

**RECOMMENDATION FOR TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC)
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE
2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
AND THE
2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Summary

There are five (5) amendments for which staff is requesting recommendation to the TPC:

- Program Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) for the FY 2018 Commuter and Transit Pilot Program, combining funds from the FY 2020 program year.
- Update Fort Bend County Transit's FY 2017 FTA formula funding based on the amounts approved by the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County's Board of Directors at their January 25, 2018 meeting. Program Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of local matching funds on the Capital and Planning Expenditures.

A summary table of actions is attached including links for more detailed information

Action Requested

Recommendation to the TPC.

COMBINE TWO CMAQ PROJECT GRANTS - CSJ 476 AND 570

AND

**USE TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS FOR OVERSIGHT AND
DIRECT STATE COSTS**

Summary

H-GAC is seeking to combine CSJ 476 and CSJ 570 into one larger \$4.5 CMAQ grant in which more pilot projects can be funded (CSJ 476). Given the changing population and employment demographics of the Houston-Galveston MPO, H-GAC seeks to broaden the scope of available projects to include suburban commuter transit and other innovative ventures. Maintaining successful suburban to urban commuter projects remains a priority as well. Grant funding information and use of Transportation Development Credits for implementation, H-GAC oversight and state costs are shown below:

Funding Information	Total Estimated Revenue	Federal Funding	Local Match	TDC's*
Commuter and Transit Pilot Projects	\$ 5,018,750	\$4,015,000	\$1,003,750	\$0
H-GAC Program Implementation and Oversight 7.8%	\$350,000	\$350,000		70,000*
Direct State Costs 3.0%	\$135,000	\$135,000		27,000*
TOTAL	\$5,503,750	\$4,500,000	\$1,003,750	97,000*

* Not counted toward totals.

Action Requested

Recommendation to the TPC.

H-GAC 2017-2020 TIP and 2040 RTP

April 2018 TPC Amendments

MPOID/CSJ	Sponsor/County	Project	Proj Type	Proposed Modifications						
				Type	Funding (M)			Scope	Schedule	
					Fed/State	Local				
14727 0912-00-476	H-GAC (MUL)	HOUSTON-GALVESTO... (VA, VA) COMMUTE SOLUTIONS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION...	T	STIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$2.5	(\$0.4)	96K TDCs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17139 0912-00-570	H-GAC (MUL)	HOUSTON-GALVESTO... (VA, VA) COMMUTE ALTERNATIVES/COMMUTER AND TRANSLI...	T	STIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(\$2.5)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cancel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Combine into 14727
16269	FORT BEND COUNTY (FOR)	FORT BEND COUNTY (VA, VA) CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPOR...	T	Non-STIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+\$0.2		Assign TDCs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add P&R signage.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FY 2018+
16270	FORT BEND COUNTY (FOR)	FORT BEND COUNTY (VA, VA) PLANNING EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPO...	T	Non-STIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(\$0.0)		Assign TDCs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FY 2018+
16271	FORT BEND COUNTY (FOR)	FORT BEND COUNTY (VA, VA) OPERATING EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC TRANSP...	T	Non-STIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+\$2.2		Assign TDCs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FY 2018+



Date Received 2/27/2018

Transportation Development Credit Application (Rev. 10-5-16)

Agency Information:

Date: 2/27/2018

Name: Houston-Galveston Area Council
Address: 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027

Contact Person:

Name: Alan Rodenstein
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Projects that will not typically be considered for TDCs because they individually lack regionally significant benefit include, but not limited to:

- Transportation enhancement projects,
- "Stand Alone" sidewalk and on-street bicycle projects,
- Roadway projects on collector or local streets,
- Roadway maintenance, repaving or reconstruction projects without regionally significant added capacity components,
- Access management projects, and
- Livable centers projects.

MPO ID: 14727 and 17139 (to be combined)

Project Description: Federal cost: \$ 4,500,000 TDC Request: 97,000

H-GAC's Commuter and Transit Pilot Program provides funding support for new and expanded services within the eight-county planning area. Supported services address identified gaps in the transit system, provide riders with access to employment centers, and address peak-period congestion and regional air quality through the reduction of single-occupant vehicle travel.

