

MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, April 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 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

Ms. Neely Kim addressed the Transportation Advisory Committee on public comments submitted by email or correspondence. The public comments received were summarized and read into the record by Ms. Kim.

The public comments submitted by email or correspondence can be viewed here:

<https://h-gac.com/getmedia/0fb4f20a-0d10-4e6c-a06d-885dadd45c8a/TAC-Public-Comments-April-2021.pdf>

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

<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04142021-1124/3/>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Smith called for comments or revisions regarding the minutes from the March 17, 2021 meeting.

Chairman Smith entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the March 17, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Morad Kabiri and second motion for approval was made by Ms. Perri D'Armond. 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/04142021-1124/4/>

APPROVAL OF TAC EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Chairman Smith made a nomination for TAC approval on the on-going appointment of Ex-Officio Member, Mr. Rodger Rees, Executive Director of the Port of Galveston to the 2021 TAC Membership.

A motion was made by Mr. Morad Kabiri and a second motion for approval was made by Adam France. 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/04142021-1124/5/>

APPROVAL OF CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Mr. Alan Rodenstein presented on an update to the Congestion Management Process. The purpose of the update was to produce an improved document that explains the way congestion is currently managed by the MPO. This update was provided for review and comment in the 45-day public comment period from November 23, 2020 to January 7, 2021. An online public meeting was held on December 3, 2020. Seventy-three comments were received in all venues (online meeting, website, and email). A summary of comments are available on our [website](#). Staff incorporated most changes requested by the public and requested recommendation to the TAC for TPC approval of Resolution 2021-12.

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

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04142021-1124/6/>

RESOLUTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF MAY AS BICYCLE MONTH

Ms. Susan Jaworski presented on information on the recognition of May as Bicycle Month. Staff will conduct and support Bike Month activities to include a regional kick-off webinar and a closing ceremony; free online Bicycling Education Safety classes; marketing materials for the employers and others in the region, and more. The adoption of Resolution 2021-13 recognizes May as Bike Month in the Houston-Galveston region. It also celebrates the efforts H-GAC and its member governments have undertaken to make biking safe, convenient, and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities.

Mr. Jonathan Brooks motioned for approval. A second motion was made by Mr. Joe Cutrufo. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04142021-1124/7/>

APPROVAL OF FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE RTP AMENDMENT PROCESS

Mr. Adam Beckom presented on the framework for regional transportation plan amendments and requested TAC recommendation of the TPC approval of the framework and to direct staff to work with the RTP and TIP subcommittees on a comprehensive amendment process. The current H-GAC process for RTP amendments is not clearly defined and relies heavily on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment process to provide precedence. Over the last few months staff has created a draft framework of the RTP amendment process to be used toward the development of a comprehensive amendment process. The description of the proposed RTP amendments were provided in the TAC Packet. To view this presentation, please click on the link below:

Ms. Catherine McCreight motioned for approval. A second motion was made by Mr. Morad Kabiri. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/04142021-1124/8/>

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AMENDMENTS TO 2045 RTP AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY

Mr. Vishu Lingala gave an update on the public comments received on the 2045 RTP Amendments and Air Quality Conformity. H-GAC received first round of public comments in December 2020 with virtual public meetings held on December 3, 2020. The second public comment period opened on March 26, 2021 and closed on April 28, 2021. The second round of virtual public meetings occurred on April 8, 2021 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to present information on the requested amendments and the associated air quality conformity. To review proposed amendment materials, you may go to <http://www.2045rtp.com/>.

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/04142021-1124/9/>

UPDATE ON SUBREGIONAL PLANNING STUDIES

Ms. Allie Isbell provided an update on the on-going Subregional Planning Studies in Southeast Harris County, Montgomery County Precinct 2, and Liberty County. Ms. Isbell presented a map to show where studies have been completed and where current studies are taking place. These subregional planning studies are comprehensive transportation studies that will result in actionable recommendations to improve mobility and access to jobs, homes, and services in the study areas. The studies will analyze current and future conditions (e.g., population, employment, other relevant demographics, roadway network, and economic vitality), identify existing traffic bottlenecks and roadway facilities with high congestion levels and/or potentially unsafe conditions. Each study will result in a list of projects that will guide short-, medium-, and long-range transportation investment decisions. Virtual Public Meetings were held on April 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., April 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., and on April 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Staff also gave an overview of the Transportation Department’s new online public engagement platform, engage.h-gac.com. Visitors were given the ability to read in depth information on each of the studies, take surveys, register for upcoming virtual public meetings, view previously recorded public meetings, and provide comments on projects in a variety of methods, including an interactive comment map.

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EMPLOYER SURVEY RESULTS

Ms. Deborah Mayfield presented on the results from the Employer Survey. From December 2020 to January 2021, H-GAC’s Commute Solutions and Workforce Programs and the Community and Environmental department worked with external partners, including management districts and local transportation agencies, to distribute an employer survey related to the impacts of COVID-19. The survey requested information from employers on impact on operations due to COVID-19, business practices concerning telework prior to COVID, and their outlook on telework, office space, and the commute in 2021. The results of the survey are available at datalab.h-gac.com/employersurvey.

