Minutes of the Houston Planning Commission
2019 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan
Recommendations

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August 29, 2019
Meeting held in
Council Chambers, Public Level, City Hall Annex
2:30 p.m.

Call to Order
Chair Martha L. Stein called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. with a quorum present.

Martha L. Stein, Chair
M. Sonny Garza, Vice Chair  Absent
David Abraham  Absent
Susan Alleman
Antoine Bryant
Lisa Clark
Rodney Heisch
Randall L. Jones
Lydia Mares  Absent
Paul R. Nelson
Linda Porras-Purtle
Ileana Rodriguez  Absent
Ian Rosenberg
Megan R. Sigler  Absent
Zafar Tahir  Arrived at 2:35 p.m. during Introduction
Meera D. Victor  Absent
Mark Mooney for Commissioner James Noack
Maggie Dalton for
The Honorable KP George
Loyd Smith for  Arrived at 2:36 p.m. during Introduction
The Honorable Lina Hidalgo

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS
Carol A. Lewis
Carol Haddock
Yuhayna H. Mahmud

Executive Secretary
Margaret Wallace Brown, Interim Director, Planning and Development

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
NONE
I. INTRODUCTION
Presentation was given by Sharon Moses-Burnside, Planning and Development Department.

II. MAJOR THOROUGHFARE AMENDMENT (MTFP) REQUESTS – Private Sector

Commissioner Heisch recused himself on item II A.

A. Acres Homes - Carver & Cebra – BGE, Inc.
   Presenter: Melissa Beeler, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.
   
   Staff recommendation: Deny amendment A, per the staff report.
   Commission action: Deferred amendment A, until September 5.
   
   Motion: Rosenberg Second: Bryant Vote: Carries Opposed: Clark, Dalton and Jones
   Speakers: Andrew Lang, Hidi Wood, Christina Smith, Tracy Youngblood, applicants – supportive; Jennifer Oslind, Sharon Moses-Burnside, Planning and Development, Ian Hlavacek, Houston Public Works.

B. Bridgeland & Tuckerton – BGE, Inc.- Withdrawn

Commissioner Heisch returned.

C. Crockett & Hogan – Paul Benz
   Presenter: Melissa Beeler, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.
   
   Staff recommendation: Approve amendment C, per the staff report.
   Commission action: Approved amendment C, per the staff report.
   
   Motion: Alleman Second: Bryant Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None

D. West Gray – Bowden Land Services
   Presenter: Lauren Grove, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.
   
   Staff recommendation: Deny amendment D, per the staff report.
   Commission action: Denied amendment D, per the staff report.
   
   Motion: Porras-Purtle Second: Clark Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None

E. Braeswood – Vernon Henry and Associates
   Presenter: Lauren Grove, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.
   
   Staff recommendation: Deny the request for amendment E to reclassify right-of-way on South Braeswood Boulevard from T-4-120 to T-4-80 between the Southern Pacific Railroad and Stella Link Drive, and approve the City of Houston suggestion to reclassify right-of-way on South Braeswood from T-4-120 to T-4-80 from Stella Link to Linkwood Drive (0.27 miles), per staff report.
   Commission action: Denied the request for amendment E to reclassify right-of-way on South Braeswood Boulevard from T-4-120 to T-4-80 between the Southern Pacific Railroad and Stella Link Drive, and approved the City of Houston suggestion to reclassify right-of-way on South Braeswood from T-4-120 to T-4-80 from Stella Link to Linkwood Drive (0.27 miles), per staff report.
   
   Motion: Bryant Second: Alleman Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None
III. MAJOR THOROUGHFARE AMENDMENT REQUESTS – Public Sector

Commissioner Dalton recused herself.

F. FM 359 – Fort Bend County
Presenter: Lauren Grove, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

Staff recommendation: Approve amendment F, per the staff report.
Commission action: Approved amendment F, per the staff report.
   Motion: Jones  Second: Clark  Vote: Unanimous  Abstaining: None

Commissioner Dalton returned.

G. City of Houston Planning and Development Department
Presenter: Peter Eccles, City of Houston Planning and Development Department

G-1. Hogan Street
Staff recommendation: Partially approve amendment G-1, with reduction of right-of-way from 70' to 60', per the staff report.
Commission action: Partially approved amendment G-1, with reduction of right-of-way from 70' to 60', per the staff report.
   Motion: Clark  Second: Bryant  Vote: Unanimous  Abstaining: None

G-2. Downtown/Midtown Streets – Withdrawn

H. Harris County Engineering Department
Presenter: Lauren Grove, City of Houston Planning and Development Department

H-1. NS Collector (between Holderrieh and Triechel)
Staff recommendation: Approve amendment H-1, per the staff report.
Commission action: Approved amendment H-1, per the staff report.
   Motion: Alleman  Second: Bryant  Vote: Unanimous  Abstaining: None

H-2. Spring Stadium Loop
Staff recommendation: Approve amendment H-2, per the staff report.
Commission action: Approved amendment H-2, per the staff report.
   Motion: Bryant  Second: Jones  Vote: Unanimous  Abstaining: None

H-3. E-W Minor Collector
Staff recommendation: Approve amendment H-3, per the staff report.
Commission action: Approved amendment H-3, per the staff report.
   Motion: Alleman  Second: Bryant  Vote: Unanimous  Abstaining: None

IV. CONSIDERATION TO FORWARD THE APPROVED CHANGES TO THE 2018 MTFP TO CITY COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION AS THE 2019 MTFP MAP
Staff’s recommendation: Forward the approved changes to the 2018 MTFP to City Council for adoption as the 2019 MTFP map.
Commission action: Deferred forwarding the approved changes to the 2018 MTFP to City Council for adoption as the 2019 MTFP map.
Motion: Clark  Second: Jones  Vote: Unanimous  Abstaining: None
V. PUBLIC COMMENT
Commissioners Clark and Alleman expressed concerns about the two-year reapplication requirement in the ordinance.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Martha L. Stein adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.
Motion: Clark Second: Bryant Vote: Unanimous Abstaining: None

Martha L. Stein, Chair

Margaret Wallace Brown, Secretary