

**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL  
FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION  
MANAGEMENT AREA**

DATE: Friday, January 22, 2021

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Webinar

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Chair Kenneth Clark called the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) to order at 9:30a.m.

**ITEM 1. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM**

Secretary Tom Reid announced that a quorum of TPC membership was present; 14 members comprise a quorum. A quorum was declared present and recorded on the Roll Call, which is included with these Minutes as Attachment 1.

**ITEM 2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Kenneth Clark invited introductions from Council members and staff.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01222021-784/2/>

**ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Neely Kim, H-GAC, addressed the Transportation Policy Council and read the names of the individuals who submitted public comments by email or correspondence into the record.

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

<https://www.h-gac.com/getmedia/a0ff3d3d-f77d-4238-99fb-f6b3a81e5527/public-comments.pdf>

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

<https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01222021-784/3/>

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020 MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY**

Mayor Tom Reid made a motion for approval of the November 20, 2020 meeting minutes and was seconded by Chuck Wemple. The Council voted and approved the minutes summary.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01222021-784/4/>

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**ITEM 5. RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION FOR OUTGOING TPC MEMBERS, CHAIR KENNETH CLARK**

Chairman Clark recognized Dr. Craig Brown, City of Galveston, Phillip Roberts, City of Texas City and Judge Mark Henry of Galveston County for their years of service to the Transportation Policy Council.

A motion was made by Council Member David Robinson and seconded by Mayor Joe Zimmerman. The Council voted and Resolutions No. 2021-05, 2021-06 and 2021-07 were unanimously approved.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01222021-784/5/>

**ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF TPC NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, CHAIR NATALIE PICHA, TPC NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

TPC Nominating Committee Chair Natalie Picha made opening comments and Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC gave an overview of the TPC Nominating Committee process. Mr. Mandapaka presented the Council with a list of the members of the TPC Nominating Committee as follows:

- Council Member, Natalie Picha, City of Seabrook-Chair
- Commissioner Grady Prestage, Fort Bend County
- Mr. John Blount, Harris County
- Mr. Chuck Wemple, H-GAC
- Council Member, Sallie Alcorn, Harris County
- Council Member, Larry Millican, City of League City
- Judge Mark Keough, Montgomery County
- Mayor Joe Zimmerman, City of Sugarland

Mr. Mandapaka continued his presentation describing the timeline and gave details on the nominations received by the TPC Nominating committee and presented the recommendations to the Council.

**2021 TPC Officers**

**Chair**-Dr. Carol Lewis, Chair, Board of Directors, Gulf Coast Rail District and Director of CTTR Transportation Studies, Texas Southern University

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair**-David Robinson, Council Member, City of Houston

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair**-Carrin Patman, Chair, Board of Directors, METRO

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Secretary-Grady Prestage, Commissioner, Fort Bend County

**TPC Other Transportation Interests Position**

Primary Roger Guenther, Port Houston  
Alternate Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport

**2021 TAC At-Large Positions**

**Active Transportation (2) Positions**

Primary Ana Ramirez-Huerta, TxDOT -Houston  
Alternate Catherine McCreight, TxDOT-Houston

Primary Veronica Chapa Gorczynski, East End District  
Alternate Joe Cutrufo, Bike Houston

**Airports (1) Positions**

Primary Bill Zrioka, Houston Airport System  
Alternate David Leslie, Houston Airport System

**Business Interests (2) Positions**

Primary B.J. Simon, Baytown-West Chambers Co. EFD  
Alternate Stephanie Pizzoferrato, Covestro

Primary Marlissa Briggs, North Houston Association  
Alternate Elijah Williams, Energy Corridor

**Cities of Less than 50,000 population (3) Positions**

Primary Morad Kabiri, City of Friendswood  
Alternate Larry Buehler, City of Alvin

Primary Ricardo Villagrand, P.E. CFM, City of Mont Belvieu  
Alternate Jorge Flores, City of Galena Park

