



# Resolution

## NO. 2019-27

### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL EXPANSION CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, The Houston Ship Channel is a regional, state, and national asset that facilitates the movement of commerce for the 200-plus terminals the comprise the Port of Houston as well as the Port of Galveston, Port of Texas City and Cedar Bayou Navigation District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port of Houston is the nation’s top port for exports, energy, petrochemical manufacturing, and foreign-borne tonnage which annually sustains 3 million U.S. jobs and generates \$802 billion in economic value for the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Houston Ship Channel is the busiest waterway in the nation with as many ship calls annually as the next three largest U.S. ports combined – Los Angeles, Long Beach, and New York/New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the growth in American energy production, manufacturing, and exports as well as the increase in ship size globally are driving the need to make improvements to this nationally-significant waterway; and

**WHEREAS**, widening and deepening improvements to the Houston Ship Channel are necessary to safely maintain two-way traffic on the waterway and continue facilitating national energy security and economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be completing their Chief’s Report for the channel improvements and submitting it to Congress in April 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress will consider authorization of the Houston Ship Channel Expansion Channel Improvement Project in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2020 legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to implement innovative processes and funding partnerships to expeditiously design and construct these channel improvements to safely accommodate national economic benefits and facilitate future growth; and

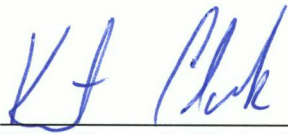
**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Policy Council supports the Houston Ship Channel Expansion Channel Improvement Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Transportation Policy Council of the Houston-Galveston Area Council that:

1. The Transportation Policy Council hereby provides support of the Houston Ship Channel Expansion Channel Improvement Project.
2. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 25th day of October 2019, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:



Hon. Kenneth Clark, Chairman  
Transportation Policy Council

ATTEST:



Hon. Tom Reid, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council