

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

DATE: Friday, June 27, 2025
TIME: 9:33 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 June 27, 2025, at 9:33 a.m. to order.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chairman Justin Beckendorff recognized Ms. Allie Isbell (H-GAC) to certify the quorum of 16 members was confirmed and documented in Attachment 1. No conflicts of interest were declared by TPC members. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Allie Isbell (H-GAC) introduced Ms. Yessica Gutierrez who gave instructions to the public in Spanish on providing comments online. Ms. Isbell also informed the public American Sign Language services were available online. No written public comments were submitted before 5:00 p.m. on June 26, 2025 and no public comments were provided online. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 5. MPO DIRECTOR REPORT AND ORIENTATION OF AGENDA, MS. JAMILA OWENS, H-GAC

A. Planning Activities Report

Ms. Jamila Owens (H-GAC) gave a brief recap of highlights on the planning activities report and summarized various activities to the Council.

B. 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Brandon Mosely (H-GAC) gave the Council an update on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) The RTP is a federally mandated long-range comprehensive transportation plan. A 20-year plus outlook which is updated every 4 years. The development of the RTP is a fiscally constrained action plan and requires stakeholder involvement. It targets federal, state and local resources to support the local vision through transportation investment and must be updated every 4 years. The current RTP was updated in 2024 and is set to expire November 1, 2027. The 2050 RTP will contain the latest framework of existing and forecast along with regional goals and objectives that guide the prioritization of federally projects and programs. Mr. Mosely outlined staff efforts in the initial phase of public outreach and timeline.

C. HGAC Board Update

Ms. Jamila Owens (H-GAC) gave the Council a brief recap of the Transportation items that were approved by the H-GAC board on June 17, 2025 which included the following:

- Clean Vehicles Monitoring Equipment
Request authorization to contract with firms in the order presented for a contract term of one (1) year, with an option to renew for up to four additional one (1) year periods; for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 total for all years.
- Houston FIFA World Cup Modeling
Request authorization to contract with firms in the order recommended and ranked for a contract term of 18 months; in an amount not to exceed \$500,000

D. 2025 Ethics Policy

Ms. Jamila Owens (H-GAC) informed the Council that the 2025 TPC Ethics Policy and acknowledgement forms had been distributed for their signature as stated in the TPC bylaws. TPC members can pick up a form from Lucinda Martinez, TPC Coordinator, after the meeting.

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ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Secretary Lesley Briones informed the Council a correction to the meeting summary of May 23, 2025 was necessary. Mr. Thomas Jasien, METRO, alternate to Elizabeth Gonzales-Brock, METRO Chair, was in attendance at the May 23, 2025 TPC meeting. Secretary Briones called for any other corrections. There were no corrections. A motion was made by Judge Mark Keough and seconded by members of the Council. Chair Beckendorff called for a vote. The Council voted and approved the May 23, 2025, TPC Meeting Summary. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 7. 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS, MR. STEPHEN KEEN, H-GAC

Mr. Stephen Keen (H-GAC) provided a summary of the proposed revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program which 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.

Mr. Keen requested approval of TPC Resolution No 2025-17. Chair Beckendorff called for a motion. Judge Mark Keough made a motion to approve and Commissioner Lesley Briones seconded the motion. Chair Beckendorff called for a vote. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution No. 2025-17. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 8. 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. 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. Dr. Kim requested TPC approval of UPWP Resolution 2026/2027-02. A discussion period occurred after the presentation. A motion was made by Mayor Kevin Cole seconded. Chair Beckendorff called for a vote. The Council voted and approved UPWP Resolution No. 2026/2027-02. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 9. HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN, MS. FRANCIS RODRIGUEZ, H-GAC

Ms. Francis Rodriguez (H-GAC) gave a comprehensive update on the Hurricane Preparedness Campaign, highlighting the collaborative efforts between H-GAC and various regional partners. Ms. Rodriguez gave the Council a brief recap on the development and feedback on evacuation zone and route maps, coordination with DPS on evacuation control points and community preparedness outreach and education. A discussion period occurred after the presentation. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official recording [HERE](#)

