

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

DATE: Friday, October 23, 2020

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Webinar

Chair Kenneth Clark called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:30a.m.

ITEM 1. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Secretary Tom Reid announced that a quorum of TPC membership was present; 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: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/2/>

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Neely Kim, H-GAC, addressed the Transportation Policy Council and read the names of the individuals who submitted public comments by email or correspondence into the record.

The public comments submitted by email or correspondence can be viewed here:

<http://www.h-gac.com/transportation-policy-council/meeting-agendas/documents/2020/october/public-comments.pdf>

The public comments made during the meeting can be heard here:

<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/3/>

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

Mayor Tom Reid made a motion for approval of the October 23, 2020 meeting minutes and was seconded by Chuck Wemple, H-GAC. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/4/>

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ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF JON BRANSON, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER, CITY OF PEARLAND, CHAIR KENNETH CLARK

Chairman Clark recognized Jon Branson and thanked him for his service to the Transportation Policy Council.

Secretary Tom Reid thanked Mr. Branson for his service to the City of Pearland and the Transportation Policy Council.

Mr. Branson thanked the Transportation Policy Council for the recognition and looked forward to working with everyone in his new position with the City of Texas City.

A motion was made by Chairman Kenneth Clark and seconded. The Council voted and Resolution No. 2020-33 was unanimously approved.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/5/>

ITEM 6. APPOINTMENT OF 2021 TPC NOMINATING COMMITTEE, CHAIR KENNETH CLARK, H-GAC

Chairman Clark submitted the following as his list of members of the 2021 TPC Nominating Committee:

Commissioner Grady Prestage (Fort Bend County)
Dr. Carol Lewis (Gulf Coast Rail District)
Mr. Chuck Wemple (H-GAC)
Council Member Larry Millican (City of League City)
Judge Mark Keough (Montgomery County)
Council Member Natalie Picha (City of Seabrook)
Mayor Joe Zimmerman (City of Sugarland)

Chairman Clark requested further nominations or comments from members of the Council.

Dr. Carol Lewis thanked the Chairman Clark and declined the appointment. Council Member David Robinson motioned to add Council Member Sally Alcorn to the list and seconded by Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz. The Council voted and approved Council Member Sally Alcorn to be added to the 2021 TPC Nominating Committee slate.

Mr. Milton Rahman motioned to nominate Mr. John Blount and seconded by Dr. Carol Lewis. The Council voted and approved John Blount to be added to the 2021 TPC Nominating Committee slate.

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Commissioner Justin Beckendorff motioned to accept the 2021 TPC Nominating Committee as amended with the following members and was seconded by Commissioner Billy Combs:

Commissioner Grady Prestage (Fort Bend County)
John Blount (Harris County)
Mr. Chuck Wemple (H-GAC)
Council Member Sallie Alcorn (City of Houston)
Council Member Larry Millican (City of League City)
Judge Mark Keough (Montgomery County)
Council Member Natalie Picha (City of Seabrook)
Mayor Joe Zimmerman (City of Sugar Land)

The Council voted and approved the 2021 TPC Nominating Committee.

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ITEM 7. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, MR JIM DICINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson, H-GAC, presented information on Amendment to the 2045 RTP and 2021-2023 TIP.

- Program the \$896K City of Conroe FY 2020 Federal Transit Administration Buses and Bus Facilities (Section 5339) award in FY 2021 of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. The award will be matched with \$224K of local funding and used to purchase transit vehicles.
- Program two FY 2019 Federal Railroad Administration Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements program awards in FY 2021 of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. The \$700K City of Dayton Rail Crossings Improvement Project award will be matched with \$300K of local funds. It will provide for preliminary engineering, environmental analysis and documentation necessary to improve four at-grade crossings on Union Pacific Railroad track. The \$666K Greater Southeast Management District award will be matched with \$334K of local funds. It will provide alternatives analysis, preliminary engineering and federal environmental analysis, and documentation to grade-separate four current at-grade highway-rail crossings at the intersection of Griggs Road, Mykawa Road, and Long Drive with Union Pacific Railroad and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway in Houston.
- Program the City of Houston Antoine Drive 6-lane widening project in FY 2025 of the Ten-Year Plan (10Y). The 2018 Call-for-Projects \$79M federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) award will be matched with \$39M of local funds. The five-mile project includes turn lanes, pedestrian, bicyclist and intersection improvements and construction of a railroad grade separation.

Mr. Dickinson requested approval of Resolution No. 2020-34.

