

5A. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, June 12, 2024, 9:30 A.M. MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński, called the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

A list of Committee representatives and alternates attending the meeting is included with these minutes as Attachment 1. There were 32 members in attendance; 22 are required for a quorum.

The meeting agenda and materials are available on the TAC website at:

<http://www.h-gac.com/transportation-advisory-committee/meeting-agendas-and-minutes.aspx>.

In addition, the livestream recording is available at: <http://www.h-gac.com/transportation-advisory-committee/meeting-livestream-archive.aspx>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

To listen to written public comments, please click [here](#). There were no public comments from the floor.

ORIENTATION TO AGENDA AND MPO DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Craig Raborn gave a brief presentation on the Orientation to Agenda and MPO Director Report. Mr. Raborn announced H-GAC Staff promotions and Staff also presented on the Coordinated Public and Human Services, and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Project Development Process – Project Sponsor Workshop Update. For further details, please click on the link [here](#).

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński opened the floor to the Committee for any comments or questions for Consent Agenda Items; 5A.) Meeting Minutes Summary for May 8, 2024, and 5B.) Approval Update for Subcommittee Roster. No comments on the Consent Agenda Items were given, and the Chair entertained a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda Items.

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Perri D’Armond. A second motion for approval was made by Mr. Brian Alcott. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item is available on the TAC [here](#).

AGENDA ITEMS

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TIP AND RTP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Vishu Lingala presented on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendments. The 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year capital improvements program for transportation projects. Under federal rules, all federally assisted projects must be included in the TIP to be eligible for funding. In addition, federal rules require that regionally significant local projects must also be included in the TIP.

The 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a long-range plan that prioritizes spending on regional transportation projects including short and long-range strategies to ensure the transportation network is safe and efficient. Updated every four years, the RTP outlines a fiscally constrained transportation investment program that is based on the unique needs and characteristics of the MPO region.

Amendments to the TIP and RTP are brought to the Transportation Policy Council for consideration monthly and amended in accordance with the H-GAC Public Participation Plan.

- Add \$1.6M of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding, split 80/20, to Brazoria County's County Road 59 4-lane widening project (MPO ID 12760) to cover increased construction costs that are due to inflation. (+\$1.6M; Total: \$15.7M)
- Program unused Federal Transit Administration Section 5307, 5310 and 5339 formula funds for Gulf Coast Transit District capital and operating expenditures (MPO IDs 19138, 19139, 19140) in FY 2024 using 815,142 Transportation Development Credits in lieu of matching funds. (+\$2.3M; Total: \$2.3M)
- Program the \$360K Congressional appropriation to Fort Bend County for a transit scheduling and dispatch system in FY 2025. The funding comes from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, which dedicated funds for Community Project Funding (CPF). Fort Bend County will provide \$90K of matching funds. (+\$450K; Total: \$450K).

GREENSHEET ITEM:

- Add \$360K of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 formula funds to Harris County Transit's FY 2024 Purchase of Service project (MPO ID 18931) based on the METRO Board of Directors' November 2023 revised allocation. Program 223,000 Transportation Development Credits in lieu of matching funds. (+\$360K; Total: \$1.1M), **Added**.
- Add \$740K of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 formula funds to Harris County Transit's FY 2024 Mobility Management project (MPO ID 18949) based on the METRO Board of Directors' November 2023 revised allocation. Program 283,000 Transportation Development Credits in lieu of matching funds. (+\$740K; Total: \$1.4M), **Added**.

Staff requested TAC recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolutions 2024-12 and 2024-13.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. David Wurdlow. A second motion for approval was made by Ms. Ruthanne Haut. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item is available on the TAC [here](#).

APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Mr. Vishu Lingala presented on the Approval of the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year capital improvements program for transportation projects. Under federal rules, all federally assisted projects must be included in the TIP to be eligible for funding. In addition, federal rules require that regionally significant local projects must also be included in the TIP. H-GAC's TIP is included, along with all other MPO TIPs and Rural TIPs developed by TxDOT, in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP, reviewed and approved by Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, forms the basis for federal project actions including environmental approvals, permits and fund obligations.

A new STIP is compiled every two years resulting in at least two years of projects carried over from the previous STIP each cycle. The public comment period on draft Fiscal Year 2025-2028 TIP projects list was open from March 25, 2024 to May 24, 2024. During the public comment period, staff received a total of 601 public comments on the draft FY 2025-2028 TIP project list. Comments on specific projects were forwarded to the project sponsors to provide responses that will be posted online.

Through the TIP development process, the Texas Department of Transportation Houston District has requested programming of over \$1.3 billion in Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor Projects (Cat. 2), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds (Cat. 5), and \$5 million in Carbon Reduction Program (Cat. 10 CRP) funds to be added to projects. Staff provided a summary table to show the funding request by category and fiscal year. Please see the June 12, 2024, TAC Packet for details. The draft 2025-2028 TIP project listing is available at the site below. <https://www.h-gac.com/transportation-improvement-program/2025-2028>. To hear further details on this discussion, please click on the link below.

Staff requested TAC recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolutions 2024-14 and 2024-15.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Varun Singh. A second motion for approval was made by Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Ms. Callie Barnes presented on the Federal Functional Classification System. The Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS) provides a framework for identifying the role of a roadway in moving vehicles through the network of highways. The FFCS groups roadways into seven categories according to the service they are intended to provide: Interstates, Other Freeways & Expressways, Other Principal Arterials, Minor Arterials, Major Collectors, Minor Collectors, and Local Roads. The FFCS is used in determining the eligibility of funding under the Federal-aid program. Please find the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures [here](#).

