

**APPROVAL OF 2040 RTP AMENDMENT PLANNING FACTORS AND
PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Background

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act's (FAST Act) final planning rules for the Metropolitan Planning Process and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) will become effective on May 27, 2018. All amendments and updates to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP), and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) made after May 27, 2018 are required to be compliant with the new planning rule.

The 2045 RTP is currently under development and scheduled to be completed by September 2019. However, the 2040 RTP requires an amendment to be compliant with new FAST Act regulations. The proposed amendment will add a new appendix incorporating three new planning factors as well as new system performance measures.

The three planning factors cover:

- Improving resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation;
- Enhancing travel and tourism; and
- Consideration of intercity buses.

The new federal performance measures include safety, pavement and bridge condition, congestion reduction, freight, air quality, and transit asset management. This 2040 RTP Amendment includes the safety performance measures adopted by the TPC earlier this year. As additional measures are developed those will be added to the 2040 RTP through future amendments.

A 30-day public comment period for this amendment was open from April 10, 2018 to May 9, 2018. The 2040 RTP Amendment - Appendix M is available at this link:
www.h-gac.com/taq/plan/2040/docs/2040-Amendment-Draft-Appendix-M.pdf

Action Requested

Request TPC approval of the Resolution 2018-13.



Resolution

NO. 2018-13

APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN 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 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 Amendment to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan was developed in cooperation with the state and local governments, and local transit providers; and

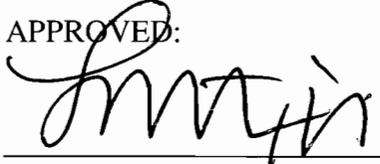
WHEREAS, the Amendment to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan was developed to incorporate the planning factors and federally required performance measures; and

WHEREAS, opportunity for public comment has been provided per the policies established by the *Public Participation Plan* adopted by the Transportation Policy Council in July 2017; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan, as amended, is consistent with the air quality conformity determination as approved in April 2018 by the Transportation Policy Council.

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