

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Background

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a two-year work program that outlines proposed tasks and estimated costs for the region's transportation planning and research within the eight-county Metropolitan Planning Area. This plan describes the regional transportation plans and programs, including air quality planning activities, to be carried out within the Metropolitan Planning Area. The UPWP identifies work by major activity, funding year, resulting products, and a summary of funding to be used to complete the planning tasks. The current [2021-2021 UPWP](#) includes five major work tasks: Program Management, Data Development and Maintenance, Short Range Planning, Long Range Planning, and Special Studies for an estimated cost of \$39 million for two years.

Current Situation

The 2021-2021 UPWP will end on September 30, 2021. H-GAC staff is working on the development of the 2022-2023 UPWP that will be presented to TAC and TPC during spring 2021 and will be submitted to TxDOT's review by summer 2021. Upon approval, the next UPWP will be implemented from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023.

H-GAC staff is seeking proposals from local governments or other eligible project sponsors to request planning studies to be included within the 2022-2023 UPWP. Examples of planning studies include sub-regional studies, thoroughfare planning, transit planning, bicycle and pedestrian planning, safety planning (Vision Zero), freight corridor studies, air quality planning, travel demand management studies, or performance measurement.

Eligibility

1. The proposed planning activity must be located within H-GAC's eight-county Transportation Management Area (TMA), which includes Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller counties.
 2. If the applicant is not the general-local purpose government with jurisdiction over the study area and/or the transportation facility owner, the applicant must provide proof of support from the relevant agencies (i.e. the city or county that owns and operates the streets and sidewalks).
- Interested parties are being asked to fill out the attached form and return it to H-GAC through the UPWP website <https://www.h-gac.com/unified-planning-work-program>. An email address for UPWP form submissions will be posted at the site. The deadline for submissions will be April 8, 2021.

Action Requested

Information only.