



Item 6. 2026 TAC Officers Election



Technical Advisory Committee
February 18, 2026

2026 TAC Officers Election



- Each year, the TAC Chair appoints a nominating committee of three or more members prior to the election of officers.
- 2026 Nominating Committee:
 - Wael Tabara
 - Perri D'Armond
 - David Wurdlow
 - Amy Skicki
 - Brian Alcott

Proposed 2026 Officer Slate

- Chair: Morad Kabiri
- 1st Vice Chair: Perri D'Armond
- 2nd Vice Chair: Brian Alcott



Action Requested

Request TAC approval of 2026 TAC Officers.

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Item 7. TAC subcommittee structure



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Discussion topic goal



Review and discuss:

- Role of technical subcommittees.
- Types of technical subcommittees.
- Current TAC subcommittees bylaws and structure.
- Draft TAC subcommittees guidelines.
- Next steps.

Technical Advisory Committee



- Reviews metropolitan planning organization work.
 - Unified Planning Work Program.
 - Regional Transportation Plan.
 - Transportation Improvement Program.
 - Public Participation Plan.
 - Congestion Management Process.
 - Performance measures and targets.
- Works with staff to evaluate options.
- Advises staff and the Transportation Policy Council.

Technical subcommittees – TAC bylaws



- November 2025 TAC Bylaws amendments.
- TAC Chair or MPO Director may create to assist TAC.
 - Standing committees.
 - Ad hoc committees.
 - Work groups.
- Membership recommended by TAC Nominating Committee – ratified by TAC.
- Chair and vice-chair must be TAC voting or alternate member.
- MPO Director develop operating procedure, work plan, membership criteria, scope of work for each.

Technical subcommittee guidelines



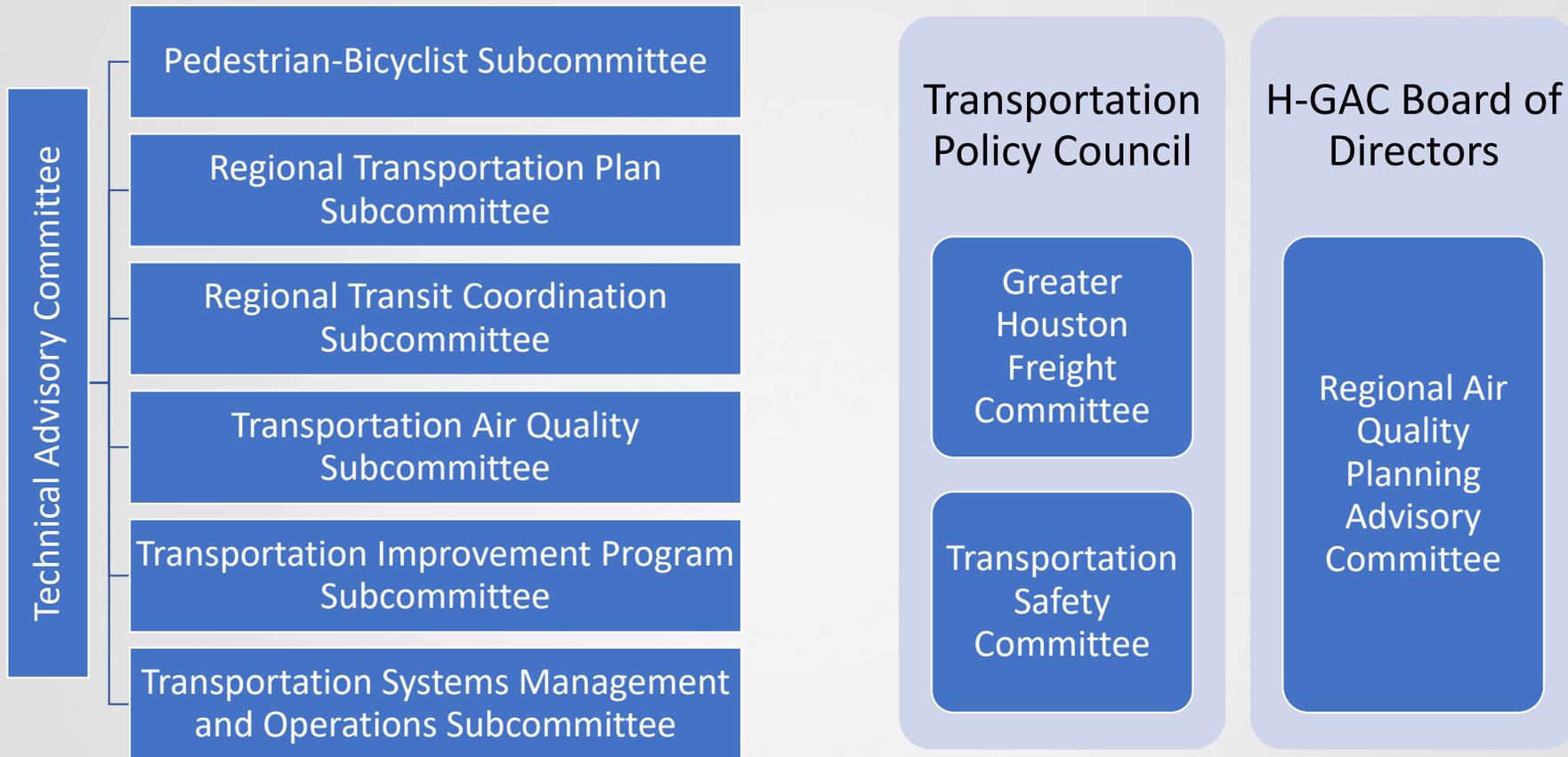
- Bylaws and Operating Procedures of the Transportation Advisory Committee's Subcommittees (May 13, 2020).
- Staff review and draft proposed "Guidelines and Operating Procedures for Technical Subcommittees".
- Align language with updated TAC bylaws.
- Define the types of technical subcommittees.
- Member appointments and terms.
- No alternates for ad hoc committees or work groups.
- Annual work plans.
- Progress reports.

