

## 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program Development

### **Background**

The biennial ***Unified Planning Work Program*** (UPWP) describes the transportation plans and programs and the transportation-related air quality planning activities that will be conducted during the applicable Fiscal Years, in this case 2010 (10/01/09 - 09/30/10) and 2011 (10/01/10 - 09/30/11) regardless of funding sources or agencies conducting these activities. Through the development of the UPWP, changes in regional transportation planning priorities are identified and the role of the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area (TMA) is documented.

The process of operating, maintaining, and improving the region's surface transportation system is complex and demands ongoing regional planning efforts. Many of the activities described in this document support the collaborative and coordinated decision-making process between state and local government agencies, transportation providers, shippers, and carriers of goods, and the residents of the region. Through the cooperation of these stakeholders, the products of these planning efforts will provide the region with greater mobility benefits. A typical UPWP is made up of the following sections:

- Introduction
- Task 1 – Program Administration. & Management
- Task 2 – Data Development & Maintenance
- Task 3 – Short-Range Planning
- Task 4 – Long-Range Planning
- Task 5 – Special Studies
- Other State & Locally-Funded Planning Activities
- Appendices

### **Current Status**

The development of the 2010-2011 UPWP is underway and has a very aggressive schedule this year as shown below:

- April 1, 2009           Text content due
- April 15, 2009        Budget info due
- May 7, 2009           Public comment begins with TAC presentation
- May 15, 2009         Draft presentation to TPC
- June 1, 2009          Draft UPWP to TxDOT
- June 7, 2009          Close of Public Comment
- June 10, 2009         Final Draft UPWP Posted
- June 17, 2009         TAC Adoption
- June 26, 2009         TPC adoption
- August 1, 2009        Final UPWP to TxDOT

If any Transportation Partner has 'a planning idea' to be considered for UPWP funding, please provide contact Alan Clark or Ashby Johnson as soon as possible.

### **Action Requested**

For information only.