

4. MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, August 18, 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 38 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Smith called for comments or revisions regarding the minutes from the July 14, 2021 meeting.

Chairman Smith entertained a motion for approval of the minutes for the July 14, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Morad Kabiri.

Ms. Ana Ramirez-Huerta made a motion to amend the meeting minutes for July 14, 2021 to include comments made regarding January 2021 Executive Order on Racial Equity for those living in rural areas and the responding comments by Mr. Jibowu.

Chairman Smith entertained a motion to amend the meeting meetings. Mr. Morad Kabiri agreed to the motion to amend the meeting minutes. The second motion for approval was made by Ms. Ana Ramirez-Huerta. 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/08182021-664/4/>

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:

- Delay the TXDOT Houston District US 290 ramp construction project (MPOID 17041/CSJ 0050-06-093) in Harris County from FY 2022 to FY 2023 to allow for additional coordination with METRO (Total Cost: \$32M).
- Delay the City of League City Landing Boulevard extension project (MPOID 17080/CSJ 0912-00-519) from FY 2021 to FY 2023 due to delays in Right-of-Way acquisition (Total Cost: \$49M).
- Advance the City of Houston Westpark Drive widening project (MPOID 17094/CSJ 0912-72-385) from FY 2022 to FY 2021 to take advantage of its readiness for contract letting (Total Cost: \$12M).
- Delay the City of South Houston sidewalks construction project (MPOID 17119/CSJ 0912-72-397) from FY 2021 to FY 2022 due to survey and design issues (Total Cost: \$1.5M).
- Delay the METRO Regional Vanpool project (MPOID 17141/CSJ 0912-00-568) from FY 2021 to FY 2022 to allow for additional time to complete the contracting process with TXDOT. (Total Cost: \$1.3M).
- Update the City of Conroe's FY 2021 Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Program of Projects with the actual apportionments for operating, capital and planning expenditures (MPOIDs 15218, 15219 and 15400) (Addition of Funds: \$0.3M).
- Program the Houston Urbanized Area's FY 2019 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, in FY 2021 of the TIP. The Program of Projects was approved by the METRO Board of Directors on June 24, 2021. The funds were suballocated to Fort Bend County (MPOs 18261, 18262), Harris County (MPO ID 18263), East End District (MPO ID 18525), Near Northwest Management District (MPO ID 18526) and the Montrose Redevelopment Authority (MPO ID 18524) (Total Cost: \$3.4M).

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Wilson and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. Ken Fickes. 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/08182021-664/5/>

APPROVAL OF THE 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Ms. Neely Kim presented on the 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program. Staff requested TAC recommendation for TPC approval of Resolution 2022/23-0. The UPWP is the two-year planning document that includes description of tasks and budget from October 1st to September 30th of each fiscal year. This plan describes the regional transportation plans and programs including air quality activities to be carried out within the Metropolitan Planning Area. The UPWP includes description of major planning activities, responsible parties, expected products, and a summary of the funding to be used. To review the

2022-2023 UPWP document, please click on the following [website](#). To view the presentation of this item, please click on the link below.

A motion was made by Ms. Carol Lewis and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. Fickes. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF TITLE VI PROGRAM

Mr. Ayo Jibowu presented on the Approval of Title VI Program and described the main requirements and strategies for Title VI Program. The Title VI of the Civil Rights Act is intended to prevent discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. H-GAC's 2021 triennial Title VI Program update documents that the agency is in full compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Title VI nondiscrimination regulations. The full document can be found on the H-GAC website at: [h-gac.com/title-vi-program](https://hgac.com/title-vi-program). Staff requested TAC recommendation for TPC approval of Resolution No. 2021-23.

A motion was made by Ms. Veronica Chapa-Gorczyński and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. Jonathan Brooks. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS COMMUTE SOLUTIONS MONTH

Ms. Jamila Owens presented on the Approval of Resolution Recognizing September as Commute Solutions Month. Commute Solutions program provides planning assistance, education, information, and outreach about transportation options like carshare, bikeshare, walking, bicycling, transit, carpool, vanpool, telework, and compressed work weeks to help us reduce vehicle miles traveled in the region. Staff requested TAC recommendation for TPC approval of Resolution No. 2021-24 to recognize September 2021 as Commute Solutions Month.

A motion was made by Mr. Bruce Mann and a second motion for approval was made by Mr. David Douglas. The Committee voted and the motion carried.