Primary Sean Landis, City of Seabrook  
Alternate Teresa Evans, City of LaPorte

**Citizen Interest (2) Positions**

Primary Andrea French, Transportation Advocacy Group

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Alternate Sherry Weesner, Memorial-Heights TIRZ5

Primary Oni Blair, Link Houston  
Alternate Jonathan Brooks, Link Houston

**Environmental (2) Positions**

Primary Carl Woodward, Harris County Flood District  
Alternate Jonathan Brooks, Link Houston

Primary Katherine Parker, Gulf Coast Rail  
Alternate Dr. Carol Lewis, Gulf Coast Rail

**Planning (3) Positions**

Primary David Fields, City of Houston  
Alternate Katrina Bayer, City of Houston

Primary Faustino Benavides, Harris County  
Alternate Reynaldo Guerra, Harris County

Primary Lisa Kocich-Meyer, City of Sugarland  
Alternate Fabio Capillo, City of Houston

**Ports (1) Position**

Primary Michael Wilson, Port Freeport  
Alternate Brett Milutin, Port Freeport

**Public Transit Agencies (3) Positions**

Primary Ken Fickes, Harris County Transit Services Division  
Alternate Vernon Chambers, Harris County Transit

Primary Perri D'Armond, Fort Bend County  
Alternate Yvette Maldonado, Fort Bend County

Primary Ruthanne Haut, The Woodlands Township  
Alternate John Powers, The Woodlands Township

**Toll Roads (2) Positions**

Primary Peter Key, Harris County Toll Road Authority

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Alternate None

Primary Jimmy Thompson, Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority

Alternate None

**Transportation Safety Committee**

**Healthcare/Education/Social Service/Advocacy Groups or Interested Citizens (6) Positions**

Primary Joshua Zuber, AAA Texas

Alternate Anne O’Ryan, AAA Texas

Primary Ian Hlavacek, City of Houston

Alternate Brandie Lockett, City of Houston

Primary Stacy A. Drake, City of Houston

Alternate Andrea French, Transportation Advocacy Group

Primary Robert J. Benz, TTI

Alternate None

Primary Kristen Beckworth, Texas Children’s

Alternate Dr. Rohit Shenoj, Texas Children’s

Primary Eric Pacheco, Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Alternate Kaitlin Youngblood, Mothers Against Drunk Driving

**Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS/Emergency Management (5) Positions**

Primary Sean Wright, City of Seabrook

Alternate Lt. Bryan Brand, City of Seabrook

Primary Bennie Boles, City of La Porte

Alternate Michael Harness, City of La Porte

Primary Commander Jerome Stevens, City of Houston

Alternate Lt. Kevin Duggan, City of Houston

Primary Vacant

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**Private Shippers/Carriers (2) Positions**

Primary        Jeff McKinney, Jetco Delivery  
Alternate      Vacant

Primary        Vacant  
Alternate      Vacant

**Public Transit, State, City, County Engineering, Planning (8) Positions**

Primary        Tom Kuczvnski, Fort Bend County Transit  
Alternate      Kevin Thompson, Fort Bend County Transit

Primary        Brannan Hicks, Harris County  
Alternate      Tina Liu, P.E., Harris County

Primary        Ken Fickes, Harris County Transit  
Alternate      Vernon Chambers, Harris County Transit

Primary        Sean Cagan, METRO  
Alternate      Ella Collins, METRO

Primary        Ugonna Ughanze, P.E., TxDOT -Houston District  
Alternate      James R. Keener, TxDOT-Houston District

Primary        Mark D. Wooldridge, P.E., TxDOT-Houston District  
Alternate      Heng Wang, TxDOT-Houston District

Primate        Sharon Moses-Burnside, City of Houston  
Alternate      Lauren Grove, City of Houston

Primary        Anita Hollman, H-GAC  
Alternate      Cheryl Mergo, H-GAC

**Railroads & Ports (2) Positions**

Primary        Jason Miura, Port Freeport  
Alternate      Austin Seth, Port Freeport

Primary        David Stanton, Port Terminal Railroad Association  
Alternate      Hugh McCulley, BNSF

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**Greater Houston Freight Committee Co-Chairs**

Ed Emmett, Former Harris County Judge  
Brian Fielkow, CEO, Jetco Delivery

Mr. Mandapaka requested approval of the 2021 TPC Nominating Committee recommendations as presented.

