

4A. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023, 9:30 A.M., ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński, called the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Committee members and staff introduced themselves. A list of Committee representatives and alternates attending the meeting is included with these minutes as Attachment 1. There were 40 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

A written public comment was received and can be viewed at the link below:

[Public Comments](#)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński entertained a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda Items; 4A) Meeting Minutes for the March 15, 2023 meeting; 4B) Amendments to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); 4C) Administrative Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP; and 4D) Bike Month Campaign & Resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Michael Shannon. The second motion for approval was made by Ms. Perri D'Armond. The Committee voted and the motion carried. The Consent Agenda Items were approved.

A link to the audio recording is available at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04192023-996/4/>.

2023 TAC SUBCOMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Mr. Morad Kabiri, Chair of the TAC Nominating Committee gave a summary of the Nominating Committee and the 2023 TAC Subcommittee nominations received since the last TAC Meeting in March to fill vacancies.

After the overview, Mr. Kabiri presented to the Committee the slate of nominations received for TAC Subcommittees (Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee, Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee, Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee, Transportation Air Quality Subcommittee, Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee, and Transportation Systems Management and Operations Subcommittee) and opened the floor for questions. Questions from the Committee were discussed and addressed as Mr. Kabiri went through the presentation.

Mr. Kabiri concluded the presentation and entertained a motion for approval of the 2023 TAC Subcommittees. A motion was made by Ms. Jean Mann. The second motion for approval was made by Mr. Ken Fickes. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

A slide presentation and audio recording of all presentations are available on the TAC website at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04192023-996/5/>.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN MEASURES

Ms. Jamila Owens presented on the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Measures. In compliance with the federal laws Moving Ahead with Progress-21 (MAP -21) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) developed a Public Transportation Agency Safety Program on August 11, 2016, that adopted a Safety Management System as the foundation for developing and implementing a safety program. The Transit agencies in the Houston-Galveston Region were required to submit a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) to the FTA by December 31, 2022. Each agency developed performance targets or measures in the following safety areas, including the number and rate of fatalities, injuries, safety events, and the mean distance between mechanical failures. Agencies reported performance of past years along with measures identifying future goals. Please see the TAC Packet for April 19, 2023, for details on recommendations presented by Ms. Owens.

A motion was made by Ms. Perri D'Armond and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. Alan Clark. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04192023-996/6/>.

TRANSPORTATION AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY FOR THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Graciela Lubertino presented on the Air Quality Conformity for the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. H-GAC is required to ensure that the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amendments thereto are consistent with the region's air quality goals. This determination is referred to as Air Quality Conformity and involves the modeling of emissions produced by vehicles within the 8-county Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Nonattainment Area.

All regionally significant projects, regardless of funding source, must be considered in this analysis and found to conform before federal actions related to the projects can be made. For further details on recommendations, please click on the link below.

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Wilson and a second motion for approval was made by Ms. Catherine McCreight. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04192023-996/7/>.

2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) UPDATE

Ms. Anita Hollmann presented on the 2045 RTP Update to the Committee. The Regional Transportation Plan is a federally required fiscally constrained long range planning document updated every four years, which guides major transportation investments through the year 2045. This plan describes the region's vision, goals, and implementation strategies. It also described the current conditions and desired future transportation system. The 2045 RTP last approved by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) on May 14, 2019, and the 2045 RTP Update is scheduled for approval on April 28, 2023. The recommended 2045 RTP Update projects support five goals: Improve Safety, Achieve and Maintain a State of Good Repair, Move People and Goods Reliably and Efficiently, Strengthen Regional Economic Competitiveness, and Conserve and Protect Natural and Cultural Resources. The full 2045 RTP Update document, and Appendices, as well as a recording of a virtual public meeting, are available at the following link: <https://www.h-gac.com/rtp>. Staff requested TAC approval for recommendations to Transportation Policy Council (TPC).

A motion was made by Mr. Morad Kabiri and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. Mike Wilson. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04192023-996/8/>.

PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS/FUNDING INSTRUCTIONS

Mr. Vishu Lingala presented on the Project Selection Process/Funding Instructions. At the March 2020 Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting, the Council approved goals, priorities, and policies for selection and prioritization of projects to be programmed in Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 10-Year Plan, and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). These goals, priorities and policies guide the H-GAC staff, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and the TIP Subcommittee in development of project selection criteria and evaluation methodologies for project planning and programming. At the January 2023 meeting, TPC authorized the MPO staff to initiate the Project Selection Process. Please refer to the link below on items discussed at the meeting.

For Information Only. No action needed.

A slide presentation and audio recording of all presentations are available on the TAC website at:
<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04192023-996/9/>.

