

APPROVAL OF THE 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Background

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year capital improvements program for transportation projects. Under federal rules, all federally assisted projects must be included in the TIP to be eligible for funding. In addition, federal rules require that regionally significant local projects must also be included in the TIP.

H-GAC's TIP is included, along with all other MPO TIPs and rural TIPs developed by TxDOT, in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP, reviewed and approved by Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, forms the basis for federal project actions including environmental approvals (NEPA), permits and fund obligations.

In Texas, a new STIP is compiled every two years resulting in at least two years of projects carried over each cycle.

Current Situation

The new 2019-2022 TIP must be approved and transmitted to TxDOT by June 18, 2018.

The Draft 2019-2022 TIP contains those projects which have been funded in the TIP timeframe by the TPC or through local sponsor action. This includes estimated amounts for future year federal transit funding as approved by designated recipients in consultation with other local transit providers.

Since the preview of this draft document at the April TPC meeting, Staff has also been working with sponsors to update project information to ensure reflect latest available information. Based on feedback received from stakeholders and the public, staff has drafted a more concise and accessible document. Where appropriate, appendices have been consolidated or eliminated.

The Draft 2019-2022 TIP is available for review on H-GAC's TIP website:

<https://www.hgac.com/taq/tip/2019-2022-tip.aspx>

As provided in H-GAC's Public Participation Plan, a 30-day public comment period on the draft 2019-2022 TIP was opened on April 10, 2018 and closed at 5:00 pm on May 9, 2018.

A public meeting was be conducted on April 17, 2018, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in Conference Room A. The meeting was also available via webinar for those who wished to participate but could not attend in person.

Comments and sponsor feedback has been incorporated into the TIP document and project information.

2019 - 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Schedule:

- **March 14, 2018** - Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Information
- **March 23, 2018** - Transportation Policy Council – Information
- **April 10, 2018** - Start of Public Comment Period
- **April 17, 2018** – Public Meeting
- **April 18, 2018** - Technical Advisory Committee Meeting – Preview
- **April 27, 2018** - Transportation Policy Council – Preview
- **May 9, 2018** - End of Public Comment Period
- **May 16, 2018** - Technical Advisory Committee Meeting –
Recommendation
- **May 25, 2018** - Transportation Policy Council - Action/Adoption
- **June 18, 2018** - TIP submittal due to TxDOT for inclusion in FY 2019-
2022 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Action Requested

Request TPC approval of the Resolution 2018-12



Resolution

NO. 2018-12

APPROVING THE 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA:

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) was enacted on December 4, 2015 and authorizes the Federal surface transportation programs for highways, safety, and transit; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act and Code of Federal Regulations establish requirements for the metropolitan transportation planning process, including the development of Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs); and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) as the Policy Board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), has adopted policies and procedures for the selection and prioritization of projects consistent with federal planning requirements; and

WHEREAS, the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program was developed in cooperation with the state and local governments, and local transit providers; and

WHEREAS, opportunity for public comment has been provided per the policies established by the *Public Participation Plan* adopted by the Transportation Policy Council in November 2012; and

WHEREAS, the 2019–2022 Transportation Improvement Program includes statewide project groupings developed in accordance with the Metropolitan Planning regulations and in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program includes a financial summary that demonstrates its compliance with federal regulations regarding financial constraint; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, the long-range transportation plan for the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area, was adopted in January 2015 by the Transportation Policy Council; and

WHEREAS, the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program was developed from, and is consistent with the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, as amended, and its air quality conformity determination as approved in April 2018 by the Transportation Policy Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA, THAT THE 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IS HEREBY APPROVED, AND THE MPO DIRECTOR IS DIRECTED TO SUBMIT THE TIP TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2019-2022 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of May 2018, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:



Hon. Matt Sebesta, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

ATTEST:



Hon. Tom Reid, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council