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ITEM 10. COMMUTE SOLUTIONS MONTH, MS. ROBYN EGBERT, H-GAC

Ms. Robyn Egbert (HGAC) gave a presentation on a resolution recognizing September as Commute Solutions Month. September is Commute Solutions 31st Anniversary. Historically September is one of the worst months for ozone levels in the Gulf Coast Region. The Commute Solutions program aims to reduce peak period congestion, improve traffic mobility and to improve regional air quality by reducing ozone-forming emissions. Ms. Egbert described several successful initiatives that have increased transit ridership, promoted alternative commuting options and contributed to measurable improvements in air quality. A discussion period occurred after the presentation. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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ITEM 11. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATE SET ASIDE PROGRAM, (TASA) UPDATE, MR. CHRIS WHALEY, H-GAC

Mr. Chris Whaley (H-GAC) gave a presentation on the TASA Update-Active Transportation Investment Category Criteria. The AT Investment Category criteria was first presented to the Pedestrian-Bicyclist subcommittee on April 17, 2025. A workshop was held in May to refine the criteria to submit to the TIP subcommittee, TAC and TPC for approval. It will be based on the existing 100-point rubric that is already in place for the project selection process, however, staff recommended a change in the point distribution. Other

projects had 50 points dedicated to the investment category criteria and 20 points the Benefits to Other Categories. Staff has proposed to give 55 points to Investment Category Focused Criteria and 15 to Benefits to other Categories. The reasoning was that it would be difficult to assess how ped-bike projects would benefit freight and regional goods movement. Also, the number of points dedicated to planning factors remain unchanged as it is universal across all categories. The criteria will be used to score projects in the upcoming Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Call for Projects (Fall 2025). Mr. Whaley described the criteria and scoring to the Council. A discussion occurred after the presentation. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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ITEM 12. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) UPDATE, MR. CHRIS WHALEY, H-GAC

Mr. Chris Whaley (H-GAC) gave a presentation on the framework for creating a regional Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program which is identified in the goals of H-GAC's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) it includes conducting a literature review and best practices study of SRTS, including recommendations for the MPO's role in moving SRTS forward in the region. It also provides planning support for implementation of SRTS best practices in the region and provides technical support for regional, local area corridor, and site - specific SRTS plans. Staff reviewed the Safe Routes Partnership website, and the transportation plans of 23 other Texas MPOs and 4 out of state MPOs. Staff also reviewed the types of support that MPOs provide in a SRTS program and can be categorized as planning and technical support, funding sources, infrastructure evaluation and program effectiveness. Staff recommends TA funds are used for SRTS, separate SRTS planning projects to its own call for projects, incentivize SRTS infrastructure in upcoming TASA Call for Projects, Inventory existing SRTS programs in the area and stakeholder interest in starting more. Discussion occurred after the presentation. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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ITEM 13. FY 2026-2028 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) TRIENNIAL GOAL, DR. NEELY KIM, H-GAC

Dr. Neely Kim (H-GAC) gave the Council an overview on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Triennial Goal. The triennial goal is established to ensure that DBE firms have reasonable opportunity to participate in DOT assisted contracts. DBE program guidance includes those receiving DOT funds must develop and implement a DBE program that conforms to DOT standards. Also, they must adhere to standards TxDOT federally approved DBE. The MPO sets our own DBE goal based on our data and DBE program following all federal criteria. Dr. Kim informed the Council on the types of contracts the MPO has to offer and the percent goal based on participation, the FY2026-2028 DBE goal, and the two step process to determine the DBE triennial goal, criteria and a timeline for approval. Discussion occurred after the presentation. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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ITEM 14. FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS, MR. STEPHEN KEEN, H-GAC

