



# MEETING NOTES

## PASADENA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026

RYSS Stem Academy – Log Cabin

The 320<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council (PCAC) was held on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026, at the Log Cabin in RYSS Stem Academy, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. The notes from the Dec. 2, 2025, meeting were approved without change. Facilitator Emily Morris reviewed the agenda, which was accepted without change, and the PCAC meeting ground rules.

### ATTENDEES *italicized*

#### **PCAC Members**

Andrew Aleman, City of Pasadena OEM  
Jed Aplaca, City of Pasadena Parks and Rec.  
Vanessa Ayala-Medina  
Diane Barnes, Pasadena ISD CTHS  
Hal Burke, City of Pasadena Neighborhood Network  
Raul Camarillo, Jr.  
Emilio Carmona  
Azell Carter, City of Pasadena OEM  
Yesenia Cervantes, RYSS STEM Academy  
Monica De La Portilla  
Tammy Delossantos, City of Pasadena Parks and Rec.  
Tish Eubanks, City of Pasadena  
Ramiro Fonseca, RYSS STEM Academy/Tejano Center  
Albert Gonzales  
Rick Guerrero, Pasadena Economic Development Corp.  
Robert Hammons  
Ninfa Herrera  
M.P. Jackson  
Shawn McNair  
Ellis Orozco  
Margie Peña, Baker Ripley  
Dominick Rezza  
Christian Rocha, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce  
LaTonya Ross  
Erin Webb, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce  
Blake Whitaker, Harris Co. Pct 2

Cristina Womack, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce

#### **Support**

*Emily Morris, Facilitator*

#### **Observers and Resources**

*Christine Bergren, IC&E  
Judy Bodine  
Keith Bodine  
Vanessa Bosques, IC&E  
Jorge Bustamante, Harris Co. Pct. 2 - speaker  
Alfonso Cantu  
John Collins  
Brett Conaway, HCOHSEM  
Bubba Coxie, HCOHSEM  
Jamal Elahi, TxDOT – Speaker  
Wendy Everett  
Danny Forest, American Chemistry Council  
Johnny Fusilier, Councilman Dist. G  
Crystal Jackson, Hampton Inn and Suites  
Phillip Jackson  
Anita Jones  
Jerry Jones  
Moe Kuchak, TxDOT  
William Lathan, Harris Co.  
Pollution Control  
Kelly Lark, IC&E  
Patrick Matherne  
Shannon McNair  
Delia Medina  
Roy Medina  
George Perrett  
Diamond Pham, Air Alliance*

Cydney Schwarzlose, BGE Inc.

*Mike Rudd, IC&E – speaker  
Amy Shuff  
Judy Stevenson  
Glen Stevenson  
Leilany Thielen, HCTRA - speaker  
Paola Velasco  
Victoria Velasco, student  
David Wade, HCOHSEM  
Quinzell Washington  
Tiana Washington  
Carol Wilson  
Larry Wilson  
Natasha Zarnstorff*

#### **CAC Plant Members**

**Afton Chemical:** *Hari Sundaram, Ethan Heins, Maryam Shekari, Buck Tadlock, Eric Massengill, Doug Ruring,*  
**Air Products:** *Gaby Lacayo, Alex Arboleda*  
**Albemarle:** *Raina Warden, Doug Thompson, Paul Hernandez, Kevin Paul*  
**BASF:** *Abe Ahmed rep by Lia Hayes, Brian Melancon, Andrew Glover*  
**Chevron Pasadena Refinery:** *Alun Phillips rep by Vivek Patel, Veronica Flores-Paniagua, Rebecca Froedge, Steph Seewald, Robbie Robinson*  
**Chevron Phillips:** *Cathy Gill rep by Ryan Wood, Mike Deakle, William Rutherford*

