

**4. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, June 16, 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 36 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 Smith called for comments or revisions regarding the minutes from the May 19, 2021 meeting.

Chairman Smith entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the May 19, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Ken Fickes and second motion for approval was made by Mr. Bruce Mann. 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/06162021-1490/3/>

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. 2021-18 which included the following amendments:

- Combine two (2) adjoining segments of access management treatments on FM 2920 in Harris County at the Texas Department of Transportation Houston District's request. The overall cost, limits and schedule will be unchanged.
- Program the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) Emergency and Community Services (ECS) Center construction project in fiscal year 2022 of the TIP with a \$5.9M Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Emergency Relief Resilience Program (Chapter 53, Section 5324) grant. The federal funding was awarded as a result of losses sustained during Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

- Program the METRO Missouri City Park & Ride construction project in fiscal year 2022 of the TIP with \$37M of local funding. The project, which was approved by voters in the METRONext transit plan in 2019, will construct a new facility at a location close to the intersection of Beltway 8 and US 90A.
- Program four (4) METRO Bus Operations Optimized Systems Treatment (BOOST) projects in fiscal years 2022 and 2024 of the TIP with \$145M of local funding. The projects, which will improve transit service on seventeen (17) high frequency routes in the system, will include all phases, right-of-way acquisition, environmental planning, design, and construction. The BOOST program was approved by voters in the METRONext plan in 2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Morad Kabiri and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. Mike Wilson. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS  
REQUEST TAC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TPC APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-18**

Mr. Alan Rodenstein presented on the Public Transportation Agency Safety Performance Measures and Targets. H-GAC is required to set regional targets by June 30, 2021. H-GAC, consistent with FTA guidelines, divides transit agencies into two reporting tiers to develop aggregate targets. Public Transportation Safety Measures, Benchmarks and Targets were provided in the TAC Packet. The transit safety information is available on Page B-43 at the following link [Performance Measures - System Evaluation Report](#). Staff requested TAC recommendation of TPC approval of Resolution No. 2021-19.

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

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

7A. Mr. Vishu Lingala presented an overview of the requested amendments to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity. This item was presented for information only. The request for amendments were made by TxDOT and METRO. A list of projects with a map was provided in the TAC Packet for the Committees' review. Mr. Lingala briefly reiterated that two public comment periods were conducted to receive public comments. Through both public comment periods, H-GAC received a total of 141 through online comment submission forms, email, and direct mail. A summary of all comments received and all submitted comments can be viewed at <https://www.h-gac.com/regional-transportation-plan/submitted-public-comments> and letters submitted can be viewed at [public comments page](#).

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7B and 7C. Mr. Craig Raborn presented on evaluation criteria for the amendments to the 2045 RTP. The draft recommendations for the 2045 RTP amendments was presented. The recommendations show a list of proposed amendments recommended for approval, and other amendments recommended for approval with conditions. Mr. Raborn further explained that air quality conformity would have to be re-evaluated, requiring additional time to submit for federal review. Please see TAC Packet for details of listed projects.

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Mr. Raborn presented the information included in the revised item 7C sent on June 15, 2021. The presentation included staff recommendations for four major amendments (SH35, Hempstead Road, IH 610 W, and IH 10W/Inner Katy Corridor) to the 2045 RTP recommended to the Committee. Out of those projects, one project (SH 35) was recommended by staff for approval and the remaining three projects were recommended by staff to not to amend (study and consider for 2050RTP). Mr. Raborn invited discussion on the presented items. Mr. Raborn requested that TAC review and approve each recommendation for TPC action individually at the level of each facility.

Mr. Trent Epperson with the City of Pearland, recommended SH35 to be included in the planning studies and to be added to the 2050 RTP. Additionally, Mr. Epperson suggested that first the hearings/conversations should continue before making considerations to address public concerns and obtain accurate growth population. Mr. Epperson concluded that current road capacity issues and congestion in the area needed to be a priority over the SH35 project.

Mr. James Koch with TxDOT, provided further comment on the proposed amendments and requested for the amendments to be kept in tandem for approval, so that future planning would not be impacted within those corridors. Mr. Koch gave further explanation for his support of the proposed amendments on the projects listed in the presentation.

Mr. Clint Harbert with METRO, commented on the I10W/Inner Katy Corridor amendment. Mr. Harbert stated that the project has been moving forward and that METRO has been actively coordinating with TxDOT and other stakeholders. Mr. Harbert further remarked that the project was approved by TPC through the 2018 Call for Projects. METRO could move forward independently on this project without any delays.

Mr. Koch moved to make a motion to amend the recommendation to include the four corridors moving forward into the 2050 RTP. A second motion was made by Mr. Adam Jack, however after the second motion, Mr. Bruce Mann asked for additional clarification before a final decision was made by the Committee.

Mr. Epperson reiterated that his recommendation was for SH35 be included in the planning studies and be added to the 2050 RTP.

