

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

DATE: Friday, October 24, 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 October 24, 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) members of the upcoming November and December meeting dates and invited everyone to attend the 50th MPO Celebration immediately following the meeting in the second-floor common area. He then recognized Ms. Lucinda Martinez (H-GAC), who confirmed that a quorum of 16 members was present, as documented in Attachment 1. Chair Beckendorff also welcomed newly appointed members to the Council. No conflicts of interest were declared by any TPC members.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Neely Kim (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. No public comments were made in person, no written comments were submitted to staff by the 5:00 p.m. deadline on October 23, 2025, and no online comments were received. 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 October TPC agenda and shared updates on several ongoing transportation planning initiatives:

- TxDOT is releasing the opportunity for funding for the state railroad grade crossing program to improve safety and operations. Staff is working hard to make sure the region secures its fair share of this funding, though they acknowledged this initial amount won't solve the entire problem.
- Mr. Papsdorf and his wife attended the Waller County Fair and had a great time. Mr. Papsdorf thanked Mr. Josh Shidelar and Mr. Brian Mason for giving him a tour of the TranStar facility. He also thanked Mr. Charlie Jenkins and his staff for a tour of Port Houston and thanked the Port for hosting the Greater Houston Freight Committee on a tour of their facilities.
- Mr. Papsdorf acknowledged MPO Staff members Mr. Vishu Lingala and Mr. Stephen Keen for receiving approval from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the August STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program) with no exceptions. The 2026–2027 Unified Planning Work Program was also formally approved.
- On October 21, 2025, the H-GAC Board approved amendments to its contract with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to support continued air quality planning focused on

particulate matter. The Board also authorized extensions of existing contract with Harris County for the "Tow and Go" program through the end of the year and approved new contracts with Harris County and the City of Houston to sustain the program moving forward. Looking ahead, in November, we will look forward to advancing efforts to select a vendor for a new project database to replace Telus and hope to get approval for a grant to BayTran through the Commute Solutions Program to establish it as a new Transportation Management Association (TMA). 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. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by TPC Secretary Lesley Briones and seconded. The Council unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 7. FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 UPDATE, MR. RYAN WALSH, CEO, HARRIS COUNTY-HOUSTON SPORTS AUTHORITY AND MR. BRIAN MASON, HOUSTON TRANSTAR

Mr. Ryan Walsh, CEO of the Harris County–Houston Sports Authority, presented an update on preparations for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. He provided an overview of the Sports Authority and introduced the "Buy Houston–By Houston" Vendor Program, which FIFA will use to source local vendors. Mr. Walsh emphasized the global scale of the event, which will feature 48 teams and 104 matches across three countries. The Houston region is projected to see a \$1.5 billion economic impact, with an estimated 3 billion viewers tuning in for the final match. The Fan Fest is expected to draw 11.2 million visitors across three counties and 16 host cities, with total match attendance reaching 6 million. Following Mr. Walsh, Mr. Brian Mason of Houston TranStar delivered a presentation focused on ensuring continuity of services for regional residents, including an overview of logistics, safety, and mobility strategies. Presentations, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording. [HERE](#)

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ITEM 8. HOUSTON FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 TRANSPORTATION SCENARIO PLANNING AND MODELING UPDATE, MR. JOCHEN FLOESSER, H-GAC AND MR. KUSHIK ARUNACHALAM, P.E., ARCADIS US INC.

Mr. Jochen Floesser, (HGAC) gave an overview of the 2026 FIFA World Cup Transportation Scenario Planning and Modeling Update and introduced Mr. Koushik Arunachalam, P.E. with Arcadis US, Inc to continue the presentation. Mr. Arunachalam informed the Council the study will support the H-GAC region to successfully host the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The goal is to develop data driven traffic scenarios and traffic models for events and background traffic and provide insights and solutions to support agency planning and stakeholder coordination and provide a comprehensive post-event summary to support large-scale event planning. Mr. Arunachalam described a project overview and schedule, a list of stakeholder engagement, described engagement with regional transit agencies, information from a stakeholder workshop, scenario development and next steps. Presentations, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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ITEM 9. 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS, MR. STEPHEN KEEN, H-GAC

