

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

DATE: Friday, June 25, 2021

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Webinar

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Chair Kenneth Clark called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:30 a.m.

**ITEM 1. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

Secretary Grady Prestage 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**

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: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/06252021-586/2/>

**ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC, let the Council know that written public comments were submitted by email or correspondence as of the June 22, 2021, 5:00 p.m. deadline. Mr. Mandapaka said there were no written public comments.

Mr. Mandapaka provided instructions to the public on addressing the Council with their comments. Mr. Mandapaka also introduced the Spanish and American Sign Language Interpreters and let the Public know they were available.

The public comments made during the meeting can be heard here:  
<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/06252021-586/3/>

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2021 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY**

Secretary Grady Prestage presented the May 23, 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.

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Secretary Grady Prestage made a motion for approval of the May 23, 2021 meeting minutes and was seconded by Council Member David Robinson. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/06252021-586/4/>

**ITEM 5. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)**

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC presented on the amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP.) Mr. Beckom gave a recap on the following amendments:

- Combine two (2) adjoining segments of access management treatments on FM 2920 in Harris County at the Texas Department of Transportation Houston District's request. The overall cost, limits and schedule will be unchanged.
- Program the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) Emergency and Community Services (ECS) Center construction project in fiscal year 2022 of the TIP with a \$5.9M Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Emergency Relief Resilience Program (Chapter 53, Section 5324) grant. The federal funding was awarded as a result of losses sustained during Hurricane Harvey in 2017.
- Program the METRO Missouri City Park & Ride construction project in fiscal year 2022 of the TIP with \$37M of local funding. The project, which was approved by voters in the METRONext transit plan in 2019, will construct a new facility at a location close to the intersection of Beltway 8 and US 90A.
- Program four (4) METRO Bus Operations Optimized Systems Treatment (BOOST) projects in fiscal years 2022 and 2024 of the TIP with \$145M of local funding. The projects, which will improve transit service on seventeen (17) high frequency routes in the system, will include all phases, right-of-way acquisition, environmental planning, design and construction. The BOOST program was approved by voters in the METRONext plan in 2019.

Mr. Beckom requested Approval of Resolution 2021-18.

A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Council Member David Robinson.

The Council voted and Resolution No. 2021-18 was approved.

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**ITEM 6. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS, ALAN RODENSTEIN, H-GAC**

Mr. Alan Rodenstein, H-GAC, presented on the Public Transportation Agency Safety Performance Measures and Targets. Mr. Rodenstein noted that transit agencies are required to develop safety plans by December 31, 2020. Agency plans included past safety information. Each agency developed seven categories related to accidents and safety measures. Two tiers of targets were developed - METRO (Tier 1), other transit agencies (Tier II) and regional weighted average targets were calculated. MPOs are required to submit regional targets by June 30, 2021. Mr. Rodenstein continued his presentation by describing Tier I and Tier II methodology, and targets to the Council.

Mr. Rodenstein requested approval of Resolution No. 2021-19.

A motion was made by Council Member David Robinson and seconded by Council Member David Collins.

The Council voted and Resolution No. 2021-19 was approved.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/06252021-586/6/>

**ITEM 7. REQUESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY, VISHU LINGALA, H-GAC**

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC presented on the requested amendments to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Determination. Mr. Lingala said this item was presented at the May TPC Meeting and the Council had approved minor amendments that were part of the original amendment request. This month staff is presenting the remaining amendments. A list of these of projects were provided to the Council in their meeting packet. Mr. Lingala told the Council through two public comment periods a total of 141 comments were received of which 34 were duplicates.

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, briefed the Council on the development of review and evaluation criteria for amendments to the 2045 RTP. The primary goal in doing this is to ensure the current RTP vision is considered and not substantially altered. It also is to guarantee the approval of major new projects is not automatic and the TPC can make an informed decision. Mr. Raborn briefly described the criteria for staff evaluation and recommendation including MPO Urgency, Recent MPO Study or Plan, Jurisdiction Support/Request, Previous Reviews and Evaluations, RTP Consistency, and Environmental Justice or Environmental Impact Risks.

Mr. Raborn continued his briefing by providing a list of projects recommended by the TAC to the Council and pointed out specific projects recommended for approval with notes. Mr. Raborn

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concluded the presentation by describing the next steps in seeking approval of transit and the remaining projects included in the TPC packet in July.