Mr. David Fields, Chief Transportation Planner for the City of Houston, supported to conduct initial planning work to study those corridors under the staff recommendation. Mr. Fields added that he concurs with Mr. Epperson's view on creating a purpose and needs statement on corridors under the request. Mr. Fields requested that the Committee not to approve the motion on the table and consider Trent's anticipated motion to make all four studies and reconsider them for RTP. For further review of this item, please click on the link below.

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Mr. Koch reiterated that TxDOT is looking to continued conversations on the corridors to move the process forward. Additionally, Mr. Koch added that independent studies outside the TxDOT process may create a disconnect between the independent study and TxDOT's process. Mr. Koch had hesitancy on the recommendation of an independent study and asked Committee to approve modified amendments as requested.

Mr. Bruce Mann made a motion for the approval of staff recommendations under item 7B as presented and projects listed as conditional approval. A second was made by Mr. Adam Jack. Committee voted and the motion carried on Item 7B.

Mr. Bruce Mann made a motion and asked that the Committee table action on all four projects under item 7C and bring back to the next TAC Meeting, for continued discussion on these issues.

Chairman Smith entertained the motion and asked the Committee if there was a second in favor of tabling all four studies. A second was made by Dr. David Abraham. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

Chairman Smith asked if there were any objections to the vote. The Committee responded and there were objections to the motion. Chairman Smith asked staff to take roll call vote for those in favor of tabling all four studies to the next TAC Meeting and those opposing the motion in tabling the four amendments to the next TAC Meeting.

A roll call vote was made by staff and there were 18 votes to table all four studies to the next TAC Meeting and there were 14 who opposed the motion to table the four studies to the next TAC Meeting.

The motion was adopted to table action on the four project amendments under item 7C and consider at the next TAC Meeting in July.

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#### DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Ms. Neely Kim provided an updated on the development of the 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program. In March of 2021, H-GAC requested for UPWP planning project proposals from eligible entities in the region, and this call for project proposals was closed on April 8, 2021. This request for projects resulted in 17 planning proposal submissions by various local governments and other agencies within the region. The planning proposals were evaluated by H-GAC staff and selected projects were included in the draft of the 2022-2023 UPWP along with other planning activities underway or planned in the region. Staff is providing information and requesting review and comments on the draft 2022-2023 UPWP document available at the following website:  
[hgac.com/unified-planning-work-program](https://hgac.com/unified-planning-work-program).

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/06162021-1490/7/>

PEARLAND TRANSIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PLAN

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. The following administrative modifications to the following projects were listed:

- Change the sponsor of twenty-three (23) TIP projects from the ‘Gulf Coast Center’ to the ‘Gulf Coast Transit District’ in compliance with the March 1, 2021 Federal Transit Administration approval of the Gulf Coast Transit District as a Region-VI direct recipient.
- Delay the Downtown Management District’s Downtown Houston Sidewalk Improvement project (MPO ID 15321/CSJ 0912-72-390) from FY 2021 to FY 2022 at the District’s request.
- Assign TXDOT Control-Section-Job (CSJ) numbers to seven (7) federally funded METRO and Greater Southeast Management District projects.

Please see TAC Meeting Packet for the summary table and further details on this item.

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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). The Future Amendments were as follows:

- 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.
- Program an additional \$255K (Federal \$204K/Local \$51K) of Category-7 funding on the City of Pearland Smith Ranch Road widening project (MPOID 11654/CSJ 0912-31-293) to cover increased Right-of-Way costs caused by programming delays. 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.

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- 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.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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- C. Legislative Updates  
Due to time constraints, this item was not presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Smith announced the following meetings and events:

- a. Pedestrian-Bicyclist Subcommittee Meeting – June 17, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
- b. Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee – June 24, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
- c. Transportation Safety Committee Meeting – June 29, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- d. Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee Meeting – July 7, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

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- e. Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee Meeting – July 8, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- f. Next TAC Meeting – July 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- g. Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee Meeting – July 14, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- h. Next TPC Meeting – July 23, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:41 a.m.

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)**

**June 16, 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair				
Veronica Chapa Gorczynski	<u>                    </u>	Active Transportation	Joe Cutrufo	<u>X</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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>X</u>	Transit	Yvette Maldonado	<u>                    </u>
Ken Fickes	<u>X</u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	<u>X*</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>X</u>	Planning	Fabio Capillo	<u>X*</u>
Marlisa Briggs	<u>X</u>	Business Interests	Elijah Williams	<u>X*</u>
B.J. Simon	<u>                    </u>	Business Interests	Stephanie Pizzoferrato	<u>                    </u>
Vacant	<u>                    </u>	Citizens Interests	Jonathan Brooks	<u>                    </u>
			Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u>X*</u>
Andrea French	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	Rohit Saxena	<u>                    </u>
Bruce Mann	<u>X</u>	Port of Houston	Brett Milutin	<u>                    </u>
Michael Wilson	<u>X</u>	Port Freeport	Dr. David Abraham	<u>X</u>
Heather Jinkins Cantu	<u>                    </u>	Toll Road	Vacant	<u>                    </u>
Jimmy Thompson	<u>                    </u>	Toll Road	Catherine McCreight	<u>X*</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>



