

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

DATE: Friday, April 25, 2025
TIME: 8:00 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 April 25, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. to order.

CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Chairman Justin Beckendorff recognized Ms. Lucinda Martinez, H-GAC, for the Certification of the Quorum and she conducted the Roll Call of the TPC membership. Fifteen (16) members comprise a quorum. A quorum was declared present and recorded on the Roll Call, which is included with these Minutes as Attachment 1. Chair Beckendorff of the Council to Declare Conflicts of Interest on any item on the agenda. No TPC member declared a conflict of interest. The presentation, comments, questions and discussion are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Beckendorff recessed the meeting at 8:07 a.m. to go into executive session

A. Executive Session- Personnel Matters

The Transportation Policy Council may hold an executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to consult with the membership regarding personnel matters.

Chair Beckendorff reconvened the Transportation Policy Council at 8:51 a.m. and called the meeting back to order. Chair Beckendorff called for a motion on the action requested. Mayor Kevin Cole motioned to request the Executive Director of H-GAC to extend an offer of employment for the Director of the MPO to our lead candidate as discussed in Executive Session. Commissioner Lesley Briones and Judge Mark Keough seconded the motion. Chair Beckendorff then called for a vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present. The presentation, comments, questions and discussion are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Neely Kim, H-GAC, gave instruction to the public on how to provide public comments online and introduced Mr. Humberto Hernandez and asked him to provide Spanish translation instructions to the public on how to provide public comment and he informed them of the availability of Spanish translation services for this meeting. Dr. Kim informed the public that American Sign Language translation services and instruction were available online. No written public comments were submitted before 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 2025, and one comment was provided in-person. No public comments were provided online. The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under Item 5 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 6. MPO DIRECTOR REPORT AND ORIENTATION OF AGENDA, MS. ALLIE ISBELL, 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. The Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Jamila Owens, H-GAC, provided an update on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is a two-year statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. Ms. Owens described the four core work products the MPO is responsible for and the UPWP is the priority. Ms. Owens also provided a timeline for the UPWP approval.

C. HGAC Board Update

Ms. Jamila Owens, H-GAC, informed the Council of the Transportation items that were approved at the H-GAC Board meeting on April 15th.

D. Resolution presentation and reception for Dr. Carol Lewis

Ms. Jamila Owens, H-GAC, reminded the Council about the reception after the TPC meeting in honor of Dr. Carol Lewis in recognition for her service to the TPC and the Houston-Galveston region.

The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 6 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

ITEM 7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Secretary Lesley Briones called for a motion to approve the March 28, 2025, TPC meeting minutes as presented. Chair Beckendorff called for a motion. A motion was made by Council Member Sally Branson and seconded by Mayor Kevin Cole. Chair Beckendorff then called for a vote. The Council voted and approved the March 28, 2025, TPC Meeting Minutes Summary. The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 7 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

ITEM 8. 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS, JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Mr. Jim Dickinson provided a summary of the proposed revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program which is included below.

- Update the City of Conroe's FY 2021-2026 Federal Transit Administration Sections 5307, 5310 and 5339 funded Program of Projects for administration, capital, planning, and operations expenditures. Program twenty-three new apportionments and adjust the funding on eighteen existing projects based on the finalized allocations. The City is requesting Transportation Development Credits in lieu of matching funds, where applicable, to leverage the federal funds.
- Add \$63.7M of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funding, with a 20% local match, to two segments of the City of Pearland's Mykawa Road widening projects (MPO IDs 7602, 17082) due to increased cost estimates since the original programming in 2014 and 2015.

- Program two U.S. Department of Transportation RAISE discretionary grant program awards made to the TxDOT Houston District to construct intermodal facilities in Angleton (MPO ID 19367; \$7.0M) and in Freeport (MPO ID 19368; \$15.2M).
- Program the City of Mont Belvieu’s Traffic Management Center construct project (MPO ID 19361) selected in the Project Selection Process in FY 2027 with \$2.8M of federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality and local matching funds.
- Program the engineering phase of Montgomery County’s SH 99 frontage road and turn lane construct project (MPO ID 19352) selected in the Project Selection Process in FY 2026 with \$750K of state Pass-Through Finance funds.