**Enterprise:** *Audrey Munson, Heather Makarczyk, Mike McNallen*

**Ethyl:** *Hari Sundaram, Ethan Heins, Maryam Shekari, Buck Tadlock, Eric Massengill, Doug Ruring,*

**Evonik:** *Nathan Boye rep by Michael Segree*

**Gulf Coast Authority:** *Denise Ehrlich, John Mletzko, Rachel Cunningham*

**INEOS Phenol:** *Mike Meyer rep by David Pastalaniec, Michael Reiter, Pedro Hernandez*

**Intercontinental Terminals Co.:** *Robert Surguy rep by Jesus Davila, Jade Taylor, Carlos Gracia*

**Kinder Morgan Export Terminal:** *Chris Dale, Sam Provenzale, Talon Page*

**Kinder Morgan Pasadena Terminal:** *Bryan Thrailkill rep by Donnie Martinez, Greg Allen, John Riley, Gerry Nielson,*

**LyondellBasell Refinery:** *Mark Staes, Susan Scott, Roel Muñoz*

**Next Wave Energy:** *Shane Presley, Dan Fahey, David Sonnier*

**OxyChem:** *Eric Delgado, Liliana Sarpong, Jonathan Bauer*

**Sekisui:** *Jeff Thompson, Mike Carr, Jenna Timtiman*

## Road Projects & Regional Impacts

*Presentations and handouts will be posted in the Member's Section at [www.pasadenacac.org](http://www.pasadenacac.org)*

Facilitator Emily Morris introduced the main topic and the speakers for the evening. The speakers opened with a detailed discussion on major roadway and infrastructure projects affecting Pasadena and the surrounding region. The first three speakers focused on long-term planning, near-term construction, and how different agencies are coordinating their efforts.

**Moe Kuchak**, a Transportation Engineer and Project Manager with Texas Department of Transportation,

introduced **Mike Rudd**, a Consulting Engineer with Infrastructure Consulting, and Engineering (IC&E), a contract firm working with area TxDOT projects. Rudd explained that his team is moving forward with improvements along State Highway 225 and State Highway 146, building on work that began several years ago with a Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) study.

He walked the group through how the process works:

- The PEL study was a high-level effort to identify mobility needs and gather public input.
- The project is now in the schematic environmental phase, where design concepts are developed in more detail.
- After refining alternatives and gathering additional public feedback, a recommended option will be selected.
- An environmental document must be approved before moving into detailed design and, eventually, construction.

Rudd noted that earlier discussions included the possibility of elevated structures to improve traffic flow. While those are still being evaluated, the team is also looking closely at ways to improve mobility using the existing roadway footprint. He emphasized that community input remains critical and said the team plans to hold workshops during the fall to hear what residents have observed and what improvements they want to see.

**Jamal Elahi**, Transportation Engineer at TxDOT, provided a practical update on **current and upcoming TxDOT construction projects** along SH 225 and nearby corridors, focusing on what residents can expect in the near term. Key projects included:

- **SH 225 from I-610 to Preston Road**
  - An interim mill-and-overlay project addressing pavement conditions.
  - Started June 2025, \$22 million budget.
  - About 40% complete, with weather-related delays.
  - Work is resuming soon, with surface layers remaining.
- **SH 225 from Beltway 8 to Richey/Miller area**
  - \$14 million project focused on full-depth repairs, overlays, striping, and signage.
  - Construction expected to begin earlier than planned, potentially April 2026.
  - Estimated duration is about 10 months.
- **Beltway 8 Frontage Roads (Fairmont to Dumas/Red Bluff area)**
  - Approximately 70% complete.
  - Northbound frontage road opening imminently.
  - Southbound side still under construction, with full completion targeted for the end of 2026.

Elahi emphasized that TxDOT is working to minimize traffic impacts and keep the public informed as work progresses.

**Jorge Bustamante**, Senior Planning Manager for Harris County Pct. 2, discussed **Harris County Precinct 2 projects** in and around Pasadena, highlighting transparency and community engagement through the county's online project dashboard.