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PLANNING ACTIVITIES

A. Administrative Amendments

No presentation was given on this item. Mr. Adam Beckom asked the Committee if there were any questions on the material provided in the TAC Packet concerning the Administrative Amendments. No questions were asked on this item. The Administrative Amendments were as follows:

- Delay thirteen (13) City of Conroe transit formula-funded projects, one or two years within the TIP, at the sponsor's request.
- Update the City of Galveston (Island Transit) Transit Capital, Operating, Planning and Administration project cost (MPO ID 18614) based on the actual apportionment and delay it from FY 2021 to FY 2022 at the sponsor's request.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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B. Future Amendments

Mr. Adam Beckom 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:

- Remove federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funding, as well as the state matching funds, and replace them with local funding for the SH 99 (Grand Parkway) overpass construction project at Peek Road (MPO ID 18032/CSJ 0912-72-381) at the request of Fort Bend County.
- Modify the scope of work of the City of Houston Fondren Road six-lane widening project (MPO ID 17093/CSJ 3510-04-049) to a reconstruction of the existing four lanes with intersection, safety, multimodal, and drainage improvements at the City's request.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka made an announcement on grant opportunities available and announced the following meetings and events:

- a. Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee Meeting – April 8, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- b. Public meeting (RTP Amendments and Air Quality Conformity) – April 8, 2021, 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- c. Bicyclist and Pedestrian Subcommittee Meeting – April 15, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- d. Southeast Harris County Subregional Study Public Meeting - April 15, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
- e. Montgomery County Precinct 2 Mobility Study Public Meeting - April 22, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

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- f. Clean Cities Meeting – April 28, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
- g. Liberty County Mobility Study Public Meeting - April 29, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
- h. Transportation Air Quality Subcommittee Meeting – May 5, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
- i. Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee Meeting – May 5, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- j. Transportation Systems Management and Operations Subcommittee – May 6, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
- k. Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee Meeting – May 12, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- l. Next TAC Meeting – May 19, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- m. Next TPC Meeting – May 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- n. Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee Meeting – May 27, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/03172021-733/12/>

1st Vice Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)

April 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	
1 st Vice Chair				
Veronica Chapa Gorczynski	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Joe Cutrufo	<u>X*</u>
2 nd Vice Chair				
Morad Kabiri, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Larry Buehler	
Ricardo Villagrand, CFM	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Jorge Flores	
Sean Landis	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Teresa Evans	
Perri D’Armond	<u>X</u>	Transit	Yvette Maldonado	
Ken Fickes	<u>X</u>	Transit	Vernon Chambers	<u>X*</u>
Ruthanne Haut	<u>X</u>	Transit	John Powers	
Carl Woodward	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Craig Maske	
Katherine Parker	<u>X</u>	Environmental	Dr. Carol Lewis	
David Fields	<u>X</u>	Planning	Katrina Bayer	
Faustino Benavidez, P.E.	<u>X</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		Business Interests	Stephanie Pizzoferrato	
Oni Blair		Citizens Interests	Jonathan Brooks	<u>X</u>
			Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u>X*</u>
Andrea French	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests		
Bruce Mann	<u>X</u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	
Michael Wilson	<u>X</u>	Port Freeport	Brett Milutin	
Peter Key	<u>X</u>	Toll Road	Vacant	
Jimmy Thompson	<u>X</u>	Toll Road	Vacant	
Ana Ramirez-Huerta	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Catherine McCreight	<u>X*</u>
Bill Zrioka		Airport	David Leslie	
Jeff Taebel	<u>X</u>	Regional Planning	Meagan Coughlin	
Clint Harbert		METRO	Priya Zachariah	
Adam Jack, P.E.		TxDOT-Beaumont District	Scott Ayers, P.E.	<u>X</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.	<u>X</u>	TxDOT-Houston District	Andrew C. Mao, P.E.	<u>X*</u>
Matt Hanks, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	<u> </u>
Cory Taylor, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Chambers County	Billy Combs, P.E.	<u>X*</u>
Stacy Slawinski, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Fort Bend County	Rick J. Staigle, P.E.	<u> </u>
Michael Shannon, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Galveston County	Nancy Baher, P.E.	<u> </u>
David Douglas	<u> </u>	Liberty County	Hon. Jay Knight	<u> </u>
Jeff Johnson, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Montgomery County	Brian Clark, P.E.	<u> </u>
Yancy Scott, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Waller County	Jared Chen	<u>X*</u>
Nick Woolery	<u>X</u>	City of Baytown	Frank Simoneaux	<u> </u>
Adam France	<u>X</u>	City of Conroe	Chris Bogert, P.E.	<u> </u>
Robert Winiecke, P.E., CFM	<u>X</u>	City of Galveston	Daniel Christodoss, P.E.	<u> </u>
Veronica O. Davis, P.E.	<u>X</u>	City of Houston	David Wurdlow	<u>X*</u>
Christopher Sims	<u>X</u>	City of League City	Hon. Chad Tressler	<u> </u>
Shashi Kumar	<u>X</u>	City of Missouri City	Vacant	<u> </u>
Robin Green, P.E.	<u> </u>	City of Pasadena	Sarah Benavides, P.E.	<u> </u>
Monique Johnson, AICP	<u> </u>	City of Sugar Land	Rick Ramirez, P.E.	<u> </u>
Doug Kneupper, P.E.	<u> </u>	City of Texas City	(Vacant)	<u> </u>
	<u>44</u>	Total Voting Membership		
	<u>36</u>	Total Voting Membership Present		
	<u>22</u>	Required for Quorum		