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Beaumont and Houston Districts requested to add two roadway segments to the Federal Functional Classification system. To see the details on these two segments requested by TxDOT, please see the documents and maps [here](#).

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Varuna Singh. A second motion for approval was made by Mr. Ken Fickes. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Project Selection Process Update

Mr. Vishu Lingala provided an update on the Project Selection Process. To hear the details on this update, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

A slide presentation and audio recording for this item is available on the TAC website [here](#)

B. Carryover Spend Down Update

Ms. Callie Barnes provided an update on Carryover Spend Down. To hear the details on this update, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were shown on the slide for the upcoming meetings:

Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) Subcommittee Meeting	June 27	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	June 28	9:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	July 3	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Regional Transit Coordination (RTC) Subcommittee Meeting	July 11	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Air Quality (TAQ) Subcommittee Meeting	July 11	2:00 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	July 17	9:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office
Pedestrian-Bicyclist (Ped-Bike) Subcommittee Meeting	July 18	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Greater Houston Freight Committee (GHFC) Meeting	July 18	1:00 p.m.	Virtual

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:32 a.m.

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First Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)
June 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.**

NOTES:

1. Attendance is marked with “X” in the corresponding column for the Member and/or Alternate.
2. Where both the Member and Alternate are present, the Alternate is marked with an asterisk (*) after the “X” to indicate that this person does not count toward quorum or votes for this meeting.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
<i>Chair</i>				
Veronica Chapa Gorczynski	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	David Kim	_____
1 st Vice Chair				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Jildardo Arias	_____
2nd Vice Chair				
Perri D’Armond	<u>X</u>	Transit	Shawn Davis	_____
Dan Johnson, P.E., CFM	_____	Smaller Cities	(Vacant)	_____
Joe Garcia	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Janet Corte	_____
Ken Fickes	<u>X</u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	_____
Ruthanne Haut	<u>X</u>	Transit	Todd Stephens	_____
Shelly Sekula-Gibbs, M.D.	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Sue Theiss	<u>X*</u>
Katherine Parker	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Carl Woodward, P.E., CFM	_____
(Vacant)	_____	Planning	Jennifer Ostlind, AICP	<u>X</u>
David Wurdlow	<u>X</u>	Planning	Katherine Summerlin, AICP	_____
Catherine McCreight	<u>X</u>	Planning	Brenda Bustillos, PhD	_____
Marlisa Briggs	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	Amy Skicki	<u>X*</u>
Nikki Knight	_____	Citizens Interests	Dexter Handy	_____
Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Irma Sanchez	_____
Bruce Mann	_____	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	_____
(Vacant)	_____	Ports	Dean Corgery	_____
Brian Alcott	<u>X</u>	Toll Road	Amar Mohite	_____
Robert Castaneda	_____	Toll Road	(Vacant)	_____
Stephen Gage	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Patricia Kievlan	_____
Aubin Phillips	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Joe Cutrufo	_____
James Brown	_____	Airport	Marcel Allen	_____
Joe Compian	_____	Regional Planning	(Vacant)	_____
Clint Harbert	<u>X</u>	METRO	Alan Clark	_____
Nancy Peron, P.E.	_____	TxDOT-Beaumont District	Carolina Lopez-Herrera	<u>X</u>

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
Varuna Singh, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Houston District	Jeffrey English, AICP	<u> </u>
Wael Tabara, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	<u> </u>
Natalie G. Lopez	<u>X</u>	Chambers County	Cory Taylor, P.E.	<u> </u>
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	<u> </u>
Michael Shannon, P.E.	<u> </u>	Galveston County	Nancy Baher, P.E.	<u> </u>
Patrick Mandapaka, Ph.D, AICP	<u>X</u>	Harris County	Susan Fraser, P.E.	<u> </u>
David Douglas	<u>X</u>	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	<u> </u>
Jean Mann	<u>X</u>	Montgomery County	John McKinney, Jr., Esq.	<u> </u>
Ross McCall	<u> </u>	Waller County	Luke Fortkamp	<u> </u>
Brant Gary	<u>X</u>	City of Baytown	Martin Scribner	<u> </u>
(Vacant)	<u> </u>	City of Conroe	Chris Bogert, P.E.	<u> </u>
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	<u>X</u>	City of Galveston	Brandon Cook	<u> </u>
Fabio Capillo	<u>X</u>	City of Houston	Khang Nguyen, P.E.	<u> </u>
Christopher Sims	<u>X</u>	City of League City	Cara Davis	<u> </u>
Marcus Snell	<u>X</u>	City of Missouri City	Joi Johnson	<u> </u>
Sarah Benavides	<u> </u>	City of Pasadena	Mark Gardemal	<u> </u>
Lorenzo Wingate	<u>X</u>	City of Pearland	Rajendra Shrestha, P.E., CFM	<u> </u>
Melanie Beaman	<u>X</u>	City of Sugar Land	Sagnik “Nik” Raha, P.E.	<u> </u>
Kim Golden, P.E.	<u> </u>	City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	<u> </u>
	<u>44</u>	Total Voting Membership		
	<u>32</u>	Total Voting Membership Present		
	<u>22</u>	Required for Quorum		
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