

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

DATE: Friday, November 21, 2025
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027

The presiding officer, Chairman Justin Beckendorff called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting of November 21, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. to order.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chair Justin Beckendorff opened the meeting by reminding Transportation Policy Council (TPC). He then recognized Ms. Jamila Owens (H-GAC), who confirmed that a quorum of 16 members was present, as documented in Attachment 1. No conflicts of interest were declared by any TPC members. All presentations, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jamila Owens (H-GAC) provided instructions to the public on how to submit comments online and informed attendees that Spanish translation services were available onsite, while American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation was accessible online. Written comments were submitted to staff on November 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. and were read into the record by Ms. Owens. Two public comments were provided in the room and no public comments were provided online through Zoom. All presentations, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 5. MPO DIRECTOR REPORT AND ORIENTATION OF AGENDA, MR. RON PAPSDORF, CHIEF TRANSPORTATION OFFICER, H-GAC

Mr. Ron Papsdorf, Chief Transportation Officer at H-GAC, provided an overview of the November TPC agenda and shared updates on several ongoing transportation planning initiatives. Mr. Papsdorf attended a Transportation Advocacy Group session, commended METRO for its reliable transit system and emphasized safety awareness due to earlier darkness and a seasonal increase in traffic crashes. The Port Houston tour is now expected in February 2026. Presentations, comments, and discussions from the meeting are available in the official recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

TPC Chair Justin Beckendorff presented the Consent Agenda for approval. He asked if any members wished to remove items for further discussion. No requests were made. Chair Beckendorff motioned to approve the Consent Agenda and it was seconded. The Council voted and approved the Consent Agenda. Presentations, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

NOTE: Agenda Item 12 was moved to the beginning of the Agenda.

ITEM 12. TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS RECOMMENDATIONS, MR. JASON SMITH, CHAIR, TAC BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Mr. Jason Smith, Chair, TAC Bylaws Committee, made a presentation on the recommendations by the TAC Bylaws Committee to the Transportation Policy Council. Mr. Smith informed the Council of the recommended changes to the TAC Bylaws which included the core mission and name, membership structure, appointment terms, governance and operations. Mr. Smith requested TPC approval of the recommended revisions to the bylaws.

Mayor Cole made a motion to approve the revised TAC Bylaws. Several TPC members raised substantive questions regarding the proposed changes and a robust discussion occurred. Mayor Cole restated his motion with several key amendments. These amendments included removing the Business Interest and Citizen Interest seats. Add one additional seat for Harris County and include clarifying language regarding the active transportation representative and small city geographic diversity. This would result in a total of 41 members. Judge Mark Keough seconded the motion. Further comments were made by the TPC members.

Council Member Joe Garcia proposed an amendment to the motion on the floor, seeking to add a Small City representative, which would increase the total membership to 42. A discussion occurred after this amendment.

The original motion maker Mayor Kevin Cole accepted this friendly amendment, thereby modifying the main motion under consideration and seconded. The main motion was called to a vote by the Chair and was approved by the Council. The revised bylaws were adopted and amended. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 7. APPOINTMENT OF TPC NOMINATING COMMITTEE, MS. ALLIE ISBELL, H-GAC

Ms. Allie Isbell (HGAC) informed the Council of Chair Beckendorff's appointments to the 2026 TPC Nominating Committee. The committee members are:

Judge Mark Keough, Montgomery County-Chair
Mayor Kevin Cole, City of Pearland
Council Member Sally Branson, City of Friendswood
Commissioner Lesley Briones, Harris County
Commissioner Ryan Dagley, Chambers County
Council Member Howard Wood, City of Conroe
Council Member Sallie Alcorn, City of Houston

The primary change to the committee's membership was the replacement of Mayor Joe Zimmerman with Mayor Cole, a substitution made to preserve the existing balance of city and county representatives. A motion was made by Mayor Kevin Cole, the motion was seconded. The Council voted and approved the 2026 TPC Nominating Committee. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 8. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS, DR. NEELY KIM, H-GAC