Discussion questions



- Membership terms? One year for standing committees; duration of committee for ad hoc committees and working groups.
- Alternate members for ad hoc committees and work groups?
- Officers: appointed by TAC or elected by subcommittee?
- No more than **3 consecutive years** in any single officer position?
- Quarterly progress reports for standing committees?
- Any other comments on the draft guidelines?

TAC and related subcommittees



Next steps



- Refine and finalize draft guidelines.
- Review existing subcommittee structure.
- Review and discuss alternative subcommittee structure.
 - Efficiency.
 - Effectiveness.
 - Representation.
 - Membership.
 - Scopes of work.

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Item 8. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendments



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Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)



The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines the two-year regional transportation planning and programming activities, along with transportation-related air quality planning, to be carried out during fiscal years 2026–2027.

The current UPWP was approved by the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) in June of 2025.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)



TASK II Amendment-Staff Request the following amendments to complete ongoing activities into FY 2026.

1. TASK 2, subtask 2.1.a, staff is requesting to program funds for Travel Demand Modeling Update and Maintenance in the total amount of \$210,514.00
2. TASK 2, subtask 2.1.b, staff is requesting to program funds to Travel Demand Modeling Assistance and Support in the amount of \$16,334.00

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

TASK III Amendment Request:

1. TASK 3, subtask 3.2.a, staff is requesting to program funds in the amount of \$46,967.00 into FY 2026 to support the continuation of the Regional Transit Seamless Fare Collection System Project with Metro; providing planning and implementation assistance.



Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

TASK IV Amendment Request:

1. TASK 4, subtask 4.2.c, staff is requesting to add the Waller County and Liberty County Mobility Plans as FY 2026 activities with no increase in funds.



Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

TASK V Amendment Request:

1. TASK 5, subtask 5.5.b, staff is requesting to program funds to the Zero Emissions Vehicle Study in the amount of \$50,000.00 to complete project activities.
2. TASK 5, subtask 5.7.b, staff is requesting to program funds to Project Level Planning in the amount of \$300,000.00 for consultant services in developing project delivery and strategies for MPO.
3. TASK 5, subtask 5.7.e, staff is requesting to add the Harris County's PROTECT grant County-wide Drainage Study in the amount of \$9.6M (FHWA PROTECT grant funds) to the 2026-2027 UPWP regional activities.



Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Transportation Planning Funds-TPF

TASKs	Prior to Amendment	Programmed Funds	After Amendment
TASK I	\$5.7M	\$0	\$5.7M
TASK II	\$5.4M	\$227K	\$5.7M
TASK III	\$2.5M	\$47K	\$2.6M
TASK IV	\$6.3M	\$0	\$6.3M
TASK V	\$10.1M	\$350K	\$10.4M
Total:	\$30M	\$501K	\$30.5M

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Discussion Item.