Additional Federal Transit Administration Formula Funded Amendments

- Update METRO’s FY 2024 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5307, 5310, 5337 and 5339 funded Program of Projects in FY 2025 (MPO IDs 19102-19110) applying Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds to leverage the federal funds.
- Program two new Harris County Housing & Community Development’s FY 2024 FTA Section 5307 funded projects in FY 2025 (MPO IDs 19454,19455) for transit operations and capital expensed using TDCs in lieu of matching funds to leverage the federal funds where applicable.
- Update Fort Bend Public Transportation’s FY 2024-FY 2028 FTA Sections 5307 and 5310 in FY 2025 (MPO IDs 18836, 18926, 18930, 18342, 18830, 18831, 18832, 18840) applying TDCs in lieu of matching funds.
- Update The Woodlands Township’s FY 2020-FY 2025 FTA Section 5307 Program of Projects in FYs 2025-2028 (MPO IDs 18636, 18640, 19456-19472) applying TDCs in lieu of matching funds.
- Update the METRO’s Missouri City Park and Ride project (MPO IDs 18167, 18924) with modifications of the facility, limits, scope and funding.

Mr. Dickinson requested approval of TPC Resolution No 2025-12 and TPC Resolution No. 2025-2025-13. Chair Beckendorff called for a motion. Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion, and the motion was seconded. Chair Beckendorff then called for a vote. The Council voted and approved both resolutions. The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in [Item 8](#) are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

ITEM 9. PELICAN ISLAND BRIDGE FUNDING WORKGROUP, CHAIR JUSTIN BECKENDORFF

Chairman Justin Beckendorff appointed members to the Pelican Island Bridge Funding Workgroup. They are as follows:

Organization	Member
Port Houston	Charlie Jenkins
City of Galveston	Council Member Marie Robb
Galveston County	Michael Shannon
Transportation Policy Council	Mayor Kevin Cole

TxDOT Houston District	Varuna Singh
Brazoria County	Matt Hanks
Montgomery County	Judge Mark Keough
City of Pattison	Council Member Joe Garcia
METRO	Alan Clark
Port Galveston	Potential appointee
Galveston Navigation District	Potential appointee
Texas A&M University - Galveston	Potential appointee

The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 9 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

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ITEM 10. MOBILITY PLANNING: FIFA WORLD CUP 2026, MR. JOSHUA SHIDELER, HOUSTON TRANSTAR

Mr. Joshua Shideler, Houston TranStar, made a presentation to the Council on the mobility planning being done to prepare for the FIFA World Cup 2026. Mr. Shideler informed the Council that Houston would be a host city for seven matches and one of the world’s largest sporting events in history. Effective mobility planning is critical to keep residents and visitors moving and described the various partners involved in planning for the World Cup. A discussion occurred after the presentation. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion in Item 10 are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

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ITEM 11. UPWP AMENDMENT- HOUSTON FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND MODELING, DR. NEELY KIM, H-GAC AND MR. JOCHEN FLOESSER, H-GAC

Dr. Neely Kim, H-GAC, presented the UPWP Amendment -Houston FIFA World Cup 2026 Transportation Planning and Modeling for the FIFA World Cup to the Council. Dr. Kim introduced Mr. Jochen Floesser, Director, H-GAC, to give further details on this amendment to the Council. Mr. Floesser described the project’s proposed timeline, effort, budget, scope of work and anticipated results. The proposed project is not focused on the area around NRG Stadium and the urban core in addressing the World Cup transportation challenges. The goal is to assess the effectivity of traffic flow from and to the main venue to other event hotspots and to make actionable recommendations to the stakeholders regarding their transportation plans as well as connectivity to areas outside the urban core. Mr. Floesser described the timeline for the project in detail and described the outcome and deliverables. A discussion occurred after the presentation. Dr. Kim asked for approval of the UPWP Amendment – Houston FIFA World Cup 2026 Transportation Planning and Modeling and UPWP Resolution No. UPWP 2025-2

1. Adding new activity for a consultant to be utilized to develop transportation scenarios and conduct modeling to address mobility challenges associated with FIFA World Cup 2026.
2. Adding Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) to Fiscal Year 2025, Task II subtask 2.1.a in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the utilization of a consultant.

