

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

DATE: Friday, July 25, 2025

TIME: 9:30 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 July 25, 2025, at 9:30 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. [HERE](#)

ITEM 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jamila Owens (H-GAC) Informed the Council no written public comments were submitted before 5:00 p.m. on July 24, 2025 and no one signed up to provide public comment in person. Ms. Owens gave instructions on how to provide public comment online on the H-GAC livestream website and informed the public that Spanish translation services were available and introduced Mr. Humberto Hernandez to provide instructions in Spanish. ASL interpreters were available online in Zoom and instructions were pinned to the slide on the livestream. One comment was made online. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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

Mr. Ron Papsdorf, Chief Transportation Officer, introduced himself to Council with a brief overview of his experience in transportation planning and government relations, including leadership roles at the Denver Regional Council of Governments, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and municipal governments in Oregon, Arizona and Michigan. Mr. Papsdorf is committed to being open, transparent and to give the Council the best information as a team to help inform decision making. In his first 30 days, Mr. Papsdorf has met with staff and regional stakeholders, attended RTP open houses in Chambers County, Waller County, Hempstead and the Friendswood Fourth of July parade. Mr. Papsdorf also has begun identifying key priorities and action plans and looks forward to working together to tackle the region's transportation challenges and seize the opportunities ahead.

A. Planning Activities Report

Mr. Ron Papsdorf (H-GAC) gave a brief recap of highlights on the planning activities report and summarized various activities to the Council:

- FM 518 Pearland Corridor Study and Pearland Mobility Plan - Both have reached major milestones and were recently adopted by the Council and represent strong progress in addressing mobility and connectivity in the Pearland area.

- The Montgomery County Mobility Plan- Consultant procurement has officially begun.
- Regional Safety Action Plan- Consultant contracts have been executed and kickoff activities are beginning. More updates will follow as the work progresses.
- 2024 Mobility Report is now available – It offers accessible data on Asset Management, Congestion, Safety, other key transportation system metrics.
- Staff is reviewing the draft UTP from TxDOT and preparing comments. The key concerns include:
 - Potential reductions in CMAQ funding for non-attainment area.
 - Technical corrections needed for specific projects

A formal comment letter will be submitted to the Texas Transportation Commission on Monday and will be shared with the TPC.

B. HGAC Board Update

Mr. Ron Papsdorf (H-GAC) gave the Council a brief recap of the Transportation items that were approved by the H-GAC board on July 15, 2025 which included the following:

- YOUTH TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM
Request authorization for H-GAC to contract with Texas Children's Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$290,000 to conduct Youth Traffic Safety Education and Outreach.
- COORDINATED PUBLIC AND HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION GRANTS
Request authorization to execute two agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation to receive \$250,000 to develop the 2027-2031 Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan and \$100,525 to develop a Regional Transit Information Study.

Mr. Ron Papsdorf (H-GAC) requested Ms. Allie Isbell and Ms. Jamila Owens step before the Council to acknowledge them for taking on significant additional responsibilities during a long transition period and for their leadership, professionalism and dedication that ensured continuity, stability and progress across key transportation initiatives and eased the transition for the new Chief Transportation Officer. Ms. Isbell and Ms. Owens were presented with a Proclamation that was read by Mr. Papsdorf and entered into the record on July 25, 2025. The proclamation was met with a round of applause by the Council. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Secretary Lesley Briones welcomed Mr. Papsdorf and acknowledged Ms. Allie Isbell and Ms. Jamila Owens contributions. Secretary Briones informed the Council three items were on the Consent Agenda. A modification was necessary for Item 6B Commute Solutions Month TPC Resolution No. 2025-20, a resolution recognizing September 2024 as Commute Solutions month, should be modified to recognizing September 2025 as Commute Solutions Month. A TPC Resolution No. 2025-21, Approval of the FY 2026 to 2028 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Triennial Goals and Approval of the June 27th TPC Meeting Summary. Secretary Briones called for any other corrections. There were no corrections. A motion was made by Council Member Marie Robb and seconded by a member of the Council. Chair Beckendorff called for a vote. The Council voted and approved TPC Resolution 2025-20, TPC Resolution 2025-21 and the June 27th 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. JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson (H-GAC) provided a summary of the proposed revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program which 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.
- 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 2026 (MPO ID 19413). Delay the original section (MPO ID 18120) to FY 2026 with reduced local funding.
- Delay two Port of Houston Authority Port Road grade separation project phases (engineering: MPO ID 19012; construction: MPO ID 19013) to FY 2027 and FY 2028 at the Port's request to coordinate with the construction of the Bayport Southern Access Road.
- 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) using an updated estimate.
- Program METRO's Police Department Headquarters building site purchase and rehabilitation project (MPO ID 19539) with \$50M of local funding in FY 2026 to obtain a Federal Transit Administration 'Letter of No Prejudice'.
- Program METRO's Eastwood Transit Center Reconstruction project (MPO ID 19540) with \$29M of local funding in FY 2027 to obtain a Federal Transit Administration 'Letter of No Prejudice'.