Mr. Raborn requested approval of Resolution No. 2021-20 with instruction from TPC that staff separate the NHHIP project into a separate Air Quality Conformity determination when it is submitted to FHWA.

A motion was made by Mayor Kevin Cole and seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman.

The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2021-20.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/06252021-586/7/>

ITEM 8. DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP), NEELY KIM, HGAC

Ms. Neely Kim, H-GAC, presented on the Development of the 2022-2021 Unified Planning Work Program. Ms. Kim proceeded by describing the UPWP five priority areas, Task I. Project Management, Task II. Data Development and Maintenance, Task III. Short Range Planning, Task IV. Long Range Planning, Task V. Special Planning Studies. Ms. Kim also explained in the request for 2022-2023 proposals, 17 applicants were submitted with 15 being selected. Ms. Kim continued her presentation on work activities will be conducted under each Task and their funding source. Ms. Kim also described the UPWP budget and explained the schedule for the development and submittal of the 2022-2023 UPWP to TxDOT. The Public Comment Period begins July 8, 2021 and there will be a Public Meeting on July 22, 2021. You can view the Draft 2022-2023 UPWP at [h-gac.com/unified-planning-work-program](http://h-gac.com/unified-planning-work-program)

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/06252021-586/8/>

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ITEM 9. PEARLAND TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PLAN, ALAN RODENSTEIN, H-GAC

Mr. Alan Rodenstein presented on the Pearland Transit Needs Assessment and Plan. Mr. Rodenstein noted that this is the first study done on a transit topic in several years at H-GAC. Mr. Rodenstein provided a background on transit in Pearland and a map detailing the city. He also explained the challenges with implementing public transit in the suburbs as well as the opportunities in suburban transit. Mr. Rodenstein further explained that H-GAC will conduct an 18-month study. It will be a strong technical study and will involve robust public outreach and will involve stakeholders and the community. Surveys and outreach will be done through our online engagement platform. Also, develop

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alternatives and preferred approach. A final report will be completed by the end of 2022. Mr. Rodenstein concluded his presentation by going through a timeline with target dates ending with the first round of public meetings in December 2021.

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ITEM 10. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Administrative Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, presented the Administrative Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP listed below:

- Change the sponsor of twenty-three (23) TIP projects from the ‘Gulf Coast Center’ to the ‘Gulf Coast Transit District’ in compliance with the March 1, 2021 Federal Transit Administration approval of the Gulf Coast Transit District as a Region-VI direct recipient.
- Delay the Downtown Management District’s Downtown Houston Sidewalk Improvement project (MPO ID 15321/CSJ 0912-72-390) from FY 2021 to FY 2022 at the District’s request.
- Assign TXDOT Control-Section-Job (CSJ) numbers to seven (7) federally funded METRO and Greater Southeast Management District projects.

B. Future Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Adam Beckom, H-GAC, presented on the Future Amendments to the 2022-2024 TIP and RTP listed below:

- Delay the TXDOT Houston District SH 146 widening project (MPOID 468/CSJ 0389-06-088) in Galveston County from FY 2022 to FY 2023 due to engineering and permitting issues.
- Advance the TXDOT Houston District SH 105 widening project (MPOID 10125/CSJ 0389-06-088) in Montgomery County from FY 2023 to FY 2022 to take advantage of its early state of readiness.
- Combine two (2) Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) vanpool program years, (MPOID 11760/CSJ 0912-00-600 and MPOID 17135/CSJ 0912-00-563) with federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funding into one project to improve administrative efficiencies. Total funding \$3.65M with 730K TDCs as match.
- Program an additional \$2,068,000 (Federal \$1.0M/Local \$1.0M) of Category-7 funding on the right-of-way (MPOID 17108/CSJ 0912-31-304) and construction (MPOID 17109/MPOID 0912-31-304) phases of the Brazoria County Road 58 widening project to

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cover additional costs caused by increased land value, improved drainage design and materials costs. Delay from FY 2021 to FY 2022.