Dr. Neely Kim (HGAC) gave a presentation on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) administrative modifications. Dr. Kim informed the Council, H-GAC Transportation's UPWP was approved as of September 30, 2025 for fiscal years 2026-2027, subject to completed comments. Comments consist of formatting issues, adjustments due to new/updated federal guidance, and subtask clarifications. Comments due January 1, 2026 to Federal Highway administration for review and approval. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

For Information Only. No action needed

ITEM 9. 10-YEAR PLAN UPDATE, MR. STEPHEN KEEN, H-GAC

Mr. Stephen Keen, (HGAC) made a presentation on the draft 10-year plan to the Transportation Policy Council. This plan covers a 10-year listing of transportation projects, specifically for fiscal years 2026 through 2035, focusing on the project development phase. Mr. Keen clarifies that the 10-year plan is a state requirement, not a federal mandate, and must align with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Crucially, the plan includes FHWA-funded and toll road-funded category projects but excludes formula-funded transit projects and projects solely funded locally. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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ITEM 10. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CALL FOR PROJECTS TIMELINE, MS. SUSAN JAWORSKI, H-GAC

Ms. Susan Jaworski (HGAC) gave an update on the timeline and process for the active transportation call for multi-step project selection process, which begins with accepting statements of project interest and progresses through projects, also known as the transportation alternative set aside call. This presentation outlines the criteria-based questionnaires, benefit-cost analysis, and readiness surveys, all of which mirror the process used for other investment categories. Key information includes the estimated \$60 million available for allocation and the expected late summer 2026 completion for providing a ranked list of projects for review. The presentation also specifies eligibility requirements for sponsors, such as the need for local co-sponsors for independent school districts, and lists the types of eligible infrastructure projects, including sidewalks, bike lanes, and shared-use paths. The current focus is on the statement of project interest phase, with a planned submission deadline of mid-December, which may be subject to change. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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ITEM 11. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY MILESTONE POLICY, MR. SAGNIK RAHA, H-GAC AND MR. DAVID WURDLOW, CITY OF HOUSTON

Mr. David Wurdlow (City of Houston) provided an introduction on the update on the Project Development/Delivery Milestone Policy that intended to address significant issues with carryover balances and improve the efficiency of project delivery. Mr. Sagnik Raha (HGAC) presented the framework for this new policy, which emphasizes accountability for project sponsors and utilizes tools like a baseline schedule and a

risk register to monitor project progress and identify potential problems early. The policy is built upon focusing on sponsor accountability, recognizing project complexity, establishing a common approach for reporting, and staying focused on project delivery without remaking existing policies. Mr. Raha detailed how risk assessment is broken into scope, process certainty, and resource availability, with implementation involving a caution list and action list for flagging and escalating issues during quarterly reviews. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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13A. AMENDMENTS 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS, MR. JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program is included below.

- Delay nine projects with various sponsors (MPO IDs 7641, 19028, 19057, 19058, 19059, 19065, 19066, 19068, 19205) which are grouped by project type in TxDOT Statewide Programs, to fiscal years 2026-2028 to conform with the programs' schedules.
- Delay three TxDOT Houston District reconstruction and widening projects (MPO ID 10132, 10133, 18029) to FY 2026 and FY 2028 to align them with the Texas Transportation Commission approved FY 2026 TxDOT Unified Transportation Program (UTP).
- Delay the Fort Bend Public Transportation's bus purchase (MPO ID 18238) from FY 2025 to FY 2026 due to a Federal Highway Administration's program eligibility review.
- Correct the funding category of Houston Transtar's SH 36 Intelligent Transportation System Installation (MPO ID 18404) from Category-2 to Category-5, which was originally programmed, and was inadvertently changed during the 2025-2028 TIP development. Change the sponsor to the TxDOT Houston District per the agreement between the agencies.
- Delay the Houston-Galveston Area Council's FY 2023-2024 Clean Vehicles Program (MPO ID 18853) from FY 2025 to FY 2026 due to 'Buy-America' Program requirements.
- Delay the Houston-Galveston Area Council's FY 2023 Commuter and Transit Pilot Program (MPO ID 18854) from FY 2025 to FY 2026 to coordinate it with other program grants.
- Delay the Harris County Toll Road Authority's (HCTRA) SH 225 direct connectors construction at SL 8 (MPO ID 18883) from FY 2026 to FY 2027 after a further assessment of the scope elements.
- Delay TxDOT Houston District's main lane reconstruction project through the SH 225/SL 8 interchange (MPO ID 18960) from FY 2026 to FY 2027 to coordinate with HCTRA's direct connector construction project.
- Delay the City of Sugar Land's US 90A railroad monitoring engineering phase (MPO ID 19014) from FY 2025 to FY 2026 to allow for completion of an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the TxDOT Houston District.