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A motion was made by Council Member Larry Millican and seconded by Commissioner Justin Beckendorff. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2020-34.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/6/>

ITEM 8. UPDATE TO THE FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, ADAM BECK

Mr. Adam Beckom provided information to the Council on the proposed updates to the FFCS. TxDOT is requesting an update to three Waller county roadways:

Woods/Jordan Road

Update the federal functional classification of Woods/Jordan Road in Waller County from Local to Major Collector from IH 10 to US 90 (0.617 miles). Woods/Jordan Road is proposed to be widened from 2 to 4-lanes with left turn treatments. This project (MPOID: 241) is programmed in fiscal year 2024 of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Cardiff Road

Update the federal functional classification of Cardiff Road in Waller County from Local to Major Collector between US 90 and Morton Road (2.058 miles).

Morton Road

Update the federal functional classification of Morton Road in Waller County from Local to Major Collector between FM 2855 and FM 362 (4.175 miles).

These proposed functional classification updates are consistent with Waller County's major thoroughfare plan and the FHWA functional classification update requirements.

Mr. Beckom requested approval of Resolution No. 2020-35

A motion was made by Commissioner Grady Prestage and seconded by Mayor Tom Reid. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2020-35.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/8/>

ITEM 9. REGION VISION ZERO POLICY, STEPHEN GAGE, H-GAC

Mr. Stephen Gage, H-GAC, presented information on the Region Vision Zero Policy that supports the elimination of traffic fatalities and serious injuries in the 8-County region by the 2050. Mr. Gage proceeded to show the Council a graph and pointed out the federal projections versus actual fatalities in the region.

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Mr. Gage requested approval of Resolution 2020-36.

A motion was made by Council Member David Robinson and seconded by Chuck Wemple. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2020-36.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/9/>

ITEM 10. AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM, NEELY KIM, H-GAC

Ms. Neely Kim presented on amendment to 2021/2021 UPWP to update Task-FY2021 and Task IV-Metropolitan.

Beginning Balance	\$7.4M
Amount Obligated/De-obligated/Reprogrammed	\$100K
Ending Balance	\$7.5M

Ms. Kim requested TPC approval of Resolution No. UPWP 20/21-3.

A motion was made by Council Member David Robinson and seconded by Mayor Tom Reid and John Blount. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. UPWP 20/21-3.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/10/>

ITEM 11. CONCURRENCE ON TRANSFER OF DIRECT RECIPIENT STATUS OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDING TO THE GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT, JAMILA OWENS, H-GAC

Ms. Jamila Owens, H-GAC, introduced Mr. Sean Middleton, Interim Executive Director, Gulf Coast Transit District. Mr. Middleton presented information on the transfer of designated recipient status for Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant funds and Section 53339 and Bus Facilities Grant funds for the Texas City/La Marque and Lake Jackson/Angleton UZAs from the Gulf Coast Center to the Gulf Coast Transit District.

Mr. Middleton requested TPC approval of Resolution No. 2020-37

A motion was made by Council Member David Robinson and seconded by Doug Kneupper, P.E. The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2020-37

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ITEM 12. BRIEFING ON FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented a briefing on future TPC Amendments to the TIP and RTP. He described the following projects:

- Program a US 59 South Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) installation project from east of SS 529 to the Wharton County line in FY 2021 of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program with \$3.5M of State Category-2 funding. The project will adjoin the previously programmed FY 2021 \$3.8M Category-2 IH 69 ITS installation project which extends the corridor north to SH 99.
- Split the SH 36/SS 10 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) installation project into two facility-specific sections and delay the SH 36 section into FY 2026 of the Ten-Year Plan.
- Adjust federal and state funding amounts of Category-2 (Metropolitan Mobility), Category-3 (Design/Build) and Category-4 (Statewide Connectivity) programmed on four projects on IH-10 W, IH-45 S, SH 225 and SH 105 to reconcile with the approved Texas Department of Transportation FY 2021 Unified Transportation Plan.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/12/>

For Information Only. No action needed.

ITEM 13. PRESENTATION ON THE 10-YEAR PLAN, VISHU LINGALA, H-GAC

Mr. Vishu Lingala, H-GAC, presented on the draft 2021 H-GAC 10-year plan which includes a list of funded projects programmed to be let between fiscal years 2021 – 2030. The plan is updated every year. It includes more than \$9 billion total federal, state, and local funds previously programmed by the Transportation Policy Council. Approval of 10-year plan provides concurrence with Unified Transportation Program based on consistency with TIP and RTP. The draft 10-year list does not include projects funded with Federal Transit Administration formula funds. The Draft 10-Year Plan will be brought back for TPC approval in November and submitted to the state in December.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/13/>

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ITEM 14. DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, (NHHIP), PATRICK MANDAPAKA, H-GAC

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC, introduced Dr. Carol Lewis, Chair, of the TPC Workgroup, to update the Council on the progress of the workgroup. Dr. Lewis thanked all the members of the workgroup for their participation and detailed discussions. Dr. Lewis stated the document incorporated

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all the information from the entities and comments from the public and blended it into the sections that will show what each entity will do. It will also reflect the importance of the public engagement process. The TPC will be updated quarterly.