- A. A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program is included below:
- Cancel two Fort Bend County locally funded, non-regionally significant widening projects on Harlem Road and Beechnut Street (MPO IDs 12622 and 13754) at the County's request.
 - Add the FY 2023 \$1.6M Congressional Community Project Funding award to the City of Pearland's Mykawa Road widening project (MPO ID 17082) which will be matched with \$400K of local funding.
 - Add the FY 2024 \$850K Congressional Community Project Funding award to Westchase Management District's Meadowglen West sidewalk reconstruction project (MPO ID 18098) which will be matched with \$213K of local funding.
 - Add the engineering phase to the TxDOT Beaumont District's FY 2025 US 90 widening project (MPO ID 16347) funded with additional Cat-4, Cat-12 and Cat-12CL funding.
 - Add the engineering phase to the TxDOT Beaumont District's FY 2025 FM 565 widening project (MPO ID 17113) funded with additional Cat-2 funding.
 - Add the engineering phase to the TxDOT Beaumont District's FY 2023 SH 105 widening project (MPO ID 18031) funded with additional Cat-5 funding.
 - Add the engineering phase to the TxDOT Beaumont District's FY 2025 US 90 grade separation construction project at Union Pacific Railroad (MPO ID 18036) funded with additional Cat-5 funding.
 - Add the engineering phase to the TxDOT Beaumont District's FY 2026 US 90 grade separation construction project at FM 1413 (MPO ID 19187) funded with additional Cat-5 funding.
 - Split Montgomery County's FY 2025 Congressional Community Project funded Ford Road widening project (MPO ID 18120) into two sections creating a locally funded section from IH 69 to Needham Road in FY 2025 (MPO ID 19413). Delay original section (MPO ID 18120) to FY 2026 with reduced local funding.
 - Delay two Port of Houston Authority Port Road grade separation project phases (MPO IDs 19012 and 19013) to FY 2028 at the Port's request to coordinate with the construction of the Bayport Southern Access Road.
 - Increase the Surface Transportation/Block Grant funding, with Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds, on Chambers County's Hatcherville Road reconstruction project (MPO ID 19078) to cover expected construction cost increases based on the latest estimate.
 - Adjust the Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Urban Area formula funding and replace the state and local matching funds with TDCs, for the City of Galveston's transit planning and operating project (MPO ID 19088) at the City's request.

- 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.
- Add \$500K federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds and matching Transportation Development Credits funds to the Houston-Galveston Area Council's FY 2022-2024 Regional Freeway Incident Management program (MPO ID 11917) to allow the continuation of towing operations.
 - Update the Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 funding of the City of Galveston's FY 2026 support vehicle replacement project (MPO ID 19181) based on the determined actual purchase cost.
 - Update the description of the North Houston Highway Improvement Project IH-10 interchange reconstruction (MPO ID 16328) to make it consistent with the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan listing.
 - Add Control-Section-Job number 0920-39-037 to the City of Mont Belvieu's Congestion
 - Mitigation/Air Quality funded Traffic Management Center construction (MPO ID 19361) at the request of TxDOT Beaumont District.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJORNMENT

Regional Air Quality Planning Activity Committee, June 26 – 10:00 a.m.- Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee, July 16, 9:30 a.m. – In person
Greater Houston Freight Committee, July 17, 1:30 p.m. - Virtual
Transportation Policy Council, July 25- 9:30 a.m. – In person

Chairman Justin Beckendorff adjourned the meeting at 11:21 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
June 27, 2025

ROLL

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

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

AGENCY

Gulf Coast Rail District

VOTING MEMBERSHIP

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

_____ 31 _____ Total Voting Membership

_____ 22 _____ 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

_____ Clint Schelbitzki

_____ Hon. Dennis Paul

_____ X _____ Hon. Phillip Spenrath

REPRESENTING

8-County Region

Union Pacific

8-County Region

Wharton County

NON-VOTING

H-GAC

TxDOT-Houston

_____ Chuck Wemple

_____ X _____ Catherine McCreight

H-GAC

TxDOT-Houston