

## Status of the 2019-2022 TIP

### **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 state and local projects must also be included in the TIP.

H-GAC's TIP is included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) with TIPs developed from MPOs across the state and rural TIPs developed by TxDOTs Districts for non-urban parts of Texas. 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.

Staff has also been working with sponsors to update locally-funded project information to ensure that projects that need to be listed in the TIP are updated and 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, 2016 and will close at 5:00 pm on May 9, 2018.

A public meeting will be conducted on April 17, 2018, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in Conference Room A. The meeting will be available via webinar for those who wish to participate but cannot attend in person. Webinar registration is available online: <https://www.hgac.com/taq/transportationpublic-outreach/mobility-transportation-upcoming-public-meetings.aspx>.

Comments and sponsor feedback will be incorporated into the TIP document and project information prior to approval being requested at the May TAC and TPC meetings.

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)

Based upon fund availability and project readiness, additional TIP projects may be added through subsequent amendment of this document.

**Action Requested**

For information only.