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CALL FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Adam Beckom presented on the Call for Projects and gave a brief description of the process, progress, highlights, ongoing discussion and draft timeline. At the March 2020 Transportation Policy

Council (TPC) meeting the Council approved goals, priorities and policies for the next Call for Projects. These goals, priorities and policies guide the H-GAC staff, TAC and the TIP Subcommittee in development of project selection criteria and evaluation methodologies for the next Call for Projects. A list of topics in discussion with the TIP Subcommittee can be found in the August 18, 2021 TAC Packet.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH TRANSIT AGENCIES FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSIT CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

Mr. Thomas Gray provided an update on the MOU with transit agencies for the Regional Transit Connectivity project. Mr. Gray gave an overview of examples of other Regional Transit Connectivity projects in other Metro areas. An MOU between H-GAC, METRO, and the region's eight other transit providers is now circulating for signature. This MOU will guide role of participating agencies and the expected outcomes of this effort. An Intergovernmental Agreement between H-GAC and METRO is under development to fund METRO's contractor to begin the work on assessments of the eight transit agencies. Staff is working with area transit agencies to develop and publish mapping data, and to prepare information for other applications (Google Maps, Apple Maps, ConnectSmart, the regional TripPlanner).

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PREDEVELOPMENT AND READINESS PROGRAM

Mr. Craig Raborn gave an update on the Predevelopment and Readiness Program. A proposed new Predevelopment and Readiness Program would identify current and emerging mobility and accessibility needs, coordinate with stakeholders and public, define potential projects, establish purpose and need, conduct initial planning, develop recommendations, and prepare projects for next steps of programming, design, and preliminary engineering.

TAC recommended to the TPC to instruct Staff to Develop a new Predevelopment and Readiness Program at the July 14, 2021 meeting. The recommendation to TPC was tabled and will be discussed later. Staff continues to develop the proposed program and will provide information about the program as it evolves. For further details on this item, please click on the link below.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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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 TIP and 2045 RTP.

For Information Only. No action needed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Patrick Mandapaka announced the following meetings and events:

- a. Transportation Safety Committee Meeting - August 24, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- b. Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee Meeting - August 26, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
- c. TPC Meeting - August 27, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
- d. Transportation Improvement Program Subcommittee Meeting - September 1, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
- e. Greater Houston Freight Committee Meeting – September 23, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
- f. Next TAC Meeting – September 15, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting of the TAC at 11:14 a.m.

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1st Vice Chair

Transportation Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENT 1
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING ATTENDANCE (Roll Call)
August 18, 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>Chair</u>				
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></u>	Smaller Cities	Jorge Flores	<u></u>
Sean Landis	<u>X</u>	Smaller Cities	Teresa Evans	<u></u>
Perri D’Armond	<u>X</u>	Transit	(Vacant)	<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></u>	Environmental	Dr. Carol Lewis	<u>X</u>
David Fields	<u>X</u>	Planning	(Vacant)	<u></u>
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></u>	Business Interests	Elijah Williams	<u>X</u>
B.J. Simon	<u></u>	Business Interests	Stephanie Pizzoferrato	<u>X</u>
Jonathan Brooks	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests	(Vacant)	<u></u>
			Sherry Weesner, P.E., CPM	<u>X*</u>
Andrea French	<u>X</u>	Citizens Interests		<u></u>
X*Bruce Mann	<u>X</u>	Port of Houston	Rohit Saxena	<u></u>
Michael Wilson	<u>X</u>	Port Freeport	Brett Milutin	<u></u>
Heather Jinkins Cantu	<u>X</u>	Toll Road	Dr. David Abraham	<u>X*</u>
Jimmy Thompson	<u></u>	Toll Road	(Vacant)	<u></u>
Ana Ramirez-Huerta	<u>X</u>	Active Transportation	Catherine McCreight	<u>X*</u>
Bill Zrioka	<u>X</u>	Airport	(Vacant)	<u></u>
Jeff Taebel	<u>X</u>	Regional Planning	Meagan Coughlin	<u></u>
Clint Harbert	<u></u>	METRO	Priya Zachariah	<u>X</u>
Adam Jack, P.E.	<u></u>	TxDOT-Beaumont District	Scott Ayers, P.E.	<u>X</u>
James W. Koch, P.E.	<u></u>	TxDOT-Houston District	Andrew C. Mao, P.E.	<u>X</u>

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TAC Meeting Packet – 9/15/21

<u>Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Present</u>
Matt Hanks, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Brazoria County	Karen McKinnon, P.E.	<u>X*</u>
Billy Combs, P.E.	<u>X</u>	Chambers County	Natalie G. Lopez	<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>X</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> </u>
Nick Woolery	<u>X</u>	City of Baytown	Frank Simoneaux	<u> </u>
Adam France	<u> </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> </u>
Christopher Sims	<u> </u>	City of League City	Hon. Chad Tressler	<u> </u>
Todd Hoover	<u>X</u>	City of Missouri City	Shashi Kumar	<u> </u>
Robin Green, P.E.	<u> </u>	City of Pasadena	Sarah Benavides, P.E.	<u> </u>
Trent Epperson	<u> </u>	City of Pearland	Robert Upton, P.E.	<u>X</u>
Monique Johnson	<u>X</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> </u>
	<u>38</u>	Total Voting Membership		<u> </u>
	<u>22</u>	Present		<u> </u>
	<u> </u>	Required for Quorum		<u> </u>
Ex Officio:				
Roger E. Rees	<u>X</u>	Port of Galveston		