viable in its present configuration. (Total Cost: \$0.8M)
- Reallocate funding to two (2) METRO STAR Vanpool projects from future projects to cover operating shortfalls (\$1.2M CMAQ from MPO ID 18356/CSJ 0912-00-653 to MPO ID 11717/CSJ 0912-00-547 and \$1.5M STBG from MPO ID 18368/CSJ 0912-00-650 to MPO ID 16092/CSJ 0912-00-504).
- Split the TXDOT Houston District's State Loop 8 widening project (MPO ID 16344/CSJ 3256-03-096) in Harris County into two sections. The widening from 4 to 8 lanes in the northern section (new 18518/3256-03-104) will stay in FY 2025. The restriping from 6 to 8 lanes in the southern section (existing MPOID 16344/CSJ 3256-03-096) will be advanced to FY 2022. The split will simplify management and accounting for distinct construction activities and fully fund the project. (Addition of \$6.2M)
- Delay the City of Webster's Landing Boulevard/NASA 1 Bypass realignment project (MPOID 17081/CSJ 0912-72-541) from FY 2022 to FY 2023 at the City's request. (Total Cost: \$8.0M)
- Program the Federal Highway Administration Ferry Boat Program award to Harris County for the replacement of the Lynchburg Ferry operations building (MPO ID 18517/CSJ 0912-72-647) in FY 2022 of the TIP. (Total Cost: \$1.7M)

- Program the Gulf Coast Transit District FY 2021 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307
 Program of Projects in FY 2022 of the TIP using Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in
 lieu of matching funds. The \$2.9M federal award will be matched with 2.6M TDCs. Projects will be
 programmed for Texas City/La Marque: (MPO ID 18810: Capital, MPO ID 18811: Planning, MPO
 ID 18812: Operating) and Lake Jackson/Angleton (MPO ID 18813: Capital, MPO ID 18816:
 Planning, MPO ID 18817: Operating) Urbanized Areas. (Total Cost: \$2.9M)
- Program the Houston-Galveston Area Council regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Planning Studies project in FY 2022 with \$1.5M of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding with 300,000 of Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds (MPO ID 18527). The studies will include Connecting Buffalo Bayou East Design Concept Development, Memorial Drive Bicycle and Pedestrian Study, City of Friendswood Master Trail Plan, and the Bay Area Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety Plan.
- Program the Houston-Galveston Area Council regional Mobility and Corridor Planning Studies project in FY 2022 with \$2.7M of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding with 540,000 of Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds (MPO ID 18528). The studies will include the Washington Avenue Corridor Study, FM 518 Corridor Study, Cemetery Road Planning Study, Planning Phase of Friendswood Lakes Boulevard Extension, First Ward/Old 6 Ward Mobility Project, Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan, and the City of Pearland Thoroughfare Plan.
- Advance the Houston-Galveston Area Council regional High-Capacity Feasibility Studies project (MPO ID 18618) from FY 2025 in the Ten-Year Plan to FY 2023 in the TIP and program 500,000 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds. (Total Cost: \$2.5M)
- Program the Houston-Galveston Area Council regional Safety Program (FY 2023-2026) project in FY 2023 with \$2.32M of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding with 463,500 of Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds (MPO ID 18818). The program will include public outreach projects addressing regional traffic safety issues identified in the Regional Safety Plan and other transportation planning efforts. Issues include impairment, speeding, bicycle and pedestrian safety, traffic intersection improvements.
- Delay schedules of twelve (12) Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA/Category-9) funded projects in the TXDOT Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (CSJ 5000-00-916) as a result of a financial reconciliation which resulted in new annual funding caps:
 - FY 2021 to FY 2022: (MPO ID 18647/CSJ 0920-39-026, MPO ID 17117/CSJ 0912-31-318). (Total Cost: \$4.3M)
 - FY 2021 to FY 2023: (MPO ID 17087/CSJ 1685-01-107. (Total Cost: \$1.0M)
 - FY 2021 to FY 2024: (MPO ID 17118/CSJ 0912-73-215, MPO ID 17120/CSJ 0912-72-398, MPO ID 17123/CSJ 0912-72-398). (Total Cost: \$5.5M)

- FY 2022 to FY 2023: (MPO ID 7641/CSJ 0912-00-560, MPO ID 18146/CSJ 0271-07-323). (Total Cost: \$11.3M)
- FY 2022 to FY 2024: (MPO ID 18030/CSJ 0912-72-583) (Total Cost: \$0.7M)
- FY 2022 to FY 2025: (MPO ID 18024/CSJ 0271-14-240, MPO ID 18049/CSJ 1685-01-120). (Total Cost: \$9.4M)
- FY 2023 to FY 2026: (MPO ID 17103/CSJ 0912-00-542). (Total Cost: \$11.4M)

Mr. Dickinson requested TPC approval of Resolution No. 2021-25 and Resolution No. 2021-26

A motion was made by Commissioner Justin Beckendorff and seconded by Council Member David Robinson.