A discussion occurred regarding an alternate slate of officers to be presented for approval by the Council. Chairman Picha motioned for the approval of the 2021 TPC Nominating Committee recommendations as presented and Mayor Joe Zimmerman seconded.

Judge Mark Keough motioned for a substitute slate of officers which included:

Chair	Ken Clark, Galveston County
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	David Robinson, City of Houston
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Justin Beckendorff, Waller County
Secretary	Grady Prestage, Fort Bend County

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Billy Combs.

Chairman Clark asked for discussion of the substitute motion. Mayor Joe Zimmerman asked for a roll call vote. A discussion occurred and several comments were made by several members. A roll call vote on the amended motion was done. The amended motion was approved. (14 Yes votes and 11 No votes.)

The Council voted and approved 2021 TPC Nominating Committee recommendations which included the amended slate of TPC officers.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01222021-784/6/>

**ITEM 7. APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF 2021 EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, CHAIR KENNETH CLARK**

Chairman Kenneth Clark appointed the following Ex-Officio Members to the TPC:

- Texas State Senate, Carol Alvarado, District 6
- Freight Rail Interests, Chad Schelbitzki, Union Pacific
- Freight Rail Interests, Hugh McCulley, BNSF Railway
- Texas House of Representatives, Dennis Paul, District 129
- TxDOT Yoakum District, Paul Reitz, District Engineer
- Wharton County, Phillip Spenrath, County Judge
- Texas House of Representatives, Ed Thompson, District 29

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A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and seconded by Council Member David Robinson. The Council voted and was approved.

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**ITEM 8. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR THE NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT(NHHIP), PATRICK MANDAPAKA, H-GAC**

Dr. Carol Lewis, Chair of the TPC NHHIP Memorandum of Understanding Workgroup made opening comments regarding the status of the NHHIP memorandum of understanding. Dr. Lewis invited Mr. Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC, to give the Council an overview of the resolution and the scope of work. Mr. Mandapaka proceeded to describe Resolution 2021-01 which affirmed collaboration of the various agencies, scope of work and a summary of letters and resolution links.

Mr. Mandapaka requested approval of Resolution No. 2021-01

A motion was made by Mayor Joe Zimmerman and was seconded by Council Member David Robinson.

After a robust discussion regarding Resolution No. 2021-01, the motion by Mayor Joe Zimmerman to approve the resolution was withdrawn.

Mayor Joe Zimmerman made a motion to table Resolution No. 2021-01 for further discussion and was seconded by Carrin Patman.

The Council voted and approved to table Resolution No. 2021-01. Dr. Carol Lewis abstained.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01222021-784/8/>

**ITEM 9. AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM, NEELY KIM, H-GAC**

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.

A motion was made by Council Member Billy Combs and seconded Dr. Carol Lewis. The Council voted and approved UPWP Resolution No. UPWP 20/21-4.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01222021-784/9/>

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**TEM 10. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP), MR. BECKOM, H-GAC**

Mr. Beckom made a presentation on the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the amendments to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP.) Mr. Beckom also discussed the TPC amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan as a result of 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation improvement Program (STIP) fiscal constraint exercise being led by the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin.

Mr. Beckom asked the TPC for Approval of Resolution No. 2021-02 and Resolution No. 2021-03.

A motion was made by Council Member David Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Justin Beckendorff.