Mr. Dickinson requested TPC approval of TPC Resolution No. 2025-18 and TPC Resolution No. 2025-19. Chair Beckendorff asked for a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Charlie Jenkins and seconded by Council Member Marie Robb. A discussion period occurred after the presentation. Chair Beckendorff called for a vote. The Council voted and approved both resolutions. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 8. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE, MR. BRANDON MOSLEY, H-GAC

Mr. Brandon Mosley provided an update on the development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), a federally mandated long-range plan guiding transportation policy and investment for the next 20+ years. The RTP must be fiscally constrained, developed in coordination with stakeholders and the public, and updated every four years. The current RTP was adopted in 2023 and expires on November 1, 2027. Mr. Mosely gave the Council an overview of the first round of hybrid public meetings which began on July 10, 2025, in Liberty County. Meetings are scheduled across all MPO counties to ensure broad representation and engagement. Upcoming meetings included Brazoria, Harris, Fort Bend, Montgomery County and a region-wide virtual meeting. A partner toolkit is available at RTP2050.com, including flyers, social media graphics and newsletter content.

Feedback Highlights from Completed Meetings

- **Liberty County:** 22 attendees (3 virtual); 850 surveys collected. Key concerns: bicycle facilities, sidewalks, congestion.
- **Chambers County:** 15 attendees (4 virtual). Key concerns: flooding, highway access, freight-only facilities, speeding.
- **Waller County:** 45 attendees (20 virtual); 1,400+ surveys. Key concerns: connectivity, transit, construction delays, multimodal systems.
- **Galveston County:** 20 attendees (7 virtual); 1,600 surveys. Key concerns: transit over road expansion, rail to Harris County, flooding, connectivity.

Comments occurred after the presentation. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available in the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 9. QUARTERLY PROJECT STATUS UPDATE, MS. CALLIE BARNES, H-GAC

Ms. Callie Barnes, (H-GAC) presented a quarterly update on the four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), covering 220 active projects, including 105 carryover spend-down projects totaling \$750 million. Funding categories include: Category 5: CMA, Category 7: STBG; Category 9: Transportation Alternatives; Category 10: Carbon Reduction Program. Ms. Barnes also gave the Council an overview of the FY 2025 letting status, TxDOT's 200% Rule and informed the Council \$22M in projects were moved from FY 2026 to FY 2025 to support spend-down efforts. Ms. Barnes introduced Mr. Sagnik Raha (H-GAC) who has experience with TxDOT, consulting, and municipal governments and will present future TIP updates. A discussion occurred after the presentation. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available on the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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ITEM 10. Project Development Policy Workgroup Progress, Ms. Callie Barnes, H-GAC and Mr. Jason Smith, Montgomery County

Ms. Callie Barnes (H-GAC) gave the Council an overview what has been accomplished in the Project Development Policy Workgroup meetings to date and Mr. Jason Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff, Montgomery County followed with an update on the workgroup members (see below) and the workgroup's ongoing efforts.

- Catherine McCreight & Sue Theiss– TxDOT
- Brian Alcott – Harris County Toll Road Authority
- Jason Smith – Montgomery County
- Lorenzo Wingate – City of Pearland
- Alan Clark – METRO
- Kim Fickes – Harris County
- Sherry Wiesner – Harris County Management District
- Christina Cabral – TAG
- David Wurdlow (Chair) – City of Houston

The workgroup was formed to develop a delivery framework, not policy, to improve transparency and efficiency in the TIP Process. Mr. Smith gave an overview of what the workgroup learned and discussed in the first eight meetings and what the workgroup will discuss going forward. Mr. Smith informed the Council that the workgroup aims to develop a draft policy by the end of the year. He emphasized the importance of risk management in project planning—highlighting the need to identify, assess, and mitigate risks to align projects with funding readiness and avoid delays or cost overruns. He noted that risk is dynamic and must be re-evaluated throughout the project lifecycle to support informed decisions. Mr. Smith proceeded with his presentation on the workgroup's concept for development milestones and next steps. A comment period occurred after the presentation. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available on the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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ITEM 11. Commercial Vehicle and Special Generator Survey Update, Mr. Michael Onuogu, H-GAC

Mr. Michael Onuogu (H-GAC) gave the Council an update on the Commercial Vehicle and Special Generator Survey Update. Why these surveys? The Covid-19 pandemic accelerated trends like online shopping, teleworking, and virtual learning but data on commercial delivery vehicles such as Amazon and UPS remain limited. The survey will update model inputs that will go into the H-GAC Regional Travel Demand and Forecasting model to post COVID-19 conditions. The main model inputs include Trip attraction rates, Trip Length Distribution, Travel Mode Usage and Travel estimates of Commercial vehicles. This survey includes Commercial vehicles and covers the H-GAC MPO region and Special generator at 4 campuses in Galveston County only. Some common characteristics include creating unique travel patterns and as a workplace they often have a fleet of commercial vehicles which travel around each day performing duties for that business. A total of 4 Special Generators will be surveyed under this contract due to the limited fund under this contract and used for Pilot survey. Mr. Onuogu concluded his presentation summarizing current data received. A discussion period occurred after the presentation. Presentation, comments, and discussions are available on the official meeting recording [HERE](#)

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ITEM 12. FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE 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.

