

5A. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, November 6, 2024, 9:30 A.M. MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński, called the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

A list of Committee representatives and alternates attending the meeting is included with these minutes as Attachment 1. There were 28 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

There were no written public comments received.

There were no public comments made from the floor.

ORIENTATION TO AGENDA AND MPO DIRECTOR REPORT

MPO Assistant Director Allie Isbell gave a brief update to inform the Committee that staff was viewing project readiness of the top-ranking projects for the Project Selection Process, in the five categories currently in the process. Staff will bring a draft list to the Committee at the next TAC meeting in December. Similarly, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) was going through the Project Development Process, and that staff was running fiscal constraint, and would be providing a project list at the next TAC Meeting.

Ms. Isbell further discussed the nominations process for the 2025 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Ms. Isbell gave a brief overview of nominated positions and appointed positions, to explain and distinguish the two processes. For TAC nominated positions, the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) members will be submitting nominations with a link provided by Ms. Lucinda Martinez. Appointing officials would need to fill out the appointment form provided by Ms. Martinez, for appointed positions listed in the presentation. Staff also provided additional information on processes for TAC officers and Subcommittee nominations to the Committee.

Ms. Isbell then reviewed with the Committee, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification Process, which recommended by the Committee for re-review. To hear the MPO Director Report in its entirety, please click on the link [here](#).

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński entertained a motion for Consent Agenda Item; 5A.) Meeting Minutes Summary for October 16, 2024.

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

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

ITEM 6. 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENTS AND 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

The 2025-2028 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. Item 6, 2025-2028 TIP Amendments were presented in two categories. 6A. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Carryover Spend Down Projects and 6B. 2025-2028 TIP Amendments and 2045 RTP.

- A. Ms. Callie Barnes presented an update on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Carryover Spend Down Projects to fund all projects included in Item 6A-03 to spend down the carryover balances in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)/Category 5 Funds. Ms. Barnes brought this item back to the November TAC Meeting to give the Committee a status of the list. Please refer to Item 6A-03 in the TAC Meeting packet sent on 10/31/24 for the list of projects previewed and previously approved. Ms. Barnes discussed a “pause,” on TxDOT Houston District proposed CMAQ projects, and that comments for concurrence would be reviewed by TxDOT on November 22nd, and that action would be taken for the Houston and Beaumont Districts at the December TAC Meeting. If there are other changes that occur to the list during the continued coordination, with both districts, staff will highlight the changes.
- B. Mr. Jim Dickinson presented 2025-2028 TIP Amendments. A summary of the proposed revision to the Texas Department of Transportation Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Program is included below.
- Program 3.7M Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds for the Uptown Management District’s Transportation Alternative Set-Aside (TASA) funded West Loop Shared-Use Path construction project.

A summary of the proposed revision to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program is included below.

- Program an additional \$993K of federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, matched with local funds by the City of Bellaire, to cover the increased cost estimates that are due to inflation. The project scope will also be modified to use the most appropriate technology.

Staff sought Transportation Advisory Committee recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolutions 2024-42 and 2024-43.

Mr. Morad Kabiri made a motion to approve the amendments. A second motion for approval was made by Mr. Ken Fickes. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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

ITEM 7. MPO STRATEGIC HIGHWAY NETWORK ADDITIONS CONCURRENCE

Ms. Allie Isbell gave an update on the MPO Strategic Highway Network Additions Concurrence. The Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET) is a network of highways which are important to the United States’ strategic defense policy, and which provide defense access, continuity, and emergency capabilities for defense purposes.

To ensure that defense-important roadways were being considered as part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) strategic plan, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 provided for the inclusion of STRAHNET and STRAHNET Connectors into the National Highway System (NHS). Federal oversight will help ensure optimum maintenance levels for the NHS, thus assuring that the roads can support a military deployment. Source: FHWA website and the STRAHNET Atlas.

TxDOT and the Department of Defense (DoD) have been coordinating the addition of 17 existing roadway locations to the Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET) as part of the DoDs efforts to improve connectivity between Fort Bliss and Fort Cavazos and their designated seaports of embarkation in Port Beaumont and Port Arthur. An updated list was provided of existing facilities that were being proposed as part of these STRAHNET additions along with the updated location maps. TxDOT is in the process of recreating these location maps using the Texas Projects and Programming Division (TPP) map template to standardize the map details and roadway locations. Ms. Isbell gave a recap of the recommendations which were presented as an information item at the October TAC Meeting. Staff was now seeking TAC recommendation of TPC approval of Resolution 2024-36.

Mr. Bruce Mann made a motion to approve. A second motion for approval was made by Mr. Brian Alcott. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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ITEM 8. TxDOT HOUSEHOLD TRAVEL SURVEY UPDATE

Mr. Michale Onuogu introduced Mr. Edgar Millard with Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) to provide information on the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Household Travel Survey. The TxDOT Travel Survey Program began the H-GAC Household Travel Survey project in May 2022. Over 10,000 Households were recruited from all eight counties in the H-GAC Metropolitan Planning Organization region during the course of two solid academic school years with final completion in March 2024. All stratified primary and secondary targets were met successfully.

