

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

DATE: Friday, November 19, 2021

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room B, Houston, Texas 77027 and Video Conference

Chairman Kenneth Clark called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:30 a.m. and made a statement to TPC members and others that this meeting was a duly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council being held as a video conference on Friday, November 19, 2021. Chairman Clark stated that he was the presiding officer of the board and was physically present at 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027. Chairman Clark attested that the meeting was open and accessible to members of the public. Chairman Clark reminded each member of the governing body participating in via Zoom they must be visible and audible to be considered a participant in this meeting. Chairman Clark let the members know that they must enable their video and microphone when responding to a roll call, voting on action items and asking questions. Chairman Clark let all members know that members who called into the meeting should hang up and log back in using a device with a camera to participate in the meeting.

ITEM 1. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC conducted the Roll Call of the TPC membership. Fourteen (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 this [LINK](#)

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Kenneth Clark provided instructions on the process to submit public comments and asked if any public comments were submitted by the 5:00 p.m. on November 18, 2021.

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC announced to the Council that no written public comments were received by email or correspondence by 5:00 p.m. on November 18, 2021.

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The Public Comments made in person and by videoconference during the meeting are included in the meeting recording at this [LINK](#)

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Secretary Grady Prestage presented the October 22, 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.

Secretary Prestage made a motion for approval of the October 22, 2021 meeting minutes and was seconded by Council Member David Robinson. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

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ITEM 5. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented on the amendments listed below to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

- Modify the scope and facility name of the Harris County Townsen Park-n-Ride Multi-Modal Connector construction project (MPO ID 7814/CSJ 0912-72-535) and delay it from FY 2022 to FY 2023 at the County's request due to design and alignment changes. (Total Cost: \$3.3M)
- Delay twelve (12) METRO projects (MPO IDs 11760, 11762, 15535, 15549, 16207, 18000, 18001, 18007, 18008, 18153, 18259, 18361) from FY 2021 to FY 2022 at the METRO's request. (Total Cost: \$278.4M)
- Cancel nine (9) METRO placeholder projects (MPO IDs 15244, 15268, 15269, 15279, 15281, 15285, 15286, 15294, 15296) used to obtain 'Letters of No Prejudice' from the Federal Transit Administration and one (1) duplicate project (MPO ID 18149) at the METRO's request. (Total Cost: \$87.4M)
- Update the description of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Ride-matching/Travel Demand Management Software project (MPO ID 17138/CSJ 0912-00-566) and delay it to FY 2023 due to development delays. (Total Cost: \$2.5M)
- Program the City of Galveston Island Transit Terminal Reconstruction project (MPO ID 18373) into FY 2022 of the TIP using \$36K of remaining flexed Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding from the completed FY 2020 Island Transit Bus Security Equipment Acquisition project (MPO ID 18757).

Mr. Dickinson requested TPC approval on Resolution No. 2021-29.

A motion was made by Council Member David Robinson and seconded by Dr. Carol Lewis.

The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2021-29.

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ITEM 6. ENDORSEMENT OF A LETTER FROM THE TPC CHAIR ON THE NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NHHIP), CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC presented on a proposed letter to the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) regarding the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP) from the TPC Chair.

Mr. Raborn noted that the NHHIP is paused at this time due to a hold issued by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The Texas Transportation Commission set a deadline of 90 days from their August action for the hold by FHWA to be resolved to include projects in the Unified Transportation Program. If the FHWA hold was not resolved, the Commission may need to re-consider the funding status of the project. Since the deadline is closer, Chairman Clark had a letter drafted to encourage the parties to come together and reach compromise to allow the project to move forward.

Mr. Raborn described some minor edits to the letter, since the TPC Meeting Packet was sent. The edits do not change the intent of the letter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adrian Garcia and seconded by Council Member David Robinson.

TPC members discussed on the item. The Council voted and approved and endorsed the letter from the TPC Chair to the Texas Transportation Commission on the NHHIP.

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ITEM 7. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS TO AT-LARGE POSITIONS IN, PATRICK MANDAPAKA, H-GAC.

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC presented the process for the 2022 Committee Appointments and Nominations to At-Large positions for the Transportation Policy Council (TPC), Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and the Transportation Safety Committee (TSC).

Mr. Mandapaka said that an email had been sent to TPC members with a request for them to make direct appointments to the TPC and TAC and nominations for the TAC At-Large and TSC positions.