The Council voted and approved Resolution No. 2021-02 and Resolution No. 2021-03

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01222021-784/10/>

**ITEM 11. AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN, FRANCIS RODRIGUEZ, H-GAC**

Ms. Francis Rodriguez, H-GAC, made a presentation on amendments to the Public Participation Plan. Ms. Rodriguez gave specific components of the plan and described the amendment to the Public Participation Plan which includes virtual public meetings, social media strategies, newsletters and webinars and a new deadline for written comments for virtual Transportation Policy Council Meetings. The public comment period for the Public Participation Plan was November 23, 2020 through January 7, 2021.

Ms. Rodriguez asked the TPC for approval of Resolution No. 2021-04.

A motion was made by Council Member David Robinson and seconded by Dr. Carol Lewis.

The Council voted and approved Resolution 2021-4

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01222021-784/11/>

**ITEM 12. UPDATE ON SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES, STEPHAN GAGE, H-GAC**

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.

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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.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01222021-784/12/>

For Information Only. No action needed

**ITEM 13. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS, ALAN RODENSTEIN, H-GAC**

Mr. Alan Rodenstein, H-GAC, provided an update on the Congestion Management Process. Mr. Rodenstein provided details on the how the CMP is utilized in project selection and uses the goals and objectives to provide measures and strategies to identify problem areas regarding congestion. Mr. Rodenstein provided information on the key elements that comprise the CMP. The 45-day public comment period started November 22, 2020. Over 115 comments were received from groups and individuals posted on the website. A virtual public meeting was held of December 3, 2020. The report will be presented to TAC and TPC at the upcoming meetings and will be submitted to TxDOT and FHWA in the spring.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01222021-784/13/>

For Information Only. No action needed

**ITEM 14. H-GAC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES**

- A. TIP Quarterly Update
- B. Update on the Regional Strategic Transportation Fund
- C. Summary of Planning Activities
- D. H-GAC Board of Directors Report

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01222021-784/14/>

For Information Only. No action needed.

**ITEM 15. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The next TAC Meeting, February 17, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Online

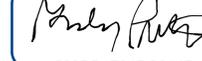
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- The next TPC Meeting, February 26, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Online
- Transportation Safety Committee, February 23, 2021, 1:30 pm

Chair Kenneth Clark adjourned the meeting of the TPC at 12:25 p.m.

The presentation, comments, questions and discussion under this item are included in the meeting recording at: <https://hgac.swagit.com/play/01222021-784/15/>

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Hon. Grady Prestage, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council

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**Attachment 1**  
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**FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON**  
**TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA**  
**January 22, 2021**

ROLL

<u><b>AGENCY</b></u>	<u><b>VOTING MEMBER/ALTERNATE</b></u>	<u><b>REPRESENTING</b></u>
Baytown, City of	_____ Honorable Heather Betancourth Council Member, District 4	City of Baytown
	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Brandon Capetillo – Alternate	
Conroe, City of	<u>  X  </u> Thomas Woolley Interim Director of Engineering	City of Conroe
	_____ Chris Bogert – Alternate	
Galveston, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable David Collins Council Member	City of Galveston
	_____ Hon. John Paul Listowski - Alternate	
Houston, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable David W. Robinson Council Member – 1 <sup>st</sup> - <b>Vice Chair</b>	City of Houston
	_____ Honorable Abbie Kamin- Alternate	
Houston, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Carolyn Evans-Shabazz Council Member	City of Houston
	_____ Honorable Sallie Alcorn - Alternate	
Houston, City of	<u>  X  </u> Carol Haddock, P.E. Director, Houston Public Works	City of Houston
	_____ Veronica O. Davis, P.E. – Alternate	
League City, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Larry Millican Council Member, Position 3	City of League City
	_____ Honorable Andy Mann - Alternate	
Missouri City, City of	<u>  X  </u> Shashi Kumar, P.E.. Director of Public Works	City of Missouri City
	_____ Clifford Brouhard – Alternate	
Pasadena, City of	_____ Honorable Cary Bass Council Member	City of Pasadena
	_____ James Rodriguez – Alternate	

