

**Information for the Legislative Delegation  
Regarding the Financial Outlook for Transportation**

**Background**

At the March TPC meeting, Councilmember Steve Costello requested that the TPC consider a resolution directing the MPO director to provide information to the Houston area legislative delegation, both state and federal, regarding the TxDOT financial outlook.

For FY 2008-20, the 2035 RTP anticipated \$11.7 billion in TxDOT lettings. Presently, actual and estimated lettings are expected to be only \$4.4 billion, leaving a **shortfall of \$7.3 billion**.

Councilmember Costello provided the draft resolution for the TPC's consideration and the officers approved its inclusion on the agenda.

**Current Situation**

In order to accomplish the objective of the resolution, the MPO staff will provide information to the legislative delegation and meet with the delegation.

Additionally, the MPO will inform interested parties and stakeholders about projected shortfalls. This could include meeting with chambers of commerce, business and non-profit and municipal leaders.

Finally, the MPO will develop display boards to illustrate the financial shortfall and make them available to the public at all meetings, as prescribed in the resolution.

This outreach effort is anticipated to begin in June as part of the public comment period on the draft 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program and draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Update.

**Action Requested**

Staff requests approval of resolution.