Bustamante summarized:

- **Completed projects**, primarily sidewalks, trails along Red Bluff, traffic improvements, and upgrades at Bay Area Park.
- **Upcoming and active projects**, including:
  - **Vince Bayou/Greenway Trail** (with the City of Pasadena), nearly ready for bidding.
  - **Reimagine Spencer Highway**, a safety-focused corridor study tied to the Vision Zero Action Plan,

addressing a high number of serious crashes and fatalities.

- **Bay Area Boulevard corridor study**, with an emphasis on pavement conditions.
- **Fairmont Parkway improvements**, including lane additions, sidewalk and trail upgrades, and intersection improvements, supported by a significant construction grant.

Bustamante said that community meetings are ongoing and that public input is shaping how these corridors are redesigned for safety and usability.

**Leilany Thielen**, Deputy Director, Capital Projects & Infrastructure with the Harris County Toll Road Authority, shared updates about the Beltway 8 project. Thielen gave a comprehensive update on the **Ship Channel Bridge replacement** and **direct connector projects** linking SH 225 and the Sam Houston Tollway. Highlights included:

- Replacement of the existing two-lane bridge with **two sister bridges**, each carrying four lanes plus shoulders.
- The project is designed to handle **dramatic traffic growth**, with current daily traffic expected to triple over the next decade.
- New bridge features include:
  - Gentler approaches for trucks and high-profile vehicles
  - Shoulders for emergency access
  - Foundations moved out of the water to improve safety and allow future channel expansion
  - A cable-stayed “signature bridge” design

Thielen also described the **phased construction approach**, which allows traffic to continue using existing and newly completed bridge segments while older structures are demolished and replaced.

On the **225 direct connectors**, Thielen noted:

- Four of eight connectors are currently under construction, with the remaining four in final design.
- Nightly closures have been occurring to tie the connectors into SH 225.
- Some connectors may open before the Ship Channel Bridge is complete, depending on which openings provide the greatest immediate benefit to the community.

Thielen acknowledged past litigation and design changes (including switching to steel decking) and reassured attendees that safety factors are extremely high.

## HOST PLANT INTRO: Kinder Morgan Export and Pasadena Terminals

*Slide about Kinder Morgan Export Terminal posted at [www.pasadenacac.org](http://www.pasadenacac.org)*

Morris explained that Kinder Morgan Export Terminal (KMET) was January’s host plant, and Kinder Morgan Pasadena Terminal was February’s host plant, but since January’s meeting was cancelled, Morris thought it would be a good idea to introduce both terminals during the February meeting.

**Donnie Martinez**, Operations Manager, Kinder Morgan Pasadena Terminal, gave a brief overview of the Pasadena Terminal:

- Located on approximately 341 acres
- 148 storage tanks, ranging from 10,000 to 300,000 barrels
- Two vessel docks and extensive pipeline connectivity
- 22 inbound and 18 outbound pipelines, including major systems like Colonial and Explorer

Martinez emphasized the terminal’s role as a key logistics hub connecting local and national energy markets.

**Chris Dale**, Terminal Manager at KMET, described the newer KMET facility, built on the former ASARCO site:

- Roughly 41 acres with about 1.5 million barrels of storage
- Primarily focused on exporting refined products
- Handles an average of 90,000 barrels per day

- Plans to potentially double throughput in the next two years by adding pipelines and expanding capacity
- Dale highlighted the terminal’s flexibility and integration with other Kinder Morgan facilities along the channel.

## UPDATES

### Plant Updates

The Plant Update Summary with 18 of 18 plants reporting was emailed to attendees shortly before the meeting. Facilities were reporting from Dec. 2, 2025, through February 24, 2026. Direct questions to Emily Morris, [ekmorrisconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:ekmorrisconsulting@gmail.com) or 832-443-3617.