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Pearland, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Kevin Cole Mayor <u>      </u> Mayor Emeritus Tom Reid-Alternate	City of Pearland
Sugar Land, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Joe Zimmerman Mayor <u>      </u> Honorable Jennifer Lane – Alternate	City of Sugar Land
Texas City, City of	<u>      </u> Honorable Dedrick Johnson Mayor <u>  X  </u> Doug Kneupper, P.E. - Alternate	City of Texas City
Waller, City of	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Nancy Arnold Council Member, City of Waller <u>      </u> Honorable Natalie Picha - Alternate	Smaller Cities, Harris County
Seabrook, City of	<u>      </u> Honorable Matt Sebesta County Judge – <b>Past Chair</b> <u>      </u> Honorable David Linder – Alternate	Brazoria County
Brazoria County	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Billy Combs County Commissioner, Pct 4 <u>      </u> Cory Taylor, P.E. - Alternate	Chambers County
Chambers County	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Grady Prestage County Commissioner, Pct 2 <u>      </u> Stacy Slawinski, P.E. – Alternate	Fort Bend County
Fort Bend County	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Kenneth Clark County Commissioner - <b>Chairman</b> <u>      </u> Honorable Joe Giusti– Alternate	Galveston County
Galveston County	<u>      </u> Honorable Lina Hidalgo County Judge <u>  X  </u> John Blount, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<u>      </u> Honorable Adrian Garcia County Commissioner, Pct. 2 <u>  X  </u> Milton Rahman, P.E. – Alternate	Harris County
Harris County	<u>  X  </u> David Douglas Engineering Administrator <u>      </u> Honorable Jay Knight - Alternate	Liberty County
Liberty County		

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Montgomery County	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Mark Keough County Judge _____ Commissioner, James Metts – Alternate	Montgomery County
Waller County	<u>  X  </u> Honorable Justin Beckendorff County Commissioner – <b>2<sup>nd</sup> VC</b> _____ Commissioner, Walter Smith - Alternate	Waller County
Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority	<u>  X  </u> Carrin Patman METRO Chair <u>  x  </u> Thomas Lambert – Alternate* Voted	METRO
Houston-Galveston Area Council At Large	<u>  X  </u> Chuck Wemple Executive Director _____ Jeff Taebel – Alternate	H-GAC
TxDOT	<u>  X  </u> Eliza Paul, P. E. District Engineer _____ Varuna Singh, P.E.– Alternate	TxDOT Houston District
TxDOT	<u>  X  </u> Chad Bohne, P.E. District Engineer _____ Adam Jack, P.E. – Alternate	TxDOT Beaumont District
Port of Houston Authority	_____ Roger Guenther Executive Director, Port of Houston _____ Phyllis Saathoff, Port Freeport - Alternate	Other Transportation Interests
Gulf Coast Rail District	<u>  X  </u> Dr. Carol Lewis Chairman, GCRD _____ Jeff Ross - Alternate	Gulf Coast Rail District
	<u>  28  </u> <b>Total Voting Membership</b>	
	<u>  25  </u> <b>Voting Membership Present</b>	
	<u>  14  </u> <b>Required Quorum</b>	

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Texas State Senate	<u>      </u> Hon. Carol Alvarado	8-County Region
Freight Rail Interests	<u>  X  </u> Clint Schelbitzki	Union Pacific
Freight Rail Interests	<u>  X  </u> Hugh McCulley	BNSF Railway
Texas State Legislator	<u>      </u> Hon. Dennis Paul	8-County Region
Texas State Legislator	<u>  X  </u> Hon. Ed Thompson	8-County Region
Wharton County	<u>  X  </u> Hon. Phillip Spenrath County Judge	Wharton County
TxDOT Yoakum District	<u>  X  </u> Paul Reitz, P.E. District Engineer	TxDOT Yoakum District