

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, March 17, 2021
9:30 A.M., ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Trent Epperson, called the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting to order at 9:30 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 37 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

No Public Comments were received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Epperson called for comments or revisions regarding the minutes from the January 13, 2021 meeting.

Chairman Epperson entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the January 13, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Oni Blair and second motion for approval was made by Mr. Morad Kabiri. The Committee voted and the motion carried. The minutes were approved. There link is as follows:

<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/03172021-733/3/>

ELECTION OF 2021 TAC OFFICERS AND APPROVAL OF 2021 SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Ken Fickes presented to the Committee the 2021 TAC Officers and 2021 TAC Subcommittee memberships. Subcommittees to the TAC include the Transportation Improvement Program, Regional Transportation Plan, Pedestrian-Bicyclist, Regional Transit Coordination, Transportation Air Quality, and Transportation Systems Management and Operations Subcommittees.

Mr. Fickes named the slate of 2021 TAC Officers recommended by the Committee for election: Chair: Loyd Smith, 1st Vice Chair: Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński, and 2nd Vice Chair: Morad Kabiri.

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

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Mr. Fickes further described the election process for TAC Subcommittee membership to the above-mentioned subcommittees. A list of with the recommendations were presented and can also be found in the TAC Packet. Mr. Fickes also added that if there are any other nominations for vacancies listed to please submit to Patrick Mandapaka.

A motion to amend was made by Mr. Bruce Mann to include Mr. Mike Wilson as a Primary for the TIP Subcommittee. A second motion for approval was made by Oni Blair. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

Mr. Lingala presented on the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the amendments to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Staff requested recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval for the following amendments: 1) Program 4,712,000 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds on fourteen (14) Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) and Houston-Galveston Area Council projects funded with federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ). These federal funds for these projects were originally programmed during the development of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program; 2) Delay three (3) projects from the TIP into FY 2025 of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Ten-Year Transportation Plan (10Y) at the Texas Department of Transportation's request to fiscally constrain the 2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); 3) Move the FY 2021 Metro Regional Vanpool project, funded with federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, from the TIP into the Texas Department of Transportation's (TXDOT) Statewide Program for transit improvements (under a statewide Control-Section-Job number) at the TXDOT's request to fiscally constrain the 2021 STIP; and 4) Convert three Category-2 (Metropolitan and Urban Area Corridor) funded roadway widening projects on FM 1488, FM 2100 and FM 1097 from 100% state funding back to the originally programmed 80% federal and 20% funding at TXDOT's request.

Mr. Michael Shannon motioned for approval. A second motion was made by Mr. Robert Winiecke. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021-2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Ms. Neely Kim presented on the Amendments to the 2021-2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The 2021-2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the regional transportation plans and programs, and the transportation-related air quality planning activities that will be undertaken during fiscal years 2020 and 2021. Ms. Kim is seeking TPC approval of the following amendments by task and subtask to add Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds: 1) Task 3-Subtask 3.4a of the 2020-2021 UPWP includes a planning activity to conduct safety intersection studies at pilot intersection locations that have high crash density. An additional \$1M in STBG funds are proposed to be added to Task 3-Subtask 3.4a under FY 2021 of the UPWP to fund Safety Intersection Audits; 2) Task 4-Subtask 4.3b of the 2020-2021 UPWP includes a freight planning activity to update the Regional Goods Movement Plan. An additional \$1M in STBG funds are proposed to be added to Task 4-Subtask 4.3b under FY 2021 of the UPWP to update the Regional Goods Movement Plan; and 3) Task 4-Subtask 4.3c of the 2020-2021 UPWP includes three sub-regional studies: Montgomery County Precinct 2 Mobility Study, Liberty County Transportation Plan, and Southeast Harris County Sub-regional Study. An additional \$2.1M in STBG funds are proposed to be added to Task 4- subtask 4.3c under FY 2021 of the UPWP to provide support to the above planning projects. A summary table was also provided to show a summary of the funding allocated to various planning projects listed.

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Ms. Neely Kim presented on the development of the 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The 2021-2021 UPWP will end on September 30, 2021. H-GAC staff is working on the development of the 2022-2023 UPWP that will be presented to TAC and TPC during spring 2021 and will be submitted to TxDOT's review by summer 2021. Upon approval, the next UPWP will be implemented from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023. For further details on this agenda item, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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PROPOSED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS

Mr. Adam Beckom provided information on the Proposed Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Amendment Process. Mr. Beckom is proposing the RTP amendments to be included and implemented through the Public Participation Plan (PPP). Mr. Beckom also described the steps involved in the Proposed RTP Amendments Process based on the level of amendment. Changes to the RTP will be categorized as either an Administrative Modification or a TPC Amendment (Level 1 or Level 2) to help

define the expectations more clearly to H-GAC Staff. This item will be brought back to TAC for TPC Approval in May. For further details on this presentation, please click on the link below.

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REQUESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Vishu Lingala gave a brief overview of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and provided an update of requested amendments. The federal action on the transportation conformity determination for the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was received on August 2, 2019. TxDOT is requesting amendments to the 2045 RTP to add regionally significant projects shown in Attachment A that would require a new conformity determination. The list of projects was shown in the presentation and a list was also provided in the TAC Packet.