- Program two Fort Bend County SH 99 northbound frontage road construction projects (MPO IDs 19494, 19495) in FY 2026 with \$30M of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant and Supplemental Transportation funds matched with state funds as H-GAC Project Select Process awards.
- Add \$6.7M of state-awarded Supplemental Transportation funds to three Fort Bend County SH 99 southbound frontage road construction projects (MPO IDs 19198, 19200, 19201) in FY 2026 and update the authorized phases of work.
- Remove \$70.4M of federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality funds from three METRO construction projects (MPO IDs 15265, 18761, 18762) per the Transportation Policy Council directive in March 2025. Delay from FY 2025 to FY 2026.
- Change the sponsor of the City of Conroe's FY 2029 Old Conroe Road four-lane extension project (MPO ID 17101) to Montgomery County per the agreement between the agencies.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJORNMENT

Transportation Policy Council, August 22- 9:30 a.m. – In person

Transportation Safety Committee, July 29, 1:30 p.m. – Virtual

Regional Air Quality Planning Activity Committee, July 31, 10:00 a.m.- Virtual

Transportation Advisory Committee, August 13, 9:30 a.m. – In person

Area Emissions Reduction Credit Organization (AERCO), August 13, 2:00 p.m. - Hybrid

Chairman Justin Beckendorff adjourned the meeting at 11:12 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
July 25, 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> X </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	_____	Honorable Sallie Alcorn Council Member _____ Honorable Willie Davis- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	_____	Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member <u> X </u> Honorable Joaquin Martinez - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	_____	Randy Macchi Director -Houston Public Works _____ Steven David - Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	_____	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> X </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	_____ Honorable Kevin Cole- 2nd Vice Chair Mayor _____ Trent Epperson-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	_____ Vacant _____ X _____ Honorable Suzanne Whatley – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	_____ Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor _____ X _____ Jon Branson - Alternate	City of Texas City
Smaller Cities – Position 1	_____ X _____ Hon. Joe Garcia City of Pattison _____ Honorable Chad Nesvadba-Alternate City of Needville	Smaller Cities
Smaller Cities – Position 2	_____ X _____ Hon. Sally Branson City of Friendswood _____ Hon. Ross Gordon-Alternate City of Bellaire	Smaller Cities
Smaller Cities – Position 3	_____ X _____ Hon. John Escoto City of Shenandoah _____ Hon. Matthew Dantzer-Alternate City of Magnolia	Smaller Cities
The Woodlands Township	_____ Dr. Ann K. Snyder Chair, The Woodlands Township Board _____ Craig Eissler-Alternate	The Woodlands Township
Brazoria County	_____ Matt Hanks, JD, P.E. County Engineer _____ Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	_____ Honorable Ryan Dagley County Commissioner _____ Honorable Tommy Hammond-Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	_____ X _____ 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	<u> X </u>	Honorable Robin Armstrong County Commissioner	Galveston County
	<u> </u>	Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	
Harris County	<u> X </u>	Honorable Lesley Briones- Secretary County Commissioner, Pct. 4	Harris County
	<u> </u>	Roberto Treviño, P.E. – Alternate	
Harris County	<u> </u>	Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2	Harris County
	<u> X </u>	Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	
Liberty County	<u> X </u>	Honorable Jay Knight County Judge	Liberty County
	<u> </u>	Honorable Bruce Karbowski - Alternate	
Montgomery County	<u> </u>	Honorable Mark Keough County Judge	Montgomery County
	<u> X </u>	Matt Gray – Alternate	
Waller County	<u> X </u>	Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – Chair	Waller County
	<u> </u>	Kendric Jones- Alternate	
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u> </u>	Elizabeth Gonzalez Brock METRO Chair	METRO
	<u> X </u>	Thomas Jasien-Alternate	
TxDOT-Houston	<u> X </u>	Glenn Allbritton, P.E. District Engineer	TxDOT Houston District
	<u> </u>	Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	
TxDOT-Beaumont	<u> X </u>	Martin Gonzalez, P.E. District Engineer	TxDOT Beaumont District
	<u> </u>	Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate	
Port Freeport	<u> X </u>	Phyllis Saathoff Executive Director	Port Freeport
	<u> </u>	Rob Lowe-Alternate	
Port Houston	<u> X </u>	Charlie Jenkins Chief Executive Officer	Port Houston
	<u> </u>	Kerrick Henny-Alternate	

AGENCY

VOTING MEMBERSHIP

REPRESENTING

Gulf Coast Rail District

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

Gulf Coast Rail District

_____ 31 **Total Voting Membership**

_____ 24 **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

_____ X Catherine McCreight

TxDOT-Houston