#### In a Nutshell:

- Updates were received from all 18 facilities
- **2 of 18** had environmental events, with **4 events reported**
- **3 of 18** had an OSHA recordable injury
- **13** had neither environmental nor safety incidents

#### 16 plants had no environmental incidents

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| 1. Afton Chemicals           | 7. Enterprise Products             | Terminal                            |
| 2. Air Products              | 8. Ethyl                           | 13. LyondellBasell Houston Refinery |
| 3. Albemarle                 | 9. Evonik                          | 14. Next Wave Energy Partners       |
| 4. BASF                      | 10. Gulf Coast Authority           | 15. OxyChem                         |
| 5. Chevron Pasadena Refinery | 11. Intercontinental Terminals Co. | 16. Sekisui                         |
| 6. Chevron Phillips          | 12. Kinder Morgan Export           |                                     |

#### 15 plants had no safety incidents

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| 1. Air Products        | 7. Evonik                         | Terminal                            |
| 2. Albemarle           | 8. INEOS Phenol                   | 12. LyondellBasell Houston Refinery |
| 3. BASF                | 9. Intercontinental Terminals Co. | 13. Next Wave Energy Partners       |
| 4. Chevron Phillips    | 10. Kinder Morgan Export          | 14. OxyChem                         |
| 5. Enterprise Products | Terminal                          | 15. Sekisui                         |
| 6. Ethyl               | 11. Kinder Morgan Pasadena        |                                     |

Two plants made non-event related announcements.

- **Chevron Pasadena Refinery:** Vivek Patel, HSE Manager, reported that during the fourth quarter of 2025, the refinery’s 12-month rolling average of benzene fenceline monitoring emissions exceeded the EPA action level. Patel clarified that exceeding this threshold does not indicate an immediate health risk nor constitute an emissions violation. But it does require the facility to investigate and take corrective actions, which the refinery has done. Although this information is not yet publicly available, Patel noted that Chevron Pasadena Refinery was proactively sharing it with the community to promote transparency.
- **Ketjen:** Raina Warden, plant manager, announced that Ketjen would change its name back to Albemarle effective March 1, 2026. A slide with details of the name change is included with this email. Throughout the year, PCAC documents will reflect the current name and the name change to avoid confusion and because official reports must be filed under the name active at that time of the report.

## Community Updates

**Pasadena Chamber of Commerce:** Christian Rocha, Membership Coordinator, shared three activities that the Pasadena Chamber is hosting. *Fliers with more information are attached to the email.*

- **Video Marketing for Small Business:** Thursday, March 19, 8:30-10 a.m.
- **Job Fair:** Wednesday, April 22, 3-6 p.m.
- **Industrial Appreciation Golf Tournament:** Monday, May 11. Registration at 7:30 a.m., Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

## PCAC Updates

**Meeting Calendar:** Morris urged everyone to pay attention to the calendar, which accompanies the meeting invitations and is included in these notes. Morris said as topics and speakers get confirmed, some locations and times may change. Morris pointed out that she has added addresses to the calendar, which reflect the location changes, so far.

**April's Meeting:** Morris announced that the April 28 PCAC meeting will be a tour of the Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology (CPET) at San Jacinto College. Morris said the PCAC will be touring on the first day of the Glycol Unit Extended Run and encouraged all plant managers to attend because they would be allowed to participate in the run activities, with appropriate PPE, of course. Morris encouraged all attendees to invite high schoolers so they could see the processes being taught at CPET. The flier of the extended run is below.

CENTER FOR PETROCHEMICAL,  
ENERGY, & TECHNOLOGY



# Glycol Unit Extended Run

April 28-30, 2026  
8 a.m. - 8 p.m. each day

Come scout and select your next  
employees from our students  
enrolled in our tech programs here  
at LYBCPET!

For more information, contact  
[jeffrey.pearce@sjcd.edu](mailto:jeffrey.pearce@sjcd.edu)

### Activities Include:

- Shift change
- LOTO
- JSAs & Permitting
- Hose and coupling work
- Bolt and gasket exchange
- Welding
- Instrument calibration
- Much more!

