

**Resolution for an Amendment to the 2040 RTP and the 2019-2022 TIP to add High Speed Rail**

**Summary**

The Texas Central High-Speed Train, also known as “The Texas Bullet Train”, is designed to travel up to 240 miles per hour between Houston and Dallas with a 90-minute travel time. Departures are expected every thirty minutes and there will be an intermediate stop in College Station. Currently, the project is undergoing final review in its Draft Environmental Impact Statement by the Federal Railway Administration with an Environmental Impact Statement expected for release in 2019.

The Texas Central High-Speed Train project as proposed will have significant impact to the region and the State. These impacts include the removal of approximately 14,600 vehicles from the IH 45 corridor from Houston to Dallas. The proposed project also will have significant economic benefits to both Greater Houston and North Texas regions.

Staff is proposing to add this project to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program. The draft TIP/RTP amendment and the draft resolution are available as attachments.

**Action Requested**

Information only.

H-GAC 2019-2022 TIP and 2040 RTP

MPOID/CSJ	Sponsor/County	Project	Proj Type	Proposed Modifications				
				Type	Funding (M)		Scope	Schedule
					Fed/State	Local		
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**2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

**DECEMBER 2018 MODIFICATIONS AND PREVIEWS**

**PROPOSED VERSION**

**MPOID/CSJ: 17154/NA**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
HOUSTON	MULTIPLE		VA	C,E,R	HOUSTON	TEXAS CENTRAL HIGH-SPEED TRAIN	\$18,000,000,000

STREET: TEXAS CENTRAL HIGH-SPEED TRAIN CORRIDOR MPO PROJECT ID: 17154  
 LIMITS FROM: DALLAS, TEXAS FUNDING CATEGORY: 3  
 LIMITS TO: HOUSTON, TEXAS MTP REFERENCE:

TIP BUILD A 240-MILE HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN WITH 3 STATIONS: HOUSTON, DALLAS AND GRIMES COUNTY. ALIGNMENT WILL BE GRADE SEPARATED WITH OVER 50% OF THE ALIGNMENT BEING ON VIADUCT AND THE REMAINING ON EMBANKMENT. THE SYSTEM WILL BE DEDICATED TO HIGH-SPEED TRAIN SERVICE AND INCLUDE PARALLEL UNIDIRECTIONAL TRACKS.

REMARKS:

**Project History:**

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Federal	State	Regional	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	---							
Right Of Way:	---							
Construction:	\$18,000,000,000	18,000,000,000	---	---	---	---	\$18,000,000,000	\$18,000,000,000
Construction Engineering:	---							
Contingencies:	---							
Indirects:	---							
Bond Financing:	---							
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$18,000,000,000</b>							

HOUSTON-GALVESTON MPO  
2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
DECEMBER 2018 MODIFICATIONS AND PREVIEWS

**OLD VERSION**

**MPOID/CSJ: 17154/NA**

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# Resolution

## NO. 2018-26

### **AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS OF THE 2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND THE 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Houston - Galveston Transportation Management Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) is the regional transportation policy body, and;

**WHEREAS**, the federal law Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) assigns the MPO the responsibility for carrying out the metropolitan planning process, cooperation with the State and publicly-owned transit service providers, and;

**WHEREAS**, the *2040 Regional Transportation Plan* was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council on January 23, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the *2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program* for the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council on May 25, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed revision to the *2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program* is consistent with the *2040 Regional Transportation Plan* and its finding of conformance with the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed revision to the *2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program* is consistent with the federal fiscal constraint requirements established for the Transportation Improvement Program and are consistent with the financially constrained 2040 Regional Transportation Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC) FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA**

THAT THE 2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE 2019–2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE ADDITION OF THE TEXAS CENTRAL HIGH-SPEED TRAIN PROJECT AS DETAILED IN AGENDA ITEM 7B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FEDERAL FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TEXAS CENTRAL HIGH-SPEED TRAIN PROJECT.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 21st day of December 2018, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Hon. Matt Sebesta, Chairman  
Transportation Policy Council

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Hon. Tom Reid, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council