

6A. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA

DATE: Friday, May 23, 2025
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027

The presiding officer, Chair Justin Beckendorff called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of May 23, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. to order.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chairman Justin Beckendorff recognized Ms. Jamila Owens, H-GAC, for the Certification of the Quorum and she conducted the Roll Call of the TPC membership. Fifteen (16) members comprise a quorum. A quorum was declared present and recorded on the Roll Call, which is included with these Minutes as Attachment 1. Chair Beckendorff of the Council to Declare Conflicts of Interest on any item on the agenda. No TPC member declared a conflict of interest. The presentation, comments, questions and discussion are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jamila Owens, H-GAC, gave instruction to the public on how to provide public comments online and informed the public that Spanish Translation and American Sign Language translation services were available. No written public comments were submitted before 5:00 p.m. on May 22nd and two public comments were provided in person. No public comments were provided online. The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under Item 4 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 5. MPO DIRECTOR REPORT AND ORIENTATION OF AGENDA, MS. ALLIE ISBELL, H-GAC

- A. Planning Activities Report
Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, gave a brief recap of highlights on the planning activities report and summarized various activities to the Council.
- B. Transportation Safety Committee Update
Ms. Keehran Baah, H-GAC, gave the Council an update on the Transportation Safety Committee membership and status of the safety plan and studies.
- C. HGAC Board Update
Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, informed the Council of the Transportation items that were approved at the H-GAC Board meeting on May 20th.
- D. Chief Transportation Officer Selection
Ms. Allie Isbell, H-GAC, informed the Council that H-GAC made an offer of employment to Mr. Ron Papsdorf as Chief Transportation Officer. Mr. Papsdorf will begin his employment on June 30th.

The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 5 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Secretary Lesley Briones commented on her excitement about the hiring of the Chief Transportation Officer and expressed her deep gratitude to Ms. Jamila Owens and Ms. Allie Isbell for their remarkable work. A round of applause was given by the Council. Secretary Briones made a motion to approve the April 25, 2025, TPC meeting minutes as presented. A motion was made by Judge Mark Keough and seconded. Chair Beckendorff called for a vote. The Council voted and approved the April 23, 2025, TPC Meeting Minutes Summary. The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 6 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

ITEM 7. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR OUTGOING TPC MEMBER MAYOR JOE ZIMMERMAN, CITY OF SUGARLAND, CHAIR JUSTIN BECKENDORFF

Chair Justin Beckendorff called for a motion to approve a resolution of Commendation for outgoing TPC Member Mayor Joe Zimmerman. Mayor Kevin Cole made the motion and seconded by Commissioner Grady Prestage. Chair Beckendorff called for a vote. The Council voted and unanimously approved TPC Resolution No. 2025-14. After the approval, the Council gave Mayor Zimmerman a robust round of applause. The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 6 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

ITEM 8. 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS, JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson provided a summary of the proposed revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program which is included below.

- Update the description of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's FY 2025-2028 Regional Freeway Incident Management program (MPO ID 18856) and move it from TxDOT's Statewide Safety Program into FY 2025 of the TIP.
- Add \$1.4M of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds and an additional 273K Transportation Development Credits to the Montrose Redevelopment Authority's *Safe Routes to School* project to cover increased cost estimates (MPO ID 19037).

Mr. Dickinson requested approval of TPC Resolution No 2025-15 and TPC Resolution No. 2025-16. Chair Beckendorff called for a motion. Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion, and the motion was seconded. Chair Beckendorff called for a vote. The Council voted and approved both resolutions. The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 8 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 9. FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) UPDATE, DR. NEELY KIM, H-GAC

Dr. Neely Kim, H-GAC, gave a presentation on the 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) update to the Council. The UPWP is a two-year plan that runs from 10/1/2025-09/31/2027. The UPWP describes the region's transportation plans and programs, the transportation related air quality planning activities, the plan where changes in regional transportation planning priorities are identified and accounts for the various funding streams related to planning projects. Currently the MPO Staff is preparing our region's next

UPWP for the years 2026-2027 which will run from October 1st, 2025 through September 30, 2027. The UPWP has 5 tasks outlining the responsibility and activities of the MPO. These tasks are:

TASK I	Administration and Management
TASK II.	Data Development and Maintenance
TASK III	Short Range Planning
TASK IV	Metropolitan Transportation Planning
TASK V	Special Planning Projects

Dr. Kim described the activities in each task in detail and highlighted various ongoing planning activities, funding sources, and a timeline for approval. A brief question and answer period occurred after the presentation. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion in Item 9 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

For Information Only. No action needed

ITEM 10. SUBREGIONAL PLANNING UPDATE, MS. MONIQUE JOHNSON, H-GAC

Ms. Monique Johnson, H-GAC, provided an update on Subregional Planning. Subregional planning is a partnership between H-GAC and local public agencies to conduct studies and develop plans that focus on local transportation needs, serves as the beginning of the pipeline for including projects in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and eventually the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Activities span across multiple programs withing H-GAC. Ms. Johnson gave a description of the main sub-regional studies that are done by staff and described the eight ongoing subregional plans and studies and concluded her presentation describing future subregional plan and studies and other subregional planning activities. TPC members provided comments after the presentation. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion in Item 10 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 11. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY MILESTONE POLICY WORKGROUP UPDATE, MS. CALLIE BARNES, H-GAC

Ms. Callie Barnes, H-GAC, provided an update on the Project Development and Delivery Milestone Policy Workgroup. Ms. Barnes gave a timeline of the workgroup status and described what was discussed and what will be discussed. Ms. Barnes concluded her presentation by describing to the Council a Project Development Schedule, pending "E" Phase projects and next steps. TPC members provided comments after the presentation. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion in Item 11 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 12. FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS, JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

- A. A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program is included below:
- Program the construction phase of Montgomery County's SH 99 frontage road turn lane project (MPO ID 19352) in FY 2026 in TxDOT's Statewide Safety Program with \$3.3M of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds and local matching funds. The project was selected in the Project Selection Process and previously programmed with \$750K of state Pass-Through Finance funds for the engineering phase.
- B. In accordance with the HGAC Public Participation Plan (PPP) administrative amendment requirements, these amendments are being processed within the stipulated limits. A summary of the modifications to the 2025-2028 TIP is included for information below.
- Correct the Total Project Cost values of one Fort Bend County Public Transportation and three TxDOT Beaumont District projects to include the associated construction phase costs (MPO IDs 19073, 19227, 19228, 19229).
 - Change the sponsor of Navigation Boulevard Safe-Routes-to-Transit construction project (MPO ID 19044) from the East End District to the Harris County Community & Economic Development Department per the agreement between the agencies.
 - Change the sponsor of Mason Creek Trail construction project (MPO ID 19045) from Harris County to the Harris County Community & Economic Development Department per the agreement between the agencies. Update the facility name and limits.
 - Update the Description and FTA Section 5339 funding amount of the City of Galveston's vehicle replacement (MPO ID 19180) at the City's request.
Change the City of Conroe's advanced planning for a CNG fueling facility project (MPO ID 19193) phase from 'Engineering' to 'Transfer' at the City's request.
 - Add 'Engineering Review' as an authorized phase of work to the Downtown Management District's Central Business District street rehabilitation project (MPO ID 19205) at the District's request.
 - Correct the Control-Section-Job number for the TxDOT Beaumont District's IH-10 East rehabilitation project at FM 1406 (MPO ID 19232).

The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 12 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJORNMENT

Reception for Mayor Zimmerman, May 23, immediately following TPC, 2nd floor reception.
Regional Air Quality Planning Activity Committee, May 29th – 10:00 a.m.- Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee, June 18, 9:30 a.m. – In person
Transportation Policy Council, June 27- 9:30 a.m. – In person

Chairman Justin Beckendorff adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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Hon. Lesley Briones, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1
MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
May 23, 2025

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Jacob Powell Council Member <u> </u> Jason Reynolds – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Howard Wood Council Member <u> </u> Norman McGuire – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Marie Robb Council Member <u> </u> Hon. David Finklea - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Sallie Alcorn Council Member <u> </u> Honorable Willie Davis- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member <u> X </u> Honorable Joaquin Martinez - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Randy Macchi Director -Houston Public Works <u> </u> Steven David - Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Tommy Cones Council Member <u> </u> Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<u> </u> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works <u> X </u> Nicholas L. Cook – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<u> </u> Sarah Benavides, P.E. Sr. Assistant Public Works Director <u> </u> Mark Gardemal – Alternate	City of Pasadena

