

4. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, July 14, 2021
9:30 A.M., ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Loyd Smith, 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 39 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 written Public Comments were received.

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

<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/07142021-702/3/>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Smith called for comments or revisions regarding the minutes from the June 16, 2021 meeting.

Chairman Smith entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the June 16, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Bruce Mann and second motion for approval was made by Mr. Michael Shannon. The Committee voted and the motion carried. The minutes were approved.

A link to the audio recording is available at:

<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/07142021-702/4/>

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

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented on the amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Staff sought TAC Recommendation for TPC of Resolution No. 2021-21 which included the following amendments:

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- Delay the TXDOT Houston District SH 146 widening project (MPOID 468/CSJ 0389-06-088) in Galveston County from FY 2022 to FY 2023 due to engineering and permitting issues.
- Advance the TXDOT Houston District SH 105 widening project (MPOID 10125/CSJ 0389-06-088) in Montgomery County from FY 2023 to FY 2022 to take advantage of its early state of readiness.
- Combine two (2) Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) vanpool program years, (MPOID 11760/CSJ 0912-00-600 and MPOID 17135/CSJ 0912-00-563) with federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funding into one project to improve administrative efficiencies. Total funding \$3.65M with 730K TDCs as match.
- Program an additional \$2,068,000 (Federal \$1.0M/Local \$1.0M) of Category-7 funding on the right-of-way (MPOID 17108/CSJ 0912-31-304) and construction (MPOID 17109/MPOID 0912-31-304) phases of the Brazoria County Road 58 widening project to cover additional costs caused by increased land value, improved drainage design and materials costs. Delay from FY 2021 to FY 2022.
- Program an additional \$5,999,000 (\$3.0M Federal/\$3.0M Local) of Category-7 funding on the right-of-way (MPOID 17106/CSJ 0912-31-305) and construction (MPOID 12760/CSJ 0912-31-305) phases of the Brazoria County Road 59 widening project to cover additional costs caused by increased land value, improved drainage design and materials costs. Delay from FY 2021 to FY 2022.
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District FM 1960 intersections improvements project (MPOID 14173/CSJ 1685-01-090) in Harris County from FY 2021 to FY 2022 due to delays in utility adjustments and obtaining a railroad permit.
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District FM 1960 intersection improvements project (MPOID 17051/CSJ 1685-01-092) in Harris County from FY 2021 to FY 2022 due to delays in utility adjustments.
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District FM 1960 intersection improvements project (MPOID 17088/CSJ 1685-01-088) in Harris County from FY 2022 to FY 2024 to coordinate the sequencing of other project completions in the corridor.
- Delay the TXDOT Houston District SH 288 grade separation construction project (MPOID 18401/CSJ 0598-02-111) in Brazoria County from FY 2022 to FY 2023 in order to complete the coordination of construction of a sound wall.
- Program \$23M (Federal \$7,701,113/State \$15,325,278) of Category-10 (Supplement Transportation Projects) funds on two (2) Texas Department of Transportation Houston District SH 87/Galveston Ferry projects for vessel mechanical upgrades (MPOID 18765/CSJ 0912-73-220) and construction of a parking garage (MPOID 18766/CSJ 0367-06-066) in FY 2022 of the TIP.
- Amend project information on 34 transit projects sponsored by METRO, currently included in the 2045 RTP as shown in Attachment C.
- Add 12 new projects sponsored by METRO to the 2045 RTP as shown in Attachment C. These projects are exempt from the Air Quality Conformity Determination.

A motion was made by Mr. Matt Hanks and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. Trent Epperson. 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/07142021-702/5/>

REQUESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION

Mr. Craig Raborn presented on the amendments to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and the Air Quality Conformity Determination and requested TAC recommendation for TPC approval of major amendments to the 2045 RTP.

Mr. Raborn stated that these amendments were being presented to the Committee for further discussion as recommended by Committee Members. The four facilities discussed were IH 10W (Inner Katy), IH 610W Express Lanes, Hempstead Road, and SH 35. Mr. Raborn further described the potential impacts to the RTP amendment process due to the Federal Highway Administration's "Pause" letter to TxDOT on the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP), and TxDOT Draft 2022 Unified Transportation Program.