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- Delay Harris County's Rankin Road access management engineering phase (MPO ID 19018) from FY 2025 to FY 2026 in anticipation of funding and scope changes for the construction phase.
- Delay Harris County's Richey Road access management engineering phase (MPO ID 19021) from FY 2025 to FY 2026 in anticipation of funding and scope changes for the construction phase.
- Change the sponsor of the City of Missouri City's FY 2026 Hunters Glen Trail Improvements project (MPO 19046) to METRO per the agreement between the agencies.
- Delay METRO's FY 2024 Support of Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Disabled Person's (MPO 19110) to FY 2026 to align it with other program grants and change the project type to 'Operating' at METRO's request.
- Delay TxDOT Beaumont District's US 90 sidewalk construction at SH 146 (MPO ID 19188) from FY 2025 to FY 2026 due to a delay in processing change-order funding.
- Update the Facility, Limits and Description of the Houston Park Board's Brays and Keegans Trail and Bridge construction project (MPO ID 19191) with more detailed descriptions at the sponsor's request.
- Delay The Woodlands Township Transit Maintenance Facility construction (MPO ID 19192) from FY 2025 to FY 2026 due to Federal Transit Administration and Federal Highway Administration environmental reviews.
- Delay Harris County Transit's Lynchburg Ferry Vessel Replacements (MPO ID 19238) from FY 2025 to FY 2026 due to the Federal Highway Administration's program eligibility review and request for additional cost estimates. Change the sponsor from the Harris County Toll Road Authority per the agreement between the agencies.

13B. FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2056 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, MR. JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program is included below.

- Update the description of METRO's Fannin South Transit Center reconstruction project (MPO ID 18372), add \$17.7M of local funding, and delay it from FY 2026 to FY 2027 at METRO's request.
- Add about 2,600 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) to two Gulf Coast Transit District Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 (Urban Area formula) funded planning and operating projects (MPO IDs 19144, 19146) to account for the different matching requirements between the two project types.
- Program four TxDOT Houston District electric vehicle direct current charging ports (MPOs ID 19551, 19552, 19553, 19554) along the Electric Alternatives Fuel Corridor (IH 10, IH 45) in Baytown, Houston, Spring and League City in FY 2026. About \$3M of federal National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program funds (Category-10) would be matched with state funds and include five years

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of operation and maintenance. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Chair Justin Beckendorff announced upcoming meetings and adjourned the November TPC Meeting at 10:46 a.m. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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Lesley Briones

[Lesley Briones \(Dec 24, 2025 09:50:32 CST\)](#)

Hon. Lesley Briones, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1
MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
November 21, 2025

ROLL

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

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

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

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u>X</u> Veronica Chapa-Gorcynski GCRD Chair <u> </u> Hon. Jon Keeney-Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u>31</u> Total Voting Membership	
	<u>27</u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u>16</u> Required Quorum	
<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>NON-VOTING EX-OFFICIOS</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Texas State Senate	<u> </u> Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<u> </u> Clint Schelbitzki	Union Pacific
Texas State Legislator	<u> </u> Hon. Dennis Paul	8-County Region
Wharton County	<u> </u> Hon. Phillip Spenrath	Wharton County
	<u>NON-VOTING</u>	
H-GAC	<u>X</u> Chuck Wemple	H-GAC
TxDOT-Houston	<u> </u> Catherine McCreight	TxDOT-Houston