A robust discussion occurred after the request. Chair Beckendorff called for a motion. A motion was made by Commissioner Lesley Briones and seconded with amendments. Chair Beckendorff then called for a vote. The

Council voted and approved UPWP Resolution No. 2025-2. Judge Mark Keough voted No. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion in [Item 11](#) are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

ITEM 12. REGIONAL DEMOGRAPHIC FORECAST, DR. PRAMOD SAMBIDI, H-GAC

Dr. Pramod Sambidi, H-GAC, gave a presentation to the Council on the Regional Demographic Forecast. Dr. Sambidi informed the Council the overall U.S. population was on a downward trend since 2020 compared to previous projections. There are three reasons for this decline. 1. Declining birthrates 2. Aging population 3. Temporary disruption to immigration caused by the Covid 19 Pandemic. Down by 7.8%, this is from the Census bureau. The population projections for the state of Texas from the Texas Demographic Center is down by 14% compared to their 2018 projections. The population projection for the H-GAC 8 counties is 10.7 million people by 2050. The new projection is down by 5% compared to our previous projection from 2018. Dr. Sambidi proceeded to describe various projections and sources. The population distribution from 2020 to 2050 will add 3.7M people to our region. A discussion occurred after the presentation. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion in [Item 12](#) are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

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ITEM 13. TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY UPDATE, STEPHEN KEEN, H-GAC AND DR. MAGGIE ISIED, H-GAC

Mr. Stephen Keen, H-GAC, gave an update to the Council on the RTP Project listing. Staff has contacted all the sponsors who have projects on RTP list. Staff received updated information from majority of sponsors. Staff coordinating with remaining sponsors. 70 plus sponsors for over 1,000 plus projects. Staff has received information regarding the addition of projects, removal of projects and project updates. A new project list is available today on the H-GAC website. An RTP amendment will be ready for TAC/TPC approval by Fall 2025 after conformity analysis and a public comment period.

Dr. Maggie Isied, H-GAC, made a presentation on the Conformity Update. Dr. Isied gave the Council an overview of Transportation Conformity. A federal requirement to ensure that air quality in nonattainment regions like ours is not negatively impacted by transportation planning efforts. Our region is currently in nonattainment for two 8-hr Ozone Standards.

- 2008 8-hr Ozone standard (75 ppb) – Severe designation
- 2015 8-hr Ozone standard (70 ppb) – Moderate Designation

Conformity analysis is required for our region. Dr. Isied briefed the Council on the conformity process which consists of two steps and the current status of the Conformity timeline. The presentation, comments, questions, answers and discussion in [Item 12](#) are included in the meeting recording: [HERE](#)

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ITEM 14. ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025 -2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS, JIM DICKINSON, H-GAC

Set #1

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.

- Correct the Category-8 federal/local funding split of the City of Houston's FY 2025 North Eldridge Parkway/North Dairy Ashford Road intersection safety improvements project (MPO ID 19003).
- Advance pedestrian/bicyclist, transit, and preliminary engineering projects in the TIP and TxDOT Statewide Programs from FY 2026 to FY 2025 to take advantage of their current readiness (MPO IDs 7739, 19236, 19192, 19193, 19227, 19228, 19229).

Set #2

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.