The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2021-25 and Resolution No. 2021-26.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <u>https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09242021-748/6/</u>

ITEM 7. LAUNCH OF CONNECT SMART APPLICATION, JAMILA OWENS, H-GAC

Mr. Jamila Owens, H-GAC, introduced Ms. Brenda Bustillos, TxDOT, to present on the launch of Connect Smart Application. Ms. Bustillos stated that Connect Smart is an innovative technology deployment and multi-modal platform made possible by USDOT's Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment grant program and with matching funds by the State of Texas. This program supports the Houston area goals by mitigating congestion, reducing greenhouse gasses, and promoting sustainability.

Ms. Bustillos continued her presentation by giving a brief history of the program and described the regional partners involved. Ms. Bustillos also explained that Connect Smart would enable reduced congestion and simultaneously personalize mobility options for users through the integration of Active Demand Management and Transportation Systems Management and Operations programs and activities in the region. Connect Smart app is scheduled to launch in September 2021.

A brief comment period by members of the Council complimenting the Connect Smart program occurred after the presentation.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <u>https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09242021-748/7/</u>

ITEM 8. UPDATE ON THE 2022-2023 TRANSPORTATION SURVEYS, CHRIS VAN SLYKE, H-GAC

Mr. Chris Van Slyke provided an update on the regional travel surveys and data collection in 2022-2023 to prepare for upcoming model enhancements and data collection needs. The surveys were postponed from 2021 due to Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Van Slyke described the following types of surveys under planning and development phases:

- a. **Transit Origin-Destination On-board (O-D Survey):** H-GAC and METRO will jointly conduct the Fixed Routes Weekday Regional Transit On-board Origin/Destination Survey in the Spring of 2022. This survey provides information about the characteristics and travel patterns of the transit riders using light rail, fixed-route local bus, and commuter bus, and other motorized commuters of all the fixed routes transit providers in the H-GAC region.
- b. **Commercial Airport Ground Access Survey:** In partnership with the City of Houston, H-GAC will conduct the ground access counts of the two commercial airports in the H-GAC region in the Summer of 2022. These airports include George Bush Intercontinental and William Hobby airports.
- c. **2022 Household Survey:** TxDOT in partnership with H-GAC is planning a Household travel survey that will provide data to update the Tour-Cast model and the background data for regional planning.
- d. **2022-2023 Traffic Counts:** TxDOT in partnership with H-GAC is planning to conduct traffic counts at various locations on the roadway network in the region.
- e. **Commercial Vehicle Survey:** H-GAC is planning to collect commercial vehicle data covering various industries and geographic distribution within the region. This information will be used for freight planning efforts and a commercial vehicle travel model to be developed by H-GAC.
- f. **Supplemental and Passive Data Purchase:** H-GAC is considering conducting these supplemental surveys during the next household travel survey to gain more detail on the travel related to these specific travel markets: university student survey, toll road user survey, ride-hailing/car-sharing user survey, connected and autonomous vehicle attitudes/stated preference survey, and active transportation surveys (bicycle and pedestrian).

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <u>https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09242021-748/8/</u>

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 9. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, MIKE BURNS, H-GAC

Mr. Mike Burns presented on the Development of the Regional Transportation Plan. The Regional Transportation Plan must be updated every four (4) years per federal statute and describe a fiscally constrained program for at least the next 20 years. It must conform to the area's emission requirements. Mr. Burns described the RTP schedule for various phases of the development of the plan. Mr. Burns elaborated on the current and future vison of the RTP. Mr. Burns also described other RTP goals such as Security, Resiliency and Equity. Mr. Burns concluded his update by describing the plan elements, the financial goals, conformity and the various stakeholders.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <u>https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09242021-748/9/</u>