- Transportation Advisory Committee recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolution No. UPWP 2026-02.



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Item 9. Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan



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What is a Thoroughfare Plan?



- A long-range (50+ years) plan providing guidance on future transportation needs
- Includes specific recommendations related to right-of-way (ROW) preservation, connectivity, and street classifications
- Does not include a list of projects

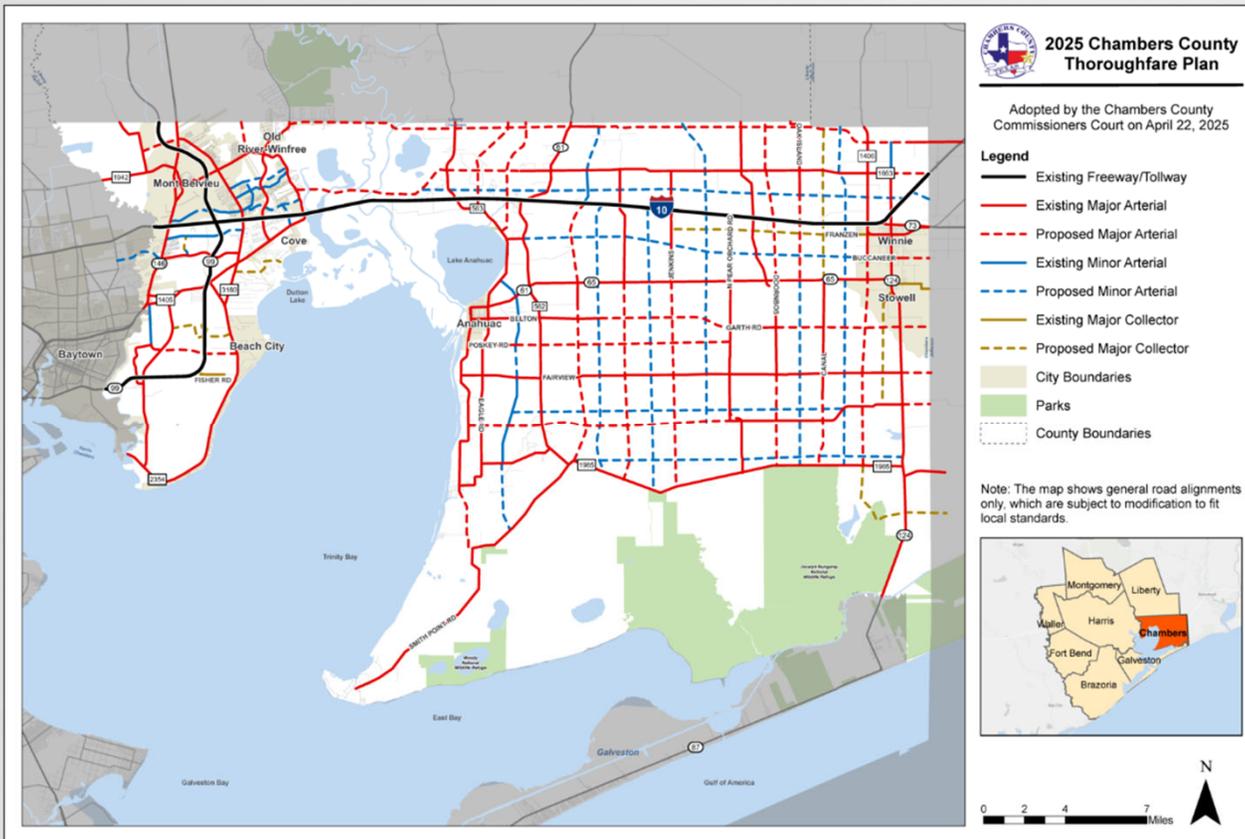
Background



- Texas Local Government Code, Section 232.102, states the Commissioners Court may:
 - (1) require ROW on a street or road that functions as a major thoroughfare of a width of not more than 120 feet; or
 - (2) require a ROW on a street or road that functions as a major thoroughfare of a width of more than 120 feet, if such requirement is consistent with a transportation plan adopted by the MPO of the region

Roadway Type	Feet Minimum	CCTP Miles
Major Arterials	180 feet	149 miles
Minor Arterials	120 feet	138 miles
Collectors	80 feet	31 miles

Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan



- Adopted by Chambers County Commissioners' Court on April 22, 2025

Current Situation



- 2026-2027 UPWP includes thoroughfare plan updates for several counties including Liberty, Waller, and Galveston
- Thoroughfare plans will be presented to TPC for adoption as they are completed to ensure alignment with the Texas Local Government Code
- Thoroughfare plans will inform updates to the Regional Thoroughfare Plan, which will be presented to the TPC for adoption at a future date

Next Steps

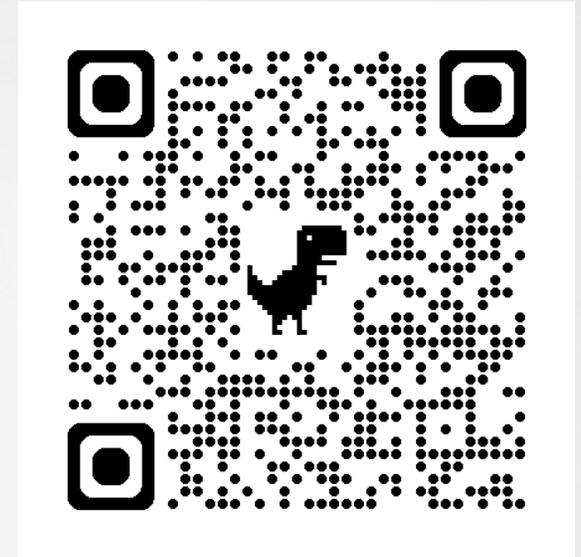
- February 27 - Present to TPC for discussion
- TAC and TPC in March for adoption with resolution



Report Location



- The Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan report is available on the Subregional Planning website under “Local Thoroughfare Plans (prepared by H-GAC).”



<https://www.h-gac.com/subregional-planning>

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Item 10. Public Participation Plan Update



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Background



- Metropolitan Planning Organizations must develop a Public Participation Plan outlining how and when stakeholder engagement should take place
- The Public Participation Plan serves as a guide for Houston-Galveston Area Council's transportation public involvement process
- The Public Participation Plan must be updated on a regular basis in accordance with federal and state regulations and was last updated in 2019

Current Situation

- The current Public Participation Plan outlines:
 - Purpose of the Public Participation Plan
 - Strategies for engaging with the public
 - Amendment processes for core MPO documents such as the RTP and TIP
 - Federal requirements for public engagement

Current Situation

- The Public Participation Plan has been updated to include:
 - Principles and Goals for public engagement
 - Updated public participation strategies to reflect virtual methods for engagement
 - Updated TIP and RTP amendment tables
- TIP Amendment Changes:
 - Splitting a project into two or more phases requires TPC approval
 - Cost changes are less than 25% of the cost or \$1 million can be processed administratively
 - Sponsor changes on TIP listed projects can be administratively processed
 - Increase transportation development credits (TDCs) greater than 1 million require TPC approval
 - Removing TDCs from a project can be processed administratively

Public Comments

- A minimum public comment period of 45 days will be provided before the revised Public Participation Plan is presented for approval by the H-GAC Transportation Policy Council
- A copy of the Draft Public Participation Plan for public review can be found at <https://www.h-gac.com/transportation-public-outreach>
- Comments can be sent to Caroline Bailey at Caroline.Bailey@h-gac.com before or on April 6, 2026



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Item 11. Future Amendments to 2025-2028 TIP and 2045 RTP



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Future 2025-2028 TIP Amendments

- Program Woodlands Township FTA Section 5339 transit capital expenses (MPO ID 19562, 19563) each with \$324K/65K TDCs in FY 2027 & FY 2028 at the Township's request.
- Update FTA Section 5307 funding/TDCs of 12 Woodlands Township transit capital, operations and planning projects in FYs 2027-2028 (MPO IDs 19457, 19458, 19461, 19462, 19464, 19465, 19466, 19467, 19468, 19469, 19470, 19472) using latest cost estimates.
- Update descriptions and FTA Sections 5307, 5337 and 5310 funding/TDCs for METRO's FY 2026 placeholder projects (MPO IDs 19111, 19112, 19113, 19114, 19115, 19116, 19117, 19118, 19119) with METRO Board of Directors approvals.