- Update the descriptions of Pedestrian/Bicyclist projects in TxDOT Statewide Programs in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration to clear approvals in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (MPO IDs 7739, 18098, 19036, 19175, 19176, 19219, 19040, 19041, 19042).
- Add federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding and local matching funds to cover increased cost estimates (MPO ID 17096).
- Add federal STBG funding and matching Transportation Development Credits to cover increased cost estimates (MPO ID 19037).
- Cancel federally funded, Cat-10, Waugh Drive Bike Lane construction (MPO ID 19038) at the sponsor's request.

The presentation comments, questions answers and discussion in Item 13 are included in the meeting recording [HERE](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJORNMENT

Reception for Dr. Carol Lewis, April 25th -11:00 a.m. -2nd Floor Reception Area
Transportation Advisory Committee, May 14th- 9:30 a.m. – In person
Area Emissions Reduction Credit Organization Board (AERCO), May 14th -2:00 p.m. – Hybrid
UPWP Public Comment Meeting, May 15th- 10:30 a.m. – Virtual
UPWP Public Comment Meeting, May 15th - 5:30 p.m. – Virtual
Transportation Safety Committee, May 20th - 1:30 p.m. – Virtual
Transportation Policy Council, May 23rd - 9:30 a.m. – In person
Regional Air Quality Planning Activity Committee, May 29th – 10:00 a.m.- Virtual

Chairman Justin Beckendorff adjourned the meeting at 10:14 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
April 25, 2025

ROLL

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Baytown, City of	_____ 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	<u> X </u> Honorable Sallie Alcorn Council Member _____ Honorable Willie Davis- Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	_____ Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member _____ Honorable Joaquin Martinez - Alternate	City of Houston
Houston, City of	<u> X </u> Randy Macchi Director -Houston Public Works _____ Steven David - Alternate	City of Houston
League City, City of	<u> X </u> 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 _____ Marcus Snell – 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	<u> X </u> Honorable Kevin Cole- 2nd Vice Chair Mayor Trent Epperson-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u> X </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor Honorable Suzanne Whatley – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	_____ Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor _____ Jon Branson - Alternate	City of Texas City
Smaller Cities – Position 1	<u> X </u> Hon. Joe Garcia City of Pattison _____ Honorable Chad Nesvadba-Alternate City of Needville	Smaller Cities
Smaller Cities – Position 2	<u> X </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	_____ Dr. Ann K. Snyder Chair, The Woodlands Township Board <u> X </u> Craig Eissler-Alternate	The Woodlands Township
Brazoria County	<u> X </u> Matt Hanks, JD, P.E. County Engineer _____ Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Chambers County	<u> X </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	<u> X </u> Honorable Robin Armstrong County Commissioner <u> </u> Honorable Joe Giusti- Alternate	Galveston County
Harris County	<u> X </u> Honorable Lesley Briones- Secretary County Commissioner, Pct. 4 <u> </u> Roberto Treviño, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<u> </u> Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 <u> </u> Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Liberty County	<u> </u> Honorable Jay Knight County Judge <u> </u> Honorable Bruce Karbowski - Alternate	Liberty County
Montgomery County	<u> X </u> Honorable Mark Keough County Judge <u> </u> Matt Gray – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u> X </u> Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – Chair <u> </u> Kendric Jones- Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u> </u> Elizabeth Gonzalez Brock METRO Chair <u> X </u> Thomas Jasien-Alternate	METRO
TxDOT-Houston	<u> X </u> Glenn Allbritton, P.E. District Engineer <u> </u> Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT-Beaumont	<u> </u> Martin Gonzalez, P.E. District Engineer <u> </u> Ana I. Mijares, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port Freeport	<u> </u> Phyllis Saathoff Executive Director <u> </u> Rob Lowe-Alternate	Port Freeport
Port Houston	<u> </u> Charlie Jenkins Chief Executive Officer <u> X </u> Kerrick Henny-Alternate <u> </u>	Port Houston

AGENCY

VOTING MEMBERSHIP

REPRESENTING

Gulf Coast Rail District

 X Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński
 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