

**Minutes of the Houston Planning Commission
2020 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan Amendments
Recommendations**

(A Recording of the full proceedings is on file in the Planning and Development Department)

July 16, 2020

Telephonic/Videoconference Meeting held via Microsoft Teams <https://bit.ly/2xdLi3b>
2:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Chair Martha L. Stein called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. with a roll call vote and a quorum present.

Martha L. Stein, Chair

M. Sonny Garza, Vice Chair

David Abraham

Arrived at 2:34 p.m. during approval of Meeting Minutes

Susan Alleman

Bill Baldwin

Antoine Bryant

Absent

Lisa Clark

Arrived at 3:24 p.m. during item II D

Rodney Heisch

Randall L. Jones

Lydia Mares

Paul R. Nelson

Arrived 2:29 p.m. during item II A

Linda Porras-Pirtle

Kevin Robins

Ileana Rodriguez

Absent

Ian Rosenberg

Arrived 2:49 p.m. during item II A; Left at 4:28 p.m. before item II H

Megan R. Sigler

Zafar Tahir

Meera D. Victor

Scott Cain for

Commissioner James Noack

Maggie Dalton for

Absent

The Honorable KP George

Loyd Smith

The Honorable Lina Hidalgo

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS

Carol A. Lewis

Carol Haddock

Yuhayna H. Mahmud

Executive Secretary

Margaret Wallace Brown, Director, Planning and Development

CHAIR'S REPORT

NONE

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NONE

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 4, 2020 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE 2020 MAJOR THOROUGHFARE AND FREEWAY PLAN AMENDMENTS PUBLIC HEARING

Commission Action: Approved the June 4, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion: **Abraham** Second: **Alleman** Vote: **Unanimous** Abstaining: **None**

I. INTRODUCTION AND TERMINOLOGY

Presentation was given by Sharon Moses-Burnside, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

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

A. Graceview Drive – EHRA Engineering

Presenter: Lauren Grove, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

Staff recommendation: Approve realigning Graceview Drive (North/South Collector).

Commission action: Approved realigning Graceview Drive (North/South Collector).

Motion: **Smith** Second: **Jones** Vote: **Unanimous** Abstaining: **None**

Speakers: Chris Browne and Drew Stewart – supportive

B. Story Tract – META Planning + Design

Presenter: Lauren Grove, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

1. Baethe Road – Withdrawn

Commissioner Mares returned to the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

2. Kermier Road

Staff recommendation: Approve reclassifying Kermier Rd. from (T-4-100 to MJ-2-100) between Baethe Rd. and Mound Rd. and approve adding Minor Collector (MN-2-80) connecting Kermier Rd. and Warren Ranch Rd/Mallard Crossing Dr.

Commission action: Approved reclassifying Kermier Rd. from (T-4-100 to MJ-2-100) between Baethe Rd. and Mound Rd. and approve adding Minor Collector (MN-2-80) connecting Kermier Rd. and Warren Ranch Rd/Mallard Crossing Dr.

Motion: **Smith** Second: **Alleman** Vote: **Unanimous** Recusing: **Heisch**

Speaker: Daniel Valdez – supportive.

C. Miller-Wilson Road & Unnamed Collector – LJA Engineering

Presenter: Lauren Grove, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

Staff recommendation: Deny realigning Miller Wilson Road (T-4-100) and deny adding unnamed Minor Collector (MN-2-60).

Commission action: Denied realigning Miller Wilson Road (T-4-100) and denied adding unnamed Minor Collector (MN-2-60).

Motion: **Mares** Second: **Rosenberg** Vote: **Unanimous** Abstaining: **None**

Speaker: Luis Alvarez's comments were read by staff.

D. Mound Road – LJA Engineering

Presenter: Lauren Grove, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

Staff recommendation: Approve realigning Mound Road (T-4-100) between Katy Hockley Road and Warren Ranch Road.

Commission action: Approved realigning Mound Road (T-4-100) between Katy Hockley Road and Warren Ranch Road.