## FUTURE PCAC MEETINGS

***Dinner available at 5:30 pm.** Meetings are from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.*

- **Tuesday, March 24, 2026 – Natural Disaster Planning in PCAC Plants.** (Host Plant: Gulf Coast Authority). Panel discussion.
  - **Tuesday, April 28, 2026 – Tour of San Jacinto College CPET Facility.** **Please invite high schoolers.** Plant reps can participate in the run activities. (Host Plant: INEOS Phenol).
  - **Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – Worker Safety Expo.** At Campbell Hall at Pasadena Fairgrounds. (No Host Plant). **Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Call to order will be 5:45 p.m.**
- No meetings in June or July**

## PCAC DATES FOR 2026

Unless otherwise noted, all are 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. 5:30 dinner – 6:00 call to order – 7:30 adjourn  
 PCAC meets at the RYSS Stem Academy Log Cabin, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena,  
 unless indicated by yellow highlight.\*

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Tues., Jan. 27 - <b>canceled</b>	<b>Tues., May 26 *</b>	Tues., Oct. 27
Tues., Feb. 24	<b>No June or July meetings</b>	<b>No November meeting</b>
Tues., Mar. 24	Tues., Aug. 25	Tues., Dec. 1
<b>Tues., Apr. 28 *</b>	<b>Tues., Sept. 22 *</b>	<b>No late December meeting</b>

***\*Location and date changes are possible, depending on topic confirmation.***

*April: Tour of CPET facility at San Jacinto College, 7901 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena, TX 77507*

*May: **dinner 5-5:45 p.m.**, Campbel Hall, Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7601 Red Bluff Rd., Pasadena, TX 77507*

*Sept.: Tour of Coast Guard Sector Ellington Field, 13411 Hillard St. at Ellington Field, Houston, TX, 77034*

## Road Projects & Regional Impacts

Small-Group Discussion

### 1. What, if anything, were you glad to hear?

- Ramp from Beltway to 225
- Pavement on 225
- 225 elevation
- That 225 still had work to be done to complete the road surface that is still in bad shape.
- Overlays on 225 as a temporary measure
- Progress overall
- Glad the project is underway and progress is being made
- Progressing the projects; not stalled
- End of sight for construction — 2028!
- Beltway traffic will eventually decrease
- Safety Improvements of 8 Bridge
- Having shoulders added
- Ship Channel Bridge
- The bridge is safe; 20× safety factor
- Direct connect updates and timeline
- About the connector projects

**2. What concerns do you still have about the upcoming road projects and their impact on daily travel?**

- More concerns about timing of road closures around shift change for the plants. Need to try to complete most work during the evenings
- Congestion on daytime usage
- Short-term construction causing delays
- Changes in traffic flow/closures
- Route detours
- Controlling traffic during construction
- Sudden lane changes daily without much notice
- Long duration and poor signage
- Length of time to complete the bridge
- Timelines
- Road conditions on 225
- Westbound traffic on 225
- DC that is needed is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch
- Seems to be no coordination between DC construction (HCTRA) and the BW8 frontage road construction that exasperate the effects on commute
- What changes for Spencer and Fairmont?
- What effect will road closures have w/emergency services?

**3. What strategies could help minimize disruptions caused by detours and road closures?**

- Better signage; clearly marked detours
- Better directional signs sooner so drivers see issues earlier
- Work at night vs. major drive time
- Only work at night
- Better traffic flow at peak times
- Communicate
- Better communication
- Communication of closures and timelines
- Can you create digital Google Maps updates real-time for road conditions?
- Finish construction in an efficient manner
- Removing cones when projects are done

**4. What role can community members play in communicating concerns or suggestions to the responsible agencies? What tools do you need to do that?**

- Talking with parties involved and making sure concerns are addressed
- Attend meetings, communicate concerns
- Monthly or quarterly newsletter to communicate timelines, delays, & closures
- Contacts to reach project managers
- Need email addresses and contact information
- Some QR code where you can reach out.
- Can someone give comments via mail or be provided an address to send concerns to?
- Pasadena Chamber can help share communication & just need contact info
- Hard for community because we don't know who to call when we see construction.
- But appreciate project managers having workshops for community.