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 10. QUARTERLY TIP STATUS REPORT, VISHU LINGALA, H-GAC

Mr. Vishu Lingala provided an update on the Quarterly TIP Status Report. Projects programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Lingala described the status of funding in Category 5-Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, Category 7-Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program and Category 9-Transportation Alternative Set Aside (TASA) Program. A detailed list of these projects was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC stated that staff was working with the TAC and TAC subcommittees to prioritize and place projects into the proper funding category and fiscal year. Mr. Raborn also said that staff would provide additional assistance to local partners and jurisdictions to facilitate resolving the carryover balances.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <u>https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09242021-748/10/</u>

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 11. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. <u>Administrative Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP</u>
 Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, presented information on the Administrative Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

- B. <u>Future Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP</u>
 Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, presented information on Future Amendments to the 2022-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.
- C. 2020 State of Safety Report

Mr. David Fink, H-GAC, presented information on the 2020 State of Safety Report. This report covers 2016-2020, lists 13 crash categories, and reports on crashes, fatalities and serious injuries. This report is based on the data is provided by the Texas Department of Transportation. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

D. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

A summary of Transportation Planning Activities and described specific MPO activities. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

E. H-GAC Board of Directors Report

A summary of Transportation items included on the agenda of the H-GAC Board of Directors Meeting held on September 21, 2021. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <u>https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09242021-748/11/</u>

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

- Greater Houston Freight Committee Meeting- September 23, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
- Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee Meeting October 6, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- Next TAC Meeting- October 13, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- Next TPC Meeting October 22, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- Transportation Safety Committee Meeting- October 26, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee Meeting- October 28, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Chair Kenneth Clark adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 11:40 a.m.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <u>https://hgac.swagit.com/play/09242021-748/12/</u>

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Hon. Grady Prestage, Secretary Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1 TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC) FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA September 24, 2021

ROLL

AGENCY	VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	Honorable Heather Betancourth Council Member, District 4 Honorable Brandon Capetillo – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	Thomas Woolley Interim Director of Engineering Chris Bogert – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	X Honorable David Collins Council Member Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	X Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – 1 st - Vice Chair Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	X Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member Honorable Sallie Alcorn - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	X Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	XHonorable Larry MillicanCouncil Member, Position 3Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	X Shashi Kumar, P.E Director of Public Works Todd Hoover – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	Honorable Cary Bass Council Member James Rodriguez – Alternate	City of Pasadena

AGENCY	VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Pearland, City of	Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor X Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	X Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor Honorable Jennifer Lane – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor Doug Kneupper, P.E Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of	X Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, City of Waller Honorable Sally Branson-Alternate	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Brazoria County	Honorable Matt Sebesta County Judge – Past Chair Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	X Honorable Billy Combs County Commissioner, Pct 4 Cory Taylor, P.E Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	X Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, Pct 2 Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	X Honorable Kenneth Clark County Commissioner - Chairman Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge Robert Treviño, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 X Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	X David Douglas Engineering Administrator Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

AGENCY

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VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE REPRESENTING

Honorable Mark Keough Montgomery County Montgomery County County Judge Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate Honorable Justin Beckendorff Waller County Х Waller County County Commissioner - 2nd VC Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate Houston Metropolitan **Carrin Patman METRO METRO** Chair Transit Authority X Thomas Lambert Houston-Galveston Chuck Wemple H-GAC Area Council At Large **Executive Director** Jeff Taebel – Alternate Х **TxDOT TxDOT Houston District** Х Eliza Paul, P. E. **District Engineer** Varuna Singh, P.E.- Alternate **TxDOT** Chad Bohne, P.E. **TxDOT Beaumont District** Х District Engineer Adam Jack, P.E. - Alternate Port of Houston Authority Х Roger Guenther Other Transportation Executive Director, Port of Houston Interests Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport - Alternate Gulf Coast Rail District Dr. Carol Lewis Gulf Coast Rail District Х Chairman, GCRD Jeff Ross - Alternate 28 **Total Voting Membership Voting Membership Present** 21 14 **Required Quorum**

AGENCY	NON-VOTING MEMBERS	REPRESENTING
Texas State Senate	Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<u>X</u> Clint Schelbitzki	Union Pacific
Freight Rail Interests	X Hugh McCulley	BNSF Railway
Texas State Legislator	X Hon. Dennis Paul	8-County Region
Texas State Legislator	Hon. Ed Thompson	8-County Region
Wharton County	X Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County