UPDATE ON REGIONAL TRANSIT CONNECTIVITY

Mr. Sandy Klanfer gave a brief update on the Regional Transit Connectivity and Seamless Fare Integration. In 2017, the High-Capacity Transit Task Force of the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) recommended development of a high-capacity transit network that would provide greater transit connectivity throughout the region. It also recommended a regional, seamless fare system to support this network. For further details, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04192023-996/10/>.

SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Mr. David Fink gave an update on Safety Performance Measures. The Federal Highway Administration requires an annual submission of safety performance measures by state department of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations. The five federal safety performance measures included 1) Number of Fatalities; 2) Rate of fatalities (per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled); 3) Number of serious injuries (per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled); 4) Rate of serious injuries (per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled); and 5) Number non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries (pedestrians and bicyclist). For further details on this presentation, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04192023-996/11/>.

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Adam Beckom provided a brief overview of Future Amendments to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP. For a summary of the Future Amendments, please view April 19, 2023, TAC Packet or click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Craig Raborn noted the following announcements for upcoming meetings:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	May 3	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Systems and Management Operations (TSMO) Subcommittee Meeting	May 4	2:00 p.m.	Virtual
Clean Cities Stakeholder Meeting	May 9	9:30 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	May 10	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting	May 10	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization (AERCO) Meeting	May 10	2:00 p.m.	Hybrid
Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	May 19	9:30 a.m.	Hybrid

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chapa-Gorczyński adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:50 a.m.

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1st Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)
April 19, 2023, 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	<u>X*</u>
<i>1st Vice Chair</i>				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Jildardo Arias	<u>X*</u>
<i>2nd Vice Chair</i>				
Perri D’Armond	<u>X</u>	Transit	Sarah Coulter	<u> </u>
Ricardo Villagrand	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Brian Winningham	<u> </u>
Jeremiah Hill	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Janet Corte	<u> </u>
Ken Fickes	<u>X</u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	<u>X*</u>
Ruthanne Haut	<u>X</u>	Transit	Todd Stephens	<u> </u>
Carl Woodward	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Sue Theiss	<u> </u>
Katherine Parker	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Amy Skicki	<u>X*</u>
David Fields	<u> </u>	Planning	Jennifer Ostlind, AICP	<u>X</u>
			Faustino Benavidez, P.E.	<u>X*</u>
David Wurdlow	<u>X</u>	Planning	Brenda Bustillos	<u>X*</u>
Catherine McCreight	<u>X</u>	Planning	Elijah Williams	<u>X*</u>
Marlisa Briggs	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	Amy Skicki	<u>X</u>
Dexter Handy	<u> </u>	Citizens Interests	Gabe Cazares	<u> </u>
Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Rohit Saxena	<u> </u>
Bruce Mann	<u>X</u>	Port of Houston	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Michael Wilson	<u>X</u>	Port Freeport	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Brian Alcott	<u> </u>	Toll Road	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Robert Hill	<u>X</u>	Toll Road	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Andrea Ranft	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Patricia Kievlan	<u>X*</u>
Bill Zrioka	<u>X</u>	Airport	Marcel Allen	<u> </u>
Joe Compian	<u> </u>	Regional Planning	Wil Kennedy	<u> </u>
Clint Harbert	<u>X</u>	METRO	Alan Clark	<u>X*</u>

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
James W. Koch, P.E.		TxDOT-Houston District	Catherine McCreight	X
Lisa Collins	X	TxDOT-Beaumont District	Scott Ayres, P.E.	X
Wael Tabara, P.E.	X	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	
Cory Taylor	X	Chambers County	Natalie G. Lopez	X*
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.		Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	X
Michael Shannon, P.E.	X	Galveston County	Nancy Baher, P.E.	
Patrick Mandapaka, Ph.D, AICP	X	Harris County	Susan Fraser, P.E.	
Melinda Soliday	X	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	
Jean Mann	X	Montgomery County	John McKinney	
Yancy Scott		Waller County	Jared Chen, P.E., PMP	
Brant Gary	X	City of Baytown	Martin Scribner	
Jordan Cruz	X	City of Conroe	Chris Bogert, P.E.	
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	X	City of Galveston	Brandon Cook	
Veronica O. Davis, P.E.	X	City of Houston	Fabio Capillo	X*
Christopher Sims	X	City of League City	Cara Davis	X*
Marcus Snell	X	City of Missouri City	Shashi Kumar	
Sarah Benavides	X	City of Pasadena	Mark Gardemal	
Trent Epperson	X	City of Pearland	Rajendra Shrestha, P.E.	X*
Monique Johnson	X	City of Sugar Land	Melanie Beaman	X*
Kim Golden, P.E.	X	City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	
	<u>44</u>	Total Voting Membership		
	<u>40</u>	Total Voting Membership		
	<u>22</u>	Present		
		Required for Quorum		