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

- Delay ten TxDOT Houston District construction projects on various roadways (MPO IDs 209, 282, 290, 13864, 17221, 17233, 18048, 18156, 18516, 18721) to FYs 2029-2033 of the Ten-Year Plan to match the FY 2026 TxDOT Unified Transportation Program (UTP) which was approved by the Texas Transportation Commission on August 21, 2025.
- Delay eight TxDOT Houston District construction projects on various roadways (MPO IDs 965, 7564, 14249, 17224, 18402, 18514, 19023, 19024) to FY 2028 of the TIP and FYs 2029-2030 of the Ten-Year Plan due to statewide level letting.
- Delay the City of Pearland's Mykawa Road widening (MPO ID 17082) to FY 2029 the Ten-Year Plan due to TxDOT's statewide level letting.
- Delay METRO's Inner Katy Corridor bus rapid transit construction (MPO ID 18405) to FY 2033 of the Ten-Year Plan to be consistent with the updated conformity determination.
- Delay Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority's Northpark Drive construction (MPO ID 18033) to FY 2029 of the Ten-Year Plan due to TxDOT's statewide level letting.
- Delay the City of League City's Landing Boulevard widening and reconstruction (MPO ID 17080) to FY 2029 in the Ten-Year Plan due to TxDOT's statewide level letting. Add \$2.3M of federal/local Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, split 80/20, to cover the unforeseeable requirement to relocate a utility tower.
- Delay eighteen TxDOT Houston District Right-of-Way acquisition projects on various roadways (MPO IDs 18977, 18978, 18979, 18980, 18981, 18982, 18983, 18984, 18986, 18988, 18989, 18994, 18995, 18996, 18997, 18998, 18999) to FY 2028 of the TIP and FYs 2029-2035 of the Ten-Year Plan due to Right-of-Way Program budget constraints.
- Add engineering as an authorized phase of work to TxDOT Beaumont District's FM 565 widening project (MPO ID 17113) with an additional \$4.3M of federal/state Category 2 Metropolitan Mobility funding and delay it to FY 2027 at the district's request.
- Add \$1.3M of federal/state Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funding to TxDOT Beaumont District's FY 2023 SH 105 widening project and turn bay project (MPO ID 18031) to cover increased construction engineering costs caused by site conditions.
- Add \$3.5M of federal/state CMAQ funding to TxDOT Beaumont District's FY 2025 US 90 grade separation construction at the UP railroad (MPO ID 18036) to cover increased construction engineering costs caused by site conditions.

- Add \$2.5M of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding to Chambers County's CR 486 reconstruction project (MPO ID 19078) to cover increased cost estimates caused by the inflation of labor and materials. Add 550K Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds. Delay to FY 2026.
- Delay the City of Tomball's FM 2920 reconstruction (MPO ID 17085) to FY 2029 the Ten-Year Plan per the agreement between the City and TxDOT Houston District and update the description of work.
- Delay four of METRO's capital construction and system implementation projects (MPO IDs 18260, 18761, 18762, 18846), from FY 2025 to FY 2026 at METRO's request.
- Program four City of Galveston/Island Transit FY 2024 and 2025 apportionments of Federal Transit Administration Section 5337, State of Good Repair Program, in FYs 2026-2028 with local matching funds (MPO IDs 19546, 19547, 19548, 19549).
- Program the City of Mont Belvieu's Eagle Drive reconstruction and widening engineering phase (MPO ID 18061) with \$4.5M of federal/local STBG funding in FY 2027 in preparation for the construction phase (MPO ID 19410) in FY 2030.

Mr. Stephen Keen, (HGAC) requested TPC approval of TPC Resolution No. 2025-26. A motion was made and seconded. TPC Resolution No. 2025-26 was approved. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available on the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 10. CONFORMITY AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP 2045 UPDATE PROJECT LISTING)
MR. STEPHEN KEEN, H-GAC AND MR. ANDREW DECANDIS, H-GAC)

Mr. Stephen Keen (HGAC) gave an update to the Council on the RTP 2045 Project Listing. Staff has updated the 2045 RTP Project listing which is federally mandated with expenditures of \$131B and Revenues of \$141B. Staff has added a few projects through the project selection process which are 0-10 years on construction and removed some projects that have been completed, let, removed or cancelled. Mr. Keen described the 4 categories that make up the RTP listing and described a map that listed the projects. Mr. Keen introduced Mr. Andrew DeCandis (HGAC) who gave the Council an overview of the conformity determination.

