

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, January 13, 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 35 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 November 18, 2020 meeting.

Chairman Epperson entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the November 18, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Bruce Mann 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/01132021-737/3/>

APPOINTMENT OF THE 2021 TAC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Mandapaka presented to the Committee the 2021 TAC Nominating Committee appointed by Chair Epperson. The 2021 Nominating Committee members are: Ken Fickes (Chair), Harris County Transit; Matt Hanks, Brazoria County; Perri D'Armond, Fort Bend County Transit; Oni Blair, Link Houston; and Yancy Scott, Waller County. TAC ratified the appointment of the 2021 TAC Nominating Committee.

A slide presentation and audio recording of all presentations are available on the TAC website at:

<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01132021-737/4/>

6A. 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 the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County's (Metro) Regional Transit Fare Collection System Implementation project in FY 2021 of the TIP with Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program funding; 2) Program the City of Galveston's (Island Transit) FY 2020 Coordinated Call for Projects Fleet Replacement Program award in FY 2021 of the TIP. The Texas Department of Transportation's Public Transportation Division flexed Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funding into the Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program. The program

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requested projects to replace fleet vehicles or assist in keeping current capital in a state of good repair for Urban Transit Districts; 3) Program 20,000 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds on the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Multimodal Network Connectivity Pilot Studies project. The Federal Highway Administration awarded \$100,000 from the Highway Research and Development Program; and 4) Program \$200,000 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocation of FTA Section 5307 funding from the Texas Department of Transportation's Governor's Apportionment for construction expenditures on the Lake Jackson Transit Maintenance Facility. All attachments are included in the mailout packet.

6B. CHANGES DUE TO THE 2021-2024 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) FISCAL CONSTRAINT AND AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021 TIP AND 2045 RTP

Mr. Lingala further presented on the changes due to 2021-2024 STIP fiscal constraints and amendments to the 2021 TIP and 2045 RTP. The Staff requested recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval for the following amendments: 1) Administratively amend the projects listed in Attachment - A – Information Only to move between fiscal years within the 2021 TIP; 2) Removal of projects listed in Attachment – B – Information Only. Project LET since the adoption of 2021 TIP. Summary of funding by category is provided in Table 1; 3) Attachment C – List of TPC amendments to remove group eligible project from 2021 TIP as they are not required to be listed in TIP after they are grouped. Summary of funding by category is provided in Table 2; 4) Attachment D – List of TPC amendments to delay projects from 2021 TIP to the 10-Year Plan and add MPO ID 263 and 18048 to the TIP. Summary of funding by category of projects delayed out of the TIP and projects being added to the TIP is provided in Table 3 and Table 4 respectively; and 5) Additional changes to the STIP were identified by staff to include replacement of \$2,000,000 of local matching funds on the Houston-Galveston Area Council's FY 2021-2022 Clean Vehicles Program with 1,600,000 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) to support federal CMAQ funds of \$8,000,000. The TDC application is attached in the item. All attachments and Resolutions (2021-2 and 2021-3) are included in the mailout packet.

Mr. Mike Wilson motioned for approval. A second motion was made by Mr. Bruce Mann. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01132021-737/6/>

AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Ms. Francis Rodriguez presented on the amendments to the Public Participation Plan (PPP). This item was brought to the Committee as an information in January. Staff is now requesting for TAC recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval for the following amendments to the PPP: 1) Virtual Engagement; 2) New deadline for written comments for Transportation Policy Council Meetings; and 3) Updated contact information.

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

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01132021-737/7/>

AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Ms. Neely Kim presented on approval of amendments to the 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Ms. Kim discussed that H-GAC will be obligating TxDOT workorder funds to Task 3 to cover UPWP FY 2021 activities. Ms. Kim provided a summary to show the proposed changes of obligated funds, reprogramming of funds, and de-obligation of funds. For further details, click on the link below.

Mr. Larry Buehler motioned for approval. A second motion was made by Mike Wilson. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01132021-737/8/>

UPDATE ON SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS

Mr. Stephan Gage gave an update on Safety Performance Measures and Targets. In 2020, the Texas Department of Transportation changed the methodology it uses to set its safety performance measure targets. The new State methodology uses 5-year rolling averages to set the targets for State safety performance measures. H-GAC has adopted this methodology and calculated the regional safety performance measure targets. H-GAC's methodology uses Texas Department of Transportation Crash Record Information System data from 2016 to 2020 to calculate a 5-year rolling average for the 2021 targets.

The 2021 H-GAC safety performance measure targets must be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation by February 26, 2021. Mr. Gage also provided tables to show targets for 2021, calculations of H-GAC 2021 safety performance measure targets, and the State's 2021 Safety Performance Measure Targets.

For Information Only. No action needed.