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC, briefed the Council on the details of the Memorandum of Understanding.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/14/>

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ITEM 15. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDIT (TDC) POLICY, ADAM BECKOM, H-GAC

Mr. Beckom provided a brief overview of TDC's and the proposed amendments to TDC Policy. The proposed policy upholds availability of TDC's for transit formula funds. The amendment adds TDC eligibility for access management and livable centers projects. Adds additional means to exchange TDC's for a more flexible local funding source and creates the Regional Strategic Transportation Fund. Mr. Beckom also briefed the Council on the focus areas and the timeline for its approval.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/15/>

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ITEM 16. HOUSTON DISTRICT TRUCK MOBILITY STUDY, PATRICK MANDAPAKA, H-GAC

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC, introduced Ms. Amanda Austin, Schematics lead, TxDOT-Houston District, briefed the Council on the Truck Mobility Study. Ms. Austin handed the presentation over to Mr. Will Liska, RPS, who gave further details on the various data sources used in the study.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/16/>

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ITEM 17. H-GAC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

- A. September Administrative Amendments
- B. Summary of Planning Activities

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The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/17/>

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ITEM 18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next TAC Meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 9:30 a.m., Online
- The next TPC Meeting will be Friday, November 20, 2020, 9:30 a.m., Online
- Public Meeting on Public Participation Plan, Congestion Management Process, and Regional Transportation Plan Amendments, December 3, 6:00 p.m., Online

Chair Kenneth Clark adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 11:10 a.m.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/10232020-634/18/>

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Tom Reid

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Hon. Tom Reid, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

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Attachment 1
TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON
TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA
October 23, 2020
ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Robert Hoskins Council Member, District 5 <u> </u> Hon. Heather Betancourth – Alternate	City of Baytown
Conroe, City of	<u> </u> Thomas Woolley Interim Director of Engineering <u> </u> Chris Bogert – Alternate	City of Conroe
Galveston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Craig Brown Council Member <u> </u> David Collins - Alternate	City of Galveston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – 1 st - Vice Chair <u> </u> Hon. Abbie Kamin- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member <u> </u> Hon. Sallie Alcorn - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> </u> Vacant	City of Houston
	<u> X </u> Maureen Crocker – Alternate	
League City, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3 <u> </u> Hon. Greg Gripon - Alternate	City of League City
Missouri City, City of	<u> X </u> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works <u> </u> Clifford Brouhard – Alternate	City of Missouri City
Pasadena, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Cary Bass Council Member <u> </u> James Rodriguez – Alternate	City of Pasadena

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Pearland, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Tom Reid Mayor - Secretary <u> </u> Jon Branson –Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u> X </u> Hon. Jennifer Lane – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Phil Roberts Mayor Pro Tem <u> X </u> Doug Kneupper, P.E. - Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, City of Waller	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Seabrook, City of	<u> </u> Honorable Natalie Picha - Alternate	
Brazoria County	<u> X </u> Honorable Matt Sebesta County Judge – Past Chair <u> </u> Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u> X </u> Billy Combs Commissioner <u> </u> Cory Taylor, P.E. - Alternate	Chambers County
Fort Bend County	<u> X </u> Grady Prestage County Commissioner, Pct 2 <u> </u> Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Galveston County	<u> X </u> Kenneth Clark County Commissioner - Chairman <u> </u> Judge Mark Henry – Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	<u> </u> Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge <u> X </u> John Blount, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<u> </u> Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 <u> X </u> Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	<u> </u> David Douglas Engineering Administrator <u> </u> Judge Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County

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Montgomery County	_____ Honorable Mark Keough County Judge _____ Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> X </u> Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – 2nd VC _____ Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	_____ Carrin Patman METRO Chair <u> X </u> Thomas Lambert - Alternate	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u> X </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director _____ Jeff Taebl – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<u> X </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. District Engineer _____ Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	_____ Vacant	TxDOT Beaumont District
	<u> X </u> Adam Jack, P.E. – Alternate	
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> 24 </u> Voting Membership Present	
	<u> 14 </u> Required Quorum	

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<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>NON-VOTING MEMBERS</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Texas State Senate	<u> </u> Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<u> </u> Vacant	Vacant
Freight Rail Interests	<u> </u> Hugh McCulley	BNSF Railway
Texas State Legislator	<u> </u> Hon. Dennis Paul	8-County Region
Texas State Legislator	<u> </u> Hon. Ed Thompson	8-County Region
Wharton County	<u> X </u> Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County
TxDOT Yoakum District	<u> X </u> Paul Reitz, P.E. District Engineer	TxDOT Yoakum District