Mr. Andrew DeCandis (HGAC) informed the Council that Transportation Conformity is a federal statutory requirement linking federal air quality regulations with regional roadway planning. Conformity is required when new regionally significant projects are added to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Staff completed a conformity determination after finalizing the project list. The analysis compared projected emissions from these projects against the 2008 and 2015 Ozone standards. Results confirmed that emissions remain below federal budgets for ozone precursors under both standards, ensuring the RTP meets all federal air quality requirements. A public comment period was held from September 10, 2025, to October 10, 2025, along with a public meeting on September 17, 2025. Feedback included one formal comment and two technical questions, all addressed by H-GAC staff. Mr. DeCandis requested approval of TPC Resolution No. 2025-27. A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Jasien, METRO and seconded by Mayor John Escoto. The Council voted and TPC Resolution No. 2025-27 was approved. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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ITEM 11A. FUTURE AMENDMENTS 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), MR. JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

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

- Remove all Category-2 and Category-4 funding from TxDOT Houston District's IH 69 South reconstruction and widening project (MPO ID 155), add \$234M of state Category-12 'Clear Lanes' funds, and delay it to FY 2028 to match the Texas Transportation Commission approved FY 2026 TxDOT Unified Transportation Program (UTP).
- Remove all Category-2 and Category-4 funding from TxDOT Houston District's SH 35 frontage road construction project (MPO ID 210) and add \$50M of federal/state Category-12 'Strategic Priority' funds to match the FY 2026 UTP.
- Delay TxDOT Houston District's FM 523 reconstruction and widening project (MPO ID 512) to FY 2030 due to the District's 'Budget Leveling' process which reduced Category-11 funding in FY 2027.
- Remove all Category-2 funding from TxDOT Houston District's SH 332 widening project (MPO ID 525) and delay it from FY 2028 in the TIP to FY 2037 of the Regional Transportation Plan to match the FY 2026 UTP.
- Remove all Category-4 funding and adjust the amounts of Category-2 and Category-12 'Strategic Priority' funds for TxDOT Houston District's IH 10 West reconstruction and widening project (MPO ID 10334) to match the FY 2026 UTP.
- Add \$30M of federal/state Category-4 funding to TxDOT Houston District's IH 10 reconstruction project (MPO ID 19025) to match the FY 2026 UTP.
- Add \$23.2M of federal/state Category-4 funding to TxDOT Houston District's IH 10 realignment and reconstruction project (MPO ID 19026) to match the FY 2026 UTP.
- Program the North Central Texas Council of Government's construction and operation of the Texas Hydrogen Freight Truck Refueling Station in FY 2027 (MPO ID 19555) on IH-10 West in Brookshire, Texas with \$13.0M of federal Category-10 (Miscellaneous) and matching funds from Pilot Travel Centers, LLC.

Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording For Information Only. No action needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJORNMENT

Chair Justin Beckendorff announced upcoming meetings and adjourned the October TPC Meeting at 10:36 a.m. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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Lesley Briones

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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
October 24, 2025

ROLL

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

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

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

AGENCY

VOTING MEMBERSHIP

REPRESENTING

Gulf Coast Rail District

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

Gulf Coast Rail District

 31 Total Voting Membership

 22 Voting Membership Present

 16 Required Quorum

AGENCY

NON-VOTING EX-OFFICIOS

REPRESENTING

Texas State Senate

 Hon. Carol Alvarado

8-County Region

Freight Rail Interests

 Clint Schelbitzki

Union Pacific

Texas State Legislator

 Hon. Dennis Paul

8-County Region

Wharton County

 Hon. Phillip Spenrath

Wharton County

NON-VOTING

H-GAC

 X Chuck Wemple

H-GAC

TxDOT-Houston

 Catherine McCreight

TxDOT-Houston