Mr. Raborn presented updated Staff Recommendations of requested amendments to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and the Air Quality Conformity Determination. Mr. Raborn also described the proposed Planning, Readiness and Predevelopment Program, and next steps in the process. Staff requested recommendation for Transportation Policy Council (TPC) approval, and recommended TPC instruct staff to develop the Planning, Readiness and Predevelopment Program, and then to expedite and pilot the program with projects requested on the four facilities brought back for discussion. Chairman Smith invited discussion on this item.

Mr. Trent Epperson made a motion to approve staff recommendations and TPC instruct staff to develop the Planning, Readiness and Predevelopment Program, and to expedite and pilot the program with projects requested on the four facilities (IH 10W (Inner Katy), IH 610W Express Lanes, Hempstead Road, and SH 35). A second motion was made Mr. Jonathan Brooks.

Before the Committee voted, Mr. Bruce Mann with Port of Houston requested to hear TxDOT recommendations. Mr. James Koch explained to the Committee that TxDOT would like to revert to the original motion in the June TAC Meeting to move the projects into the 2045 RTP and have a roll call vote on each of the listed recommendations.

Chairman Smith requested clarification if a substitute motion was needed. Mr. Koch then requested if staff could provide the spreadsheet of previous recommendations from June TAC Meeting to clarify the substitute motion. Mr. Koch gave a brief overview of the spreadsheet with the four listed projects. After the overview, Committee Members made further inquiry on the request for a substitute motion.

Mr. David Fields with the City of Houston suggested that a friendly amendment to the motion may be needed to include the planning study for the four projects.

Mr. Koch motioned to amend staff recommendations and keep items on the plan in the case of Hempstead and alter the analysis plan in the year. Please see spreadsheet with green columns highlighted in

presentation. Additionally, Mr. Koch explained that TxDOT will not have resources or funds to support the planning studies suggested by Staff. Mr. Koch made the motion to keep the Fiscal Year and Analysis Year as listed on the spreadsheet and add them to the current RTP. A second was made by Ms. Ana Ramirez-Huerta.

Chairman Smith gave further clarification to the Committee that the vote will consider the full bundle listed on the spreadsheet. Chairman Smith also explained that the motion is to replace the motion Trent made earlier and to move forward with Mr. Koch's recommendations listed on the spreadsheet. Chairman Smith then asked Staff to take a roll call vote on the motion made by Mr. Koch. The roll call vote was taken, and the motion did not pass.

Chairman Smith called for a roll call vote on Mr. Epperson's motion in support of staff recommendations. Before the vote was taken, Mr. Koch asked if an amendment to the motion could be made to withdraw the request for RTP amendment on the Hempstead Road project. Mr. Koch's request was granted to withdraw the project from the motion. Chairman Smith asked Staff for a roll call vote. The roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed to approve staff recommendations.

Chairman Smith asked Mr. Raborn to describe the next steps in the process to Committee Members. Mr. Raborn reiterated that the recommendation will be presented to the TPC for approval and instruct staff to develop the Planning, Readiness and Predevelopment Program and then expedite and pilot the program with projects requested on the three facilities (IH 10W (Inner Katy), IH 610W Express Lanes, and SH 35).

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CALL FOR PROJECTS

Due to the time constraint, this item was not presented.

TITLE VI AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PLANNING

Mr. Ayo Jibowu gave an overview of Title VI and Environmental Justice Planning. The Title VI of the Civil Rights Act is intended to prevent discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. Staff is in the process of updating the Title VI program document in preparation for the October 2021 submittal deadline. A public comment period was opened to solicit public feedback on the H-GAC Title VI program from July 12, 2021 to August 11, 2021. A public meeting was also scheduled on July 22, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/07142021-702/7/>

PEARLAND TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Due to the time constraint, this item was not presented.

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Administrative Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickinson presented information on the administrative amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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B. Future Amendments to the 2021-2024 TIP and 2045 RTP

Mr. Jim Dickinson gave a brief overview of Future Amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

For Information Only. No action needed.

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C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE 2022 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP)

Mr. Adam Beckom gave an overview of the Unified Transportation Program (UTP). In July 2021, The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will release the draft 2022 UTP, for public review and comment. Staff reviewed the draft document to analyze the potential financial impact of any changes in federal allocations. Staff is reviewing the UTP to ensure consistency with the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), 10-Year Plan, and the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The UTP identifies anticipated funding levels for FY 2022 to FY 2031. Allocations are listed for all 12 TxDOT funding categories. Please see presentation and TAC Packet for further details on this item. Additional information on the UTP and the funding categories is available at the following website: <https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/unified-transportation-program.html>

For Information Only. No action needed.