This project closed on August 22, 2024, with the entire project team present. Mr. Millard with TTI, on behalf of TxDOT, provided a brief presentation reviewing the final data values and other important analysis findings for the TAC members at the November 6th meeting.

This item was for information only.

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

ITEM 9. PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Future Amendments

Mr. Jim Dickinson provided an update on Future Amendments. 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. Regional Goods Movement Workshop Update

Ms. Sydni Ligons provided an update on the Regional Goods Movement Workshop, "Lessons Learned." To hear further 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:

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee Meeting	November 6	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Subcommittee Meeting	November 7	2:00 p.m.	Virtual
Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting	November 13	1:30 p.m.	Virtual
Transportation Policy Council (TPC) Meeting	November 15	9:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office
Transportation Air Quality (TAQ) Subcommittee Meeting	December 4	10:00 a.m.	Virtual
Intelligent Transportation Systems Workshop	December 5	9:00 a.m.	H-GAC Office
Intelligent Transportation Systems Workshop	December 10	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting	December 11	9:30 a.m.	H-GAC Office
Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) Meeting	December 12	10:00 a.m.	Virtual

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 10:13 a.m.

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First Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)
November 6, 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	<u> </u>
1 st Vice Chair				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u> X </u>	Smaller Cities	Jildardo Arias	<u> </u>
2nd Vice Chair				
Perri D’Armond	<u> X </u>	Transit	Shawn Davis	<u> </u>
Dan Johnson, P.E., CFM	<u> </u>	Smaller Cities	Andy Rodgers	<u> X </u>
Hon. Joe Garcia	<u> </u>	Smaller Cities	Brian Winningham	<u> </u>
Ken Fickes	<u> X </u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	<u> X* </u>
Ruthanne Haut	<u> X </u>	Transit	Todd Stephens	<u> </u>
Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, M.D.	<u> </u>	Environmental	Sue Theiss	<u> </u>
Katherine Parker	<u> </u>	Environmental	Carl Woodward, P.E., CFM	<u> </u>
Marlene Gafrick	<u> X </u>	Planning	Brandon Mosley	<u> </u>
David Wurdlow	<u> X </u>	Planning	Katherine Summerlin	<u> </u>
Catherine McCreight	<u> X </u>	Planning	Brenda Bustillos, PhD	<u> </u>
Marlisa Briggs	<u> X </u>	Business Interests	Amy Skicki	<u> </u>
Nikki Knight	<u> </u>	Citizens Interests	Dexter Handy	<u> </u>
Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u> X </u>	Citizens Interests	Irma Sanchez	<u> </u>
Bruce Mann	<u> X </u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	<u> </u>
(Vacant)	<u> </u>	Ports	Dean Corgey	<u> </u>
Brian Alcott	<u> X </u>	Toll Road	Amar Mohite	<u> </u>
Robert Castaneda	<u> </u>	Toll Road	David Gornet	<u> </u>
Stephen Gage	<u> X </u>	Active Transportation	Patricia Kievlan	<u> </u>
(Vacant)	<u> </u>	Active Transportation	Joe Cutrufo	<u> </u>
James Brown	<u> </u>	Airport	Marcel Allen	<u> </u>
Hon. Joe Compian	<u> </u>	Regional Planning	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
Clint Harbert	<u> X </u>	METRO	Alan Clark	<u> X* </u>
Nancy Peron, P.E.	<u> X </u>	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.		TxDOT-Houston District	Jeffrey English, AICP	X
Wael Tabara, P.E.	X	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	
Natalie G. Lopez		Chambers County	Cory Taylor, P.E.	
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.	X	Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	
Michael Shannon, P.E.	X	Galveston County	Nancy Baher, P.E.	
Patrick Mandapaka, Ph.D, AICP	X	Harris County	Susan Fraser, P.E.	
Comm. Greg Arthur		Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	
Jason Smith		Montgomery County	Jean Mann	X
Ross McCall		Waller County	Luke Fortkamp	
Brant Gary		City of Baytown	Martin Scribner	
Greg Hall, Jr.		City of Conroe	Chuck Purvis	
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	X	City of Galveston	Brandon Cook	
Fabio Capillo	X	City of Houston	(Vacant)	
Christopher Sims		City of League City	Cara Davis	X
Marcus Snell	X	City of Missouri City	Joi Johnson	
Sarah Benavides		City of Pasadena	Mark Gardemal	
Lorenzo Wingate	X	City of Pearland	Rajendra Shrestha, P.E., CFM	
Melanie Beaman	X	City of Sugar Land	Sagnik "Nik" Raha, P.E.	
Kim Golden, P.E.		City of Texas City	Jack Haralson, P.E.	
	44	Total Voting Membership		
	28	Total Voting Membership Present		
	22	Required for Quorum		