Project Status:

Regional Transportation Plan [checked] Yes [] No
TIP 2018 Year [] [] [checked] Yes [] No

Project Type (Priority Use of TDCs) - Choose 1 (one) and Explain:

[] Regionally Significant Roadway Capacity Project

[Empty box for explanation]

Support of Federal Transit Funding

Other Regionally Significant Project

Supported services provide alternatives to the use of single occupant vehicles, reducing congestion and mobile source vehicle emissions.

Maintenance of Local Investment:

Roadways Projects:

Explain and document how state or local matching funds will be reinvested in transportation projects within the 8-county MPO region and are consistent with the RTP.

Transit Projects:

Explain and document the effect the TDC's will have on local and non-federal funding support for existing transit services.

The use of TDCs will provide additional flexibility to tailor federal participation based on program priorities and facilitate the use of non-traditional and/or variable match requirements. The program is intended to test new service concepts and incentivize the expansion of commuter transit services that require the identification and commitment of other funding sources for long-term sustainability.

H-GAC use only:
TPC approval: _____ Agency Notification: _____
Notes:



Date Received :

Transportation Development Credit Application (Rev. 10-25-17)

Agency Information:

Date: 4/2/2018

Name: Houston-Galveston Area Council
Address: 3555 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027

Contact Person:

Name: Yvette Maldonado, Finance & Administration Manager
Phone: 281-243-6722
Email: Yvette.Maldonado@fortbendcountytexas.gov

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- *Access management projects, and*
- *Livable centers projects.*

MPO ID: 16269, 16270

Project Description: Federal cost: \$ 4,407,280 TDC Request: \$ 658,432

Fort Bend County Public Transportation is requesting 658,432 TDCs as local match for our **Federal FY2017 Section 5307** grant application. Funding will be assigned as follows:

Capital Equipment, Bus Station Signage, Cost of Contracting (80/20) \$2,300,064 Federal 460,013 TDC
 Capital Rolling Stock (85/15) \$501,000 Federal 75,150 TDC
 General Planning and Consulting (80/20) \$616,345 Federal 123,269 TDC

Project Status:

Regional Transportation Plan Yes No
TIP Year Yes No

Project Type (Priority Use of TDCs) - Choose 1 (one) and Explain:

Regionally Significant Roadway Capacity Project

Support of Federal Transit Funding

FY2017 allocation of Section 5307 Federal funds are authorized under the FAST Act and therefore are subject to a cap on the use of federal funds for operating reimbursement. Fort Bend County will use TDC's as match for Capital, and Planning and use local funds, generally applied to capital, planning, and operating, to cover additional operating costs in excess of the operating cap.

Other Regionally Significant Project

Maintenance of Local Investment:

Roadways Projects:

Explain and document how state or local matching funds will be reinvested in transportation projects within the 8-county MPO region and are consistent with the RTP.

Transit Projects:

Explain and document the effect the TDC's will have on local and non-federal funding support for existing transit services.

With FAST Act apportionments, Fort Bend County is using TDC's to match Capital, and Planning funds to allow local funds, generally allocated to these projects, to be used instead for additional operating costs in excess of the operating cap. The federal operating cap imposed by the FAST Act is well below the amount which would have typically been eligible for federal reimbursement; consequently, Fort Bend County will use local match cash for the resulting deficit in federal reimbursement.

Fort Bend County provides local match cash in support of public transportation services and has a local funding budget of \$2,429,995 for FY2018.

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- *Livable centers projects.*

MPO ID: 11789

Project Description: Federal cost: \$ 1,052,376 TDC Request: \$ 210,475

Fort Bend County Public Transportation is requesting \$210,474 in TDC's as local match for our **Federal FY2017 Section 5310** grant application. Funding will be assigned as follows:

Cost of Contracting (80/20) \$1,052,376 Federal \$210,475 TDC

Project Status:

Regional Transportation Plan Yes No
TIP Year Yes No

Project Type (Priority Use of TDCs) - Choose 1 (one) and Explain:

Regionally Significant Roadway Capacity Project

Support of Federal Transit Funding

FY2017 allocation of Section 5310 Federal funds are authorized under the FAST Act. Fort Bend County will use TDC's as match for Capital.

Other Regionally Significant Project

Maintenance of Local Investment:

Roadways Projects:

Explain and document how state or local matching funds will be reinvested in transportation projects within the 8-county MPO region and are consistent with the RTP.

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