A slide presentation and audio recording of all presentations are available on the TAC website at:
<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01132021-737/9/>

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Mr. Alan Rodenstein gave an update of public comments on the Congestion Management Process (CMP). Mr. Rodenstein stated that 115 + comments have been received in all venues (online meeting, website, and email) as of January 5, 2021. Additional comments may be received by the January 7 deadline. Once the public comment period closes, a summary of comments will be uploaded at the above [website](#). Comments regarding the plan have requested relatively limited changes in the document. Staff will address each comment while working to make final edits to the document. Staff will present revised CMP for approval at the TAC and TPC meetings in February.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01132021-737/10/>

PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. TIP Quarterly Update

Mr. Adam Beckom gave a brief review of the TIP Quarterly status. Mr. Beckom stated that H-GAC staff is reinitiating the TIP quarterly status review and this effort will be implemented in a two-phased approach.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01132021-737/11/>

B. Update on Regional Strategic Transportation Fund

Mr. Beckom gave a brief update on the Regional Strategic Transportation Fund (STIP). Mr. Beckom mentioned that H-GAC staff is now looking for local project sponsors that would like to participate in the Regional Strategic Transportation Fund process. Eligible projects would be fully funded and matched with TDCs. Project sponsors would then contribute 10% of the total project costs to the

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Regional Strategic Transportation Fund. Additional steps are provided in the mailout packet to contribute to the Regional Strategic Transportation Fund.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01132021-737/11/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Epperson announced the following meetings and events:

- a. Regional Transportation Plan Meeting – January 13, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- b. Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee Meeting – January 14, 9:30 a.m.
- c. Pedestrian and Bicyclist Subcommittee Meeting – January 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- d. Next TPC Meeting – January 22, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- e. Clean Cities Coalition Quarterly Meeting – January 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
- f. Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – January 28, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
- g. Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee Meeting – February 3, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- h. Transportation Systems and Management Operations Subcommittee Meeting – February 4, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
- i. Next TAC Meeting - February 17, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Epperson adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 10:25 a.m.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01132021-737/12/>

1st Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)

January 13, 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>
<u><i>Chair</i></u>				
Trent Epperson	<u>x</u>	City of Pearland	Robert Upton	<u></u>
1 st Vice Chair				
Lloyd Smith	<u>x</u>	Harris County	Brannan Hicks	<u></u>
<u><i>2nd Vice Chair</i></u>				
Maureen Crocker	<u></u>	Planning	Megan Campbell	<u></u>
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u>x</u>	Smaller Cities	Ricardo Villagrand	<u></u>
Melissa Lanier	<u>x</u>	Smaller Cities	Bobby Pennington	<u></u>
Larry Buehler	<u>x</u>	Smaller Cities	Sean Landis	<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>
Bakeyah Nelson	<u>x</u>	Environmental	Milton Rahman	<u></u>
Rebecca Reyna	<u>x</u>	Environmental	Dinah Massie	<u>*x</u>
Dr. Carol Lewis	<u></u>	Planning	Katherine Parker	<u>x</u>
Jennifer Ostlind	<u></u>	Planning	Sharon Moses-Burnside	<u>x</u>
(Vacant)	<u></u>	Business Interests	Elijah Williams	<u>x</u>
Bob Eury	<u></u>	Business Interests	Stephanie Pizzoferrato	<u></u>
Oni Blair	<u>x</u>	Citizens Interests	Jonathan Brooks	<u>*x</u>
Andrea French	<u>x</u>	Citizens Interests	Theresa Rodriguez	<u></u>
Bruce Mann	<u>x</u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	<u></u>
Michael Wilson	<u>x</u>	Ports	Richard Zientek	<u></u>
John Tyler	<u>x</u>	Toll Road	Dale Hilliard	<u></u>
Jimmy Thompson	<u></u>	Toll Road	Kent Burkett	<u>x</u>
Ana Ramirez-Huerta	<u>x</u>	Active Transportation	Catherine McCreight	<u>*x</u>
Veronica Chapa Gorczynski	<u>x</u>	Active Transportation	Vacant	<u></u>
Bill Zrioka	<u>x</u>	Airport	Juan Chavira, P.E.	<u></u>
Jeff Taebel	<u></u>	Regional Planning	Meagan Coughlin	<u>x</u>
Clint Harbert	<u></u>	METRO	Priya Zachariah	<u>x</u>
Adam Jack, P.E.	<u>x</u>	TxDOT-Beaumont District	Scott Ayers, P.E.	<u></u>
James W. Koch, P.E.	<u>x</u>	TxDOT-Houston District	Andrew C. Mao, P.E.	<u>*x</u>
Matt Hanks, P.E.	<u></u>	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	<u></u>

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<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
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	x	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	
Jeff Johnson, P.E.	x	Montgomery County	Brian Clark, P.E.	*x
Yancy Scott, P.E.		Waller County	Jared Chen	
Nick Woolery	x	City of Baytown	Frank Simoneaux	
Adam France		City of Conroe	Chris Bogert, P.E.	
(Vacant)		City of Galveston	Daniel Christodoss, P.E.	
(Vacant)		City of Houston	David Wurdlow	
Christopher Sims	x	City of League City	Hon. Chad Tressler	
Clifford Brouhard		City of Missouri City	Shashi Kumar	
Sarah Benavides, P.E.	x	City of Pasadena	Robin Green, 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		
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	22	Present		
		Required for Quorum		