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D. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Mr. Alan Rodenstein gave a summary of Legislative updates.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Smith announced the following meetings and events:

- a. Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee Meeting – July 8, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- b. Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee Meeting – July 14, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- c. Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee Meeting – July 15, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- d. UPWP and Environmental Justice Planning Public Meeting – July 22, 2021, 2:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- e. Next TPC Meeting – July 23, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- f. Clean Cities Coalition Meeting – July 28, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
- g. Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – July 29, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
- h. Transportation Air Quality Subcommittee Meeting – August 4, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
- i. Transportation Systems Management and Operations Subcommittee Meeting – August 5, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
- j. Next TAC Meeting – August 18, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:56 a.m.

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1st Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)

July 14, 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>
<i>Chair</i>				
Loyd Smith, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Harris County	Brannan Hicks	<u> </u>
1 st Vice Chair				
Veronica Chapa Gorczynski	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Joe Cutrufo	<u> </u>
2 nd Vice Chair				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Vacant	<u> </u>
Ricardo Villagrand, CFM	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Jorge Flores	<u> </u>
Sean Landis	<u> </u>	Smaller Cities	Teresa Evans	<u> </u>
Perri D’Armond	<u> </u>	Transit	Yvette Maldonado	<u> </u>
Ken Fickes	<u>X</u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	<u> </u>
Ruthanne Haut	<u>X</u>	Transit	John Powers	<u> </u>
Carl Woodward	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Craig Maske	<u> </u>
Katherine Parker	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Dr. Carol Lewis	<u> </u>
David Fields	<u>X</u>	Planning	Katrina Bayer	<u> </u>
Faustino Benavidez, P.E.	<u> </u>	Planning	Reynaldo Guerra, PhD	<u>X</u>
Lisa Kocich-Meyer	<u> </u>	Planning	Fabio Capillo	<u>X</u>
Marlisa Briggs	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	Elijah Williams	<u> </u>
B.J. Simon	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	Stephanie Pizzoferrato	<u> </u>
Vacant	<u> </u>	Citizens Interests	Jonathan Brooks	<u>X</u>
			Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u> </u>
Andrea French	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Rohit Saxena	<u> </u>
Bruce Mann	<u>X</u>	Port of Houston	Brett Milutin	<u>X</u>
Michael Wilson	<u> </u>	Port Freeport	Dr. David Abraham	<u> </u>
Heather Jinkins Cantu	<u>X</u>	Toll Road	Vacant	<u> </u>
Jimmy Thompson	<u> </u>	Toll Road	Catherine McCreight	<u> </u>
Ana Ramirez-Huerta	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Vacant	<u> </u>
Bill Zrioka	<u>X</u>	Airport	Meagan Coughlin	<u> </u>
Jeff Taebel	<u>X</u>	Regional Planning	Priya Zachariah	<u> </u>
Clint Harbert	<u>X</u>	METRO	Scott Ayers, P.E.	<u> </u>
Adam Jack, P.E.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Beaumont District		<u> </u>

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<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
James W. Koch, P.E.	X	TxDOT-Houston District	Andrew C. Mao, P.E.	
Matt Hanks, P.E.	X	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	
Cory Taylor, P.E.		Chambers County	Billy Combs, P.E.	X
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.	
Yancy Scott, P.E.		Waller County	Jared Chen	X
Nick Woolery	X	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, P.E.	X	City of Houston	David Wurdlow	
Christopher Sims		City of League City	Hon. Chad Tressler	
Todd Hoover	X	City of Missouri City	Shashi Kumar	
Robin Green, P.E.		City of Pasadena	Sarah Benavides, P.E.	
Trent Epperson	X	City of Pearland	Robert Upton, P.E.	
Monique Johnson	X	City of Sugar Land	Rick Ramirez, P.E.	
Doug Kneupper, P.E.		City of Texas City	(Vacant)	
	<u>44</u>	Total Voting Membership		
	<u>37</u>	Total Voting Membership Present		
	<u>22</u>	Required for Quorum		

Ex Officio:

Roger E. Rees _____ Port of Galveston