<u>AGENCY</u>		<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Pearland, City of	<u> X </u>	Honorable Kevin Cole- 2nd Vice Chair Mayor <u> </u> Trent Epperson-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u> X </u>	Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> </u> Honorable Suzanne Whatley – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	<u> </u>	Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor <u> X </u> Jon Branson - Alternate	City of Texas City
Smaller Cities – Position 1	<u> </u>	Hon. Joe Garcia City of Pattison <u> X </u> Honorable Chad Nesvadba-Alternate City of Needville	Smaller Cities
Smaller Cities – Position 2	<u> X </u>	Hon. Sally Branson City of Friendswood <u> </u> Hon. Ross Gordon-Alternate City of Bellaire	Smaller Cities
Smaller Cities – Position 3	<u> X </u>	Hon. John Escoto City of Shenandoah <u> </u> Hon. Matthew Dantzer-Alternate City of Magnolia	Smaller Cities
The Woodlands Township	<u> </u>	Dr. Ann K. Snyder Chair, The Woodlands Township Board <u> X </u> Craig Eissler-Alternate	The Woodlands Township
Brazoria County	<u> </u>	Matt Hanks, JD, P.E. County Engineer <u> </u> Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u> </u>	Honorable Ryan Dagley County Commissioner <u> </u> Honorable Tommy Hammond-Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u> X </u>	Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, 1st Vice Chair <u> </u> Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Galveston County	<div>_____ Honorable Robin Armstrong</div> <div>_____ County Commissioner</div> <div><u> X </u> Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate</div>	Galveston County
Harris County	<div><u> X </u> Honorable Lesley Briones-Secretary</div> <div>_____ County Commissioner, Pct. 4</div> <div>_____ Roberto Treviño, P.E. – Alternate</div>	Harris County
Harris County	<div>_____ Honorable Adrian Garcia</div> <div>_____ County Commissioner, Pct. 2</div> <div>_____ Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate</div>	Harris County
Liberty County	<div>_____ Honorable Jay Knight</div> <div>_____ County Judge</div> <div>_____ Honorable Bruce Karbowski - Alternate</div>	Liberty County
Montgomery County	<div><u> X </u> Honorable Mark Keough</div> <div>_____ County Judge</div> <div><u> * </u> Matt Gray – Alternate</div>	Montgomery County
Waller County	<div><u> X </u> Honorable Justin Beckendorff</div> <div>_____ County Commissioner – Chair</div> <div>_____ Kendric Jones- Alternate</div>	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<div>_____ Elizabeth Gonzalez Brock</div> <div>_____ METRO Chair</div> <div>_____ Thomas Jasien-Alternate</div>	METRO
TxDOT-Houston	<div>_____ Glenn Allbritton, P.E.</div> <div>_____ District Engineer</div> <div><u> X </u> Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate</div>	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT-Beaumont	<div><u> X </u> Martin Gonzalez, P.E.</div> <div>_____ District Engineer</div> <div>_____ Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate</div>	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port Freeport	<div>_____ Phyllis Saathoff</div> <div>_____ Executive Director</div> <div><u> X </u> Rob Lowe-Alternate</div>	Port Freeport
Port Houston	<div><u> X </u> Charlie Jenkins</div> <div>_____ Chief Executive Officer</div> <div>_____ Kerrick Henny-Alternate</div>	Port Houston

AGENCY

Gulf Coast Rail District

VOTING MEMBERSHIP

 X Veronica Chapa-Gorczynski
GCRD Chair
 Hon. Jon Keeney-Alternate

 31 Total Voting Membership

 25 Voting Membership Present

 16 Required Quorum

REPRESENTING

Gulf Coast Rail District

AGENCY

Texas State Senate

Freight Rail Interests

Texas State Legislator

Wharton County

NON-VOTING EX-OFFICIOS

 Hon. Carol Alvarado

 X Clint Schelbitzki

 Hon. Dennis Paul

 Hon. Phillip Spenrath

REPRESENTING

8-County Region

Union Pacific

8-County Region

Wharton County

NON-VOTING

H-GAC

TxDOT-Houston

 X Chuck Wemple

 Catherine McCreight

H-GAC

TxDOT-Houston