

**BRIEFING ON FUTURE TPC AMENDMENTS TO THE TIP AND RTP**

**Summary**

H-GAC staff is assembling a list of potential subregional and transportation planning studies. These new studies are aimed at conducting planning to improve mobility and promote multimodal connectivity throughout the greater Houston region. Local governments and agencies are invited to submit their planning studies. The planning studies would be funded from the 1% Set Aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) funding. Over a ten-year period, \$10,400,000 of federal funds are estimated to be available. With the addition of a 20% local match, the total funding is \$13,000,000. These studies would supplement the Unified Planning Work Program. Staff is proposing to use Transportation Development Credits for the 20% match, when possible. The table below summarizes the funding estimate.

1% Set Aside STBG funding available over 10 years	
\$10,400,000	Federal (80%)
2,600,000	Local cash match (20%)
\$13,000,000	Total

Planning studies currently under consideration are:

- Southeast Harris County/SH 225 Subregional Study
- Montgomery County Precinct 2 Mobility Plan
- Liberty County Transportation Plan
- Regional Travel Surveys
- Safety Intersection Studies
- Livable Centers Program
- High Capacity Transit Taskforce
- Regional Goods Movement Plan

While the timelines of the planning studies will vary, H-GAC staff anticipates having these studies under contract in three years. Using current estimates, the total funding needed for the above list is less than \$10,400,000, so there is room to funding additional studies. Future studies will need to be programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program and the Unified Planning Work Program.

Currently, staff is collaborating with local agencies, refining the project scopes, clarifying readiness, and identifying cost estimates. If a local government or agency has a need for a planning study in your area, contact H-GAC.

**Action Requested**

For information only