Motion: **Jones** Second: **Porras-Pirtle** Vote: **Carried** Abstaining: **Clark**
Speaker: Matt Stoops – supportive.

E. Russell Drive – LJA Engineering

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

Staff recommendation: Defer the consideration to allow for notification of property owners adjacent to staff recommended alternative.

Commission action: Deferred the consideration to allow for notification of property owners adjacent to staff recommended alternative.

Motion: **Mares** Second: **Tahir** Vote: **Unanimous** Abstaining: **None**

F. Street A (Pecan Estates) – LJA Engineering

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

Staff recommendation: Defer the consideration to allow for notification of property owners adjacent to staff recommended alternative.

Commission action: Deferred the consideration to allow for notification of property owners adjacent to staff recommended alternative.

Motion: **Clark** Second: **Nelson** Vote: **Unanimous** Abstaining: **None**

G. South Wayside – Knudson LP

Presenter: Melissa Beeler, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

At 3:45 p.m. a Motion was made Garza and seconded by Sigler to take a 5–minute recess due to technical difficulties regarding the phone line to the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 3:51 p.m. with a roll call to verify a quorum present with the following Commissioners audible and in attendance: Stein, Garza, Abraham, Alleman, Baldwin, Clark, Heisch, Jones, Mares, Robins, Nelson, Porras-Pirtle, Rosenberg, Sigler, Tahir, Victor, Smith, Cain and Wallace Brown.

Chair verified that the following Commissioners were not audible or in attendance at this time: Bryant Rodriguez and Dalton.

Staff recommendation: Deny the deletion of South Wayside Drive alignment (T-4-100) from Airport Blvd. to Orem Drive.

Commission action: Deferred the amendment for the deletion of South Wayside Drive alignment (T-4-100) from Airport Blvd. to Orem Drive.

Motion: **Clark** Second: **Sigler** Vote: **Carried** Abstaining: **Garza** Recusing: **Heisch**
Speakers: Ian Hlavacek, Houston Public Works Department; Patti Joiner, applicant – supportive.

H. Valley Ranch Bend Drive – META Planning + Design

Presenter: Melissa Beeler, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

Staff recommendation: Approve the modified staff recommendation to reclassify Valley Ranch Bend Drive from a MJ-4-60 to MJ-2-60 and approve realigning a portion of Valley Ranch Bend Drive to terminate at Grand Parkway instead of Hwy 59.

Commission action: Approved the modified staff recommendation to reclassify Valley Ranch Bend Drive from a MJ-4-60 to MJ-2-60 and approve realigning a portion of Valley Ranch Bend Drive to terminate at Grand Parkway instead of Hwy 59.

Motion: **Sigler** Second: **Cain** Vote: **Unanimous** Recusing: **Heisch and Robins**

Speaker: Jennifer Curtis, applicant – supportive.

III. MAJOR THOROUGHFARE AMENDMENT REQUESTS – Public Sector

I. City of Houston Planning and Development Department

I-1. Southeast Houston Mobility Plan

Presenter: Melissa Beeler, City of Houston Planning and Development Department.

Staff recommendation: Approve all amendments for I-1, per staff report.

Commission action: Approved all amendments for I-1, per staff report.

Motion: **Jones** Second: **Alleman** Vote: **Unanimous** Abstaining: **None**

I-2. Downtown/Midtown Streets

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

Staff recommendation: Approve all amendments for I-2, per the staff report.

Commission action: Approved all amendments for I-2, per the staff report.

Motion: **Baldwin** Second: **Clark** Vote: **Unanimous** Recusing: **Robins**

IV. NEXT STEPS

Sharon Moses-Burnside, City of Houston Planning and Development Department stated they would return before the Commission with the deferred items. Once the remaining items are voted on, they will recommend the Commission to approve the changes to the MTFP and forward them to City Council for approval.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT
NONE**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Martha L. Stein adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Motion: **Mares** Second: **Alleman** Vote: **Unanimous** Abstaining: **None**


Martha L. Stein, Chair


Margaret Wallace Brown, Secretary