

7. TPC RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR STAFF MEMBER'S SERVICE

BACKGROUND

Ms. Aquina Grover began her employment with the Houston-Galveston Area Council in November 1977. She is the longest-serving member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments. In her role as a Senior Financial Analyst, Aquina has contributed to numerous essential behind the scenes activities and trained and mentored countless staff that keep the work of the MPO moving forward. During her tenure at H-GAC, the MPO area's population has nearly tripled, organizations such as The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) and Houston TranStar have been established, the region's first light rail and Bus Rapid Transit networks were constructed, and over 1200 miles of bikeways have been constructed, showcasing the growth of the work of the MPO that Ms. Grover has made immeasurable contributions to advance.

CURRENT SITUATION

In a gesture of immense gratitude, the Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Policy Council and staff would like to present Ms. Grover with a resolution recognizing her 48 years of service to the MPO and congratulate her on her retirement.

ACTION REQUESTED

Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolution No. 2026-03 Commending Staff Member's Service.



Resolution

NO. 2026-03

**RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE SERVICE OF
MS. AQUINA GROVER
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL
SENIOR FINANCIAL ANALYST**

WHEREAS, Ms. Aquina Grover has loyally served the Houston-Galveston Area Council with dedication and distinction for forty-eight years, demonstrating exceptional professionalism and institutional knowledge throughout a distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, during this tenure, Ms. Grover played a critical role in the administration, oversight, and execution of contracts and financial aspects of the agency, ensuring accuracy, accountability, and adherence to applicable regulations and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the service as a trusted advisor to leadership, colleagues, and partner agencies by Ms. Grover has left a lasting and positive impact on countless colleagues and on the mission of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the retirement of Ms. Grover, being the longest tenured employee of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Metropolitan Planning Organization, marks the conclusion of an extraordinary career defined by dedication, reliability, and exemplary service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Transportation Policy Council for the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area that Ms. Aquina Grover be commended for her distinguished service to the Houston-Galveston Area Council and to the Transportation Policy Council. Let it be further resolved that the Transportation Policy Council extends to her its gratitude for her service and wishes her continued success in all her future endeavors.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of January 2026, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Hon. Justin Beckendorff, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

Hon. Lesley Briones, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council