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Mr. Mandapaka told the Council the deadline for the nominations is December 3, 2021 and the nominations should be submitted to Lucinda Martinez, H-GAC staff. The nominations will be discussed by the 2022 TPC Nominating Committee and recommendations will be presented to the TPC for approval in January 2022.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at [LINK](#)

ITEM 8. UPDATE ON THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PRECINCT 2 SUBREGIONAL STUDY, CARLENE MULLINS, H-GAC

Ms. Carlene Mullins presented an update on the Montgomery County Precinct 2 Subregional Study. The Montgomery County Precinct 2 Mobility Study is examining existing transportation conditions and recommending multi-modal improvements that will improve efficiency and safety of the transportation system for all users within and passing through the study area. Ms. Mullins described the boundaries of the study area, the process involved and the results of the study.

This 18-month study began in September 2020. Since that time, there have been five (5) Steering Committee meetings; an initial set of three (3) Focus Group meetings, a working group and a public meeting. The next Public Meeting is scheduled for February 2022 and the study will end spring 2022. The study will result in a transportation plan that includes a roadway inventory and an actionable list of projects.

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ITEM 9. UPDATE ON THE LIVABLE CENTERS PROGRAM, ANITA HOLLMAN, H-GAC

Ms. Anita Hollmann, H-GAC provided an update to the Council on the Livable Centers Program. In 2019, the H-GAC completed a 10-Year Evaluation and Summary in celebration of the Livable Centers Program decennial that recognizes local partners' ongoing commitment to implementation of study recommendations. In 2021, 31 local partners with completed studies were contacted, and implementation of Livable Centers study recommendations were updated. A table was provided to show local sponsors who worked with staff on livable centers goals. A link was also provided showing a summary update at <http://www.h-gac.com/livable-centers/implementation.aspx>.

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For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 10. UPDATE ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT, CRAIG RABORN, H-GAC

Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC provided an update on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed into law Monday, November 15, 2021.

Mr. Raborn highlighted that the Infrastructure Act includes overall \$1.2 trillion of funding. In addition to transportation, it also includes power, water, broadband, and more. There are also new programs, policies and requirements that will impact us as an MPO. It also involves three types of funding:

- Highway Trust Fund
- Guaranteed appropriations
- General Fund (Requires appropriation)

Mr. Raborn described a chart detailing multiple funding programs which detailed transportation funding programs and non-transportation funding. Mr. Raborn elaborated on some MPO related elements and described 42 sections that will impact MPO's, 11 new grant programs and 6 new competitive pilot programs. Mr. Raborn presented a chart to the Council that illustrated an initial assessment in funding impacts. Mr. Raborn continued his update by describing some new programs as well as some grant programs that the MPO anticipates participating in for the region and pointed out some new MPO and planning requirements. Mr. Raborn concluded his update by telling the Council that the MPO would be participating in the rulemaking and development of program guidance and give regular reports and updates to TAC and TPC.

A brief comment, question and answer period occurred among members of the TPC after the presentation.

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ITEM 11. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

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

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, presented information on Future Amendments to the 2022-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

B. Summary of Transportation Planning Activities

A summary of Transportation Planning Activities and described specific MPO activities. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

- Mr. Craig Raborn, H-GAC, provided an update to the Council regarding a discussion at the October 2021 TPC on the review of TAC Bylaws related to definitions of some TAC

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membership categories. The TAC Bylaws Committee met and noted that TPC did not provide them a directive to act and decided to not review the TAC Bylaws at this time.

C. H-GAC Board of Directors Report

A summary of Transportation items included on the agenda of the H-GAC Board of Directors Meeting held on November 16, 2021. Information was provided to the TPC in the meeting packet.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at this [LINK](#)

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ITEM 12. & 13 ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJORNMENT

All meetings below are conducted by Teleconference (TBD).

- Next TAC Meeting- December 8, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- Regional Air Quality Advisory Committee Meeting, December 9, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
- Greater Houston Freight Committee Meeting – December 16, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
- Next TPC Meeting – December 17, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Chair Kenneth Clark adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 11:14 a.m.

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Hon. Grady Prestage, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

Attachment 1
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
November 19, 2021

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable Heather Betancourth _____ Council Member, District 4 _____ 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 st - Vice Chair _____ 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 _____ Todd Hoover – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	_____ 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	_____ Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> X </u> 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	_____ Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, City of Waller	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Vacant	<u> X </u> Honorable Sally Branson-Alternate	
Brazoria County	_____ Honorable Matt Sebesta County Judge – Past Chair _____ 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 - Chairman _____ Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	_____ Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge <u> X </u> Robert 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	<u> X </u> David Douglas _____ Engineering Administrator _____ 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 – 2nd VC <u> X </u> 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	<u> X </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director _____ 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> Martin Gonzalez, P.E. _____ District Engineer _____ Adam Jack, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port of Houston Authority	_____ Roger Guenther Executive Director, Port of Houston <u> X </u> 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> Total Voting Membership	
	<u> 22 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

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NON-VOTING MEMBERS

REPRESENTING

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