- Program an additional \$5,999,000 (\$3.0M Federal/\$3.0M Local) of Category-7 funding on the right-of-way (MPOID 17106/CSJ 0912-31-305) and construction (MPOID 12760/CSJ 0912-31-305) phases of the Brazoria County Road 59 widening project to cover additional costs caused by increased land value, improved drainage design and materials costs. Delay from FY 2021 to FY 2022.
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District FM 1960 intersections improvements project (MPOID 14173/CSJ 1685-01-090) in Harris County from FY 2021 to FY 2022 due to delays in utility adjustments and obtaining a railroad permit.
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District FM 1960 intersection improvements project (MPOID 17051/CSJ 1685-01-092) in Harris County from FY 2021 to FY 2022 due to delays in utility adjustments.
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District FM 1960 intersection improvements project (MPOID 17088/CSJ 1685-01-088) in Harris County from FY 2022 to FY 2024 to coordinate the sequencing of other project completions in the corridor.
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District SH 288 grade separation construction project (MPOID 18401/CSJ 0598-02-111) in Brazoria County from FY 2022 to FY 2023 in order to complete the coordination of construction of a sound wall.
- Program \$23M (Federal \$7,701,113/State \$15,325,278) of Category-10 (Supplement Transportation Projects) funds on two (2) Texas Department of Transportation Houston District SH 87/Galveston Ferry projects for vessel mechanical upgrades (MPOID 18765/CSJ 0912-73-220) and construction of a parking garage (MPOID 18766/CSJ 0367-06-066) in FY 2022 of the TIP.
- Amend project information on 34 transit projects sponsored by METRO, currently included in the 2045 RTP as shown in Attachment C.
- Add 12 new projects sponsored by METRO to the 2045 RTP as shown in Attachment C. These projects are exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Determination.

C. Legislative Update

Mr. Alan Rodenstein, H-GAC, presented on legislative items on Senate Bill 1990 and House Bill 1698.

D. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, presented 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

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Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, presented information on Transportation items included on the agenda of the H-GAC Board of Directors Meeting held on June 15, 2021.

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ITEM 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

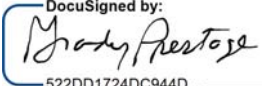
All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

- Transportation Safety Committee Meeting – June 29, 2021, 1:30p.m.
- Next TAC Meeting – July 14, 2021, 9:30a.m.
- Next TPC Meeting – July 23, 2021, 9:30a.m.

Chair Kenneth Clark adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 10:40 a.m.

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Hon. Grady Prestage, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council

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**Attachment 1**  
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**June 25, 2021**

ROLL

<u><b>AGENCY</b></u>	<u><b>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</b></u>	<u><b>REPRESENTING</b></u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable Heather Betancourth Council Member, District 4 <u>  X  </u> 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	<u>  X  </u> Honorable David Collins Council Member _____ Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – 1 <sup>st</sup> - <b>Vice Chair</b> _____ Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	_____ Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member <u>  X  </u> Honorable Sallie Alcorn - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u>  X  </u> Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works _____ Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 _____ Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<u>  X  </u> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works _____ Clifford Brouhard – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Cary Bass Council Member _____ James Rodriguez – Alternate	City of Pasadena



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Pearland, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor ____ Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u>  X  </u> 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	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, City of Waller	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Vacant	____ Vacant	
Brazoria County	____ Honorable Matt Sebesta County Judge – <b>Past Chair</b> ____ Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Billy Combs County Commissioner, Pct 4 ____ Cory Taylor, P.E. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, Pct 2 ____ Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Kenneth Clark County Commissioner - <b>Chairman</b> ____ Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	____ Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge <u>  X  </u> John Blount, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	____ Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 <u>  X  </u> Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	____ David Douglas Engineering Administrator <u>  X  </u> Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

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Montgomery County	_____ Honorable Mark Keough County Judge _____ Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	_____ Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – <b>2<sup>nd</sup> VC</b> _____ Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	_____ Carrin Patman METRO Chair <u>  X  </u> Thomas Lambert	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	_____ Chuck Wemple Executive Director <u>  X  </u> Jeff Taebel – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<u>  X  </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. _____ District Engineer _____ Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	<u>  X  </u> Chad Bohne, P.E. _____ District Engineer _____ Adam Jack, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port of Houston Authority	<u>  X  </u> Roger Guenther _____ Executive Director, Port of Houston _____ Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport - Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u>  X  </u> Dr. Carol Lewis _____ Chairman, GCRD _____ Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u>  28  </u> <b>Total Voting Membership</b>	
	<u>  23  </u> <b>Voting Membership Present</b>	
	<u>  14  </u> <b>Required Quorum</b>	

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