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AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY RESULTS

Ms. Graciela Lubertino provided an update on the summary of results from the latest air quality conformity analysis. To accommodate changes to project scopes and schedules, new conformity analyses are periodically performed. The transportation conformity determination for the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2019-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) received federal approval on August 2, 2019. Since that time H-GAC has taken action to amend the 2045 RTP and 2021-2024 (TIP). These significant project changes will require a new demonstration of air quality conformity and will increase the total expenditure of the 2045 RTP by approximately \$9 Billion. For further information on the results, please refer to the link below.

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PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. TIP Quarterly Update

Mr. Adam Beckom gave a brief review of the TIP Quarterly status. Mr. Beckom stated that no projects were let during the month of February, and the projects did not make letting and will have to be delayed in the Transportation Improvement Program. Staff is working with project

sponsors and will report back. A summary of programming for the February 2021 lettings was provided in the presentation and the TAC Packet.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Smith announced the following meetings and events:

- a. TAC Orientation, March 17, 8:30 a.m.
- b. Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee Meeting, March 11, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
- c. Greater Houston Freight Committee Meeting – March 18, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
- d. Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – March 25, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
- e. Next TPC Meeting – March 26, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- f. Transportation Safety Committee Meeting – March 30, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- g. Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee– April 7, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- h. Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee Meeting – April 8, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- i. Public meeting (RTP Amendments and Air Quality Conformity) – April 8, 2021, 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- j. Next TAC Meeting – April 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- k. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Subcommittee Meeting – April 14, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- l. Ped-Bike Subcommittee Meeting – April 15, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- m. Southeast Harris County Subregional Study Public Meeting - April 15, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
- n. Montgomery County Precinct 2 Mobility Study Public Meeting - April 22, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
- o. Clean Cities Meeting – April 28, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
- p. Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – April 29, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
- q. Liberty County Mobility Study Public Meeting - April 29, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:33 a.m.

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1st Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)
March 17, 2021, 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>
Trent Epperson	x	City of Pearland	Robert Upton	
Lloyd Smith	x	Harris County	Brannan Hicks	
Maureen Crocker	x	Planning	Megan Campbell	
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	x	Smaller Cities	Larry Buehler	x*
Ricardo Villagranda, CFM	x	Smaller Cities	Jorge Flores	
Sean Landis	x	Smaller Cities	Teresa Evans	
Perri D’Armond	x	Transit	Yvette Maldonado	
Ken Fickes	x	Transit	Vernon Chambers	x*
Ruthanne Haut	x	Transit	John Powers	
Carl Woodward	x	Environmental	Craig Maske	
Katherine Parker	x	Environmental	Dr. Carol Lewis	
David Fields	x	Planning	Katrina Bayer	
Faustino Benavidez, P.E.	x	Planning	Reynaldo Guerra, PhD	x*
Lisa Kocich-Meyer	x	Planning	Fabio Capillo	x*
Marlisa Briggs	x	Business Interests	Elijah Williams	x*
B.J. Simon	x	Business Interests	Stephanie Pizzoferrato	
Oni Blair	x	Citizens Interests	Jonathan Brooks	x*
Andrea French	x	Citizens Interests	Sherry Weesner, P.E.	x*
Bruce Mann	x	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	
Michael Wilson	x	Ports	Brett Milutin	
Peter Key	x	Toll Road	Vacant	
Jimmy Thompson		Toll Road	Vacant	
Ana Ramirez-Huerta	x	Active Transportation	Catherine McCreight	x*
Veronica Chapa Gorczynski	x	Active Transportation	Joe Cutrufo	
Bill Zrioka	x	Airport	David Leslie	
Jeff Taebel	x	Regional Planning	Meagan Coughlin	
Clint Harbert	x	METRO	Priya Zachariah	x*
Adam Jack, P.E.		TxDOT-Beaumont District	Scott Ayers, P.E.	
James W. Koch, P.E.	x	TxDOT-Houston District	Andrew C. Mao, P.E.	x*

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TAC Meeting Packet – 4/14/21

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
Matt Hanks, P.E.	_____	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	x
Cory Taylor, P.E.	_____	Chambers County	Billy Combs, 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.	_____
David Douglas	_____	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	_____
Jeff Johnson, P.E.	x	Montgomery County	Brian Clark, P.E.	x*
Yancy Scott, P.E.	x	Waller County	Jared Chen	_____
Nick Woolery	_____	City of Baytown	Frank Simoneaux	_____
Adam France	x	City of Conroe	Chris Bogert, P.E.	_____
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	x	City of Galveston	Daniel Christodoss, P.E.	_____
Veronica O. Davis	x	City of Houston	David Wurdlow	x*
Christopher Sims	_____	City of League City	Hon. Chad Tressler	_____
Shashi Kumar	_____	City of Missouri City	Vacant	_____
Robin Green, P.E.	_____	City of Pasadena	Sarah Benavides, P.E.	_____
Monique Johnson, AICP	x	City of Sugar Land	Rick Ramirez, P.E.	_____
Doug Kneupper, P.E.	x	City of Texas City	(Vacant)	_____
	44	Total Voting Membership		
	37	Total Voting Membership		
	22	Present		
		Required for Quorum		