Future 2025-2028 TIP Amendments

- Rescope METRO's FTA Section 5339 West Bellfort Park & Ride project (MPO ID 18858) as purchase of eleven 45' buses. Split out \$5.0M federal to create new Regional Transit Fare Collection project (MPO ID 19565) in FY 2026.
- Change phase/task of METRO's Safety and Security implementation projects (MPO IDs 19104, 19081) from 'Capital' to 'Operating' per FTA's determinations. Increase TDCs per matching requirement for operating expenditures. Delay from FY 2025 to FY 2026.
- Reduce federal CMAQ of METRO's Regional Transit Fare Collection System (MPO ID 18260) from \$40.0M to \$27.0M due to some tasks being implemented with other funding sources.

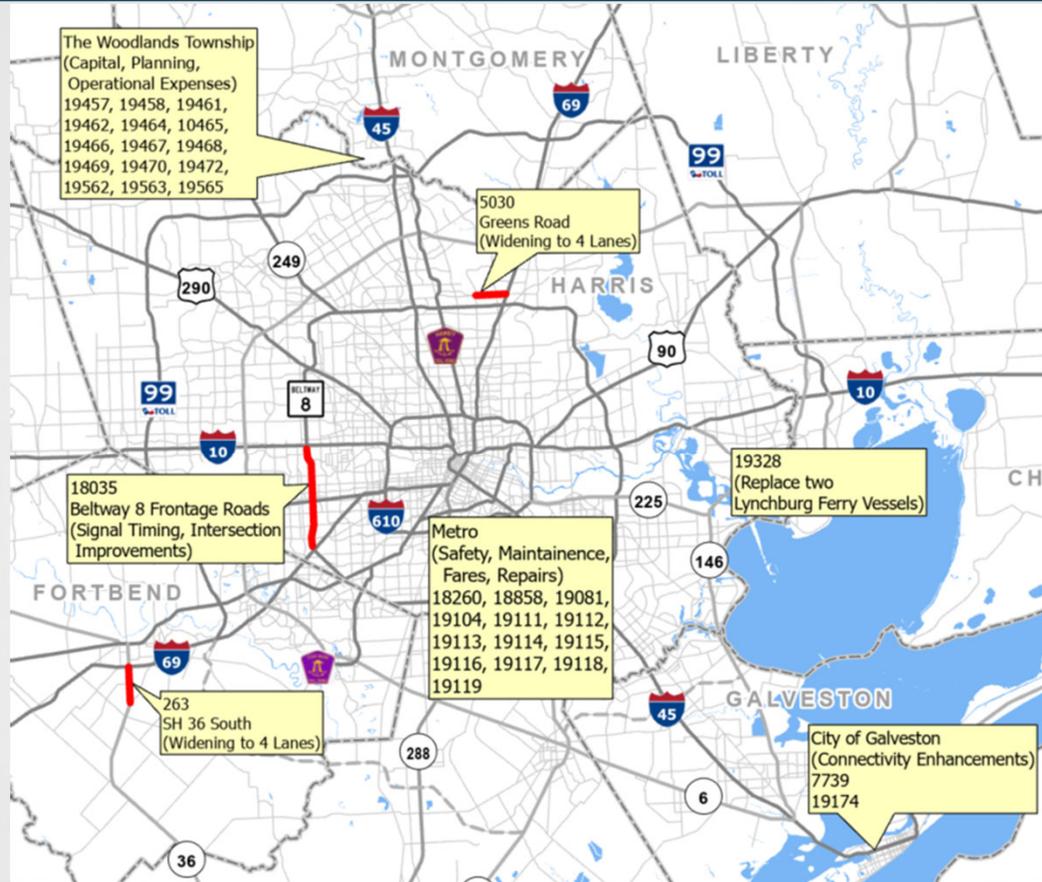
Future 2025-2028 TIP Amendments

- Increase STBG funding of COH's FY 2028 Greens Road widening (MPO ID 5030), splitting \$24.4M cost increase on 50/50 basis on eligible costs to cover increases incurred by drainage regulations and unanticipated market inflation.
- Reduce federal/state CMAQ funding of HOU's State Loop 8 frontage road access management project (MPO ID 18035) from \$26.9M to \$9.8M per latest estimate. Delay FY 2026 to FY 2027 at the District's request.
- Delay HOU's SH 36 Fort Bend County widening (MPO ID 263) from FY 2027 to FY 2030 in the Ten-Year Plan due to TxDOT's statewide level-letting process.

Future 2025-2028 TIP Amendments

- Reduce federal CMAQ of Harris County Transit's Lynchburg Ferry vessel replacement (MPO ID 19238) from \$32.7M to \$7.5M per FHWA program guidance. Reduce matching TDCs to 1.5M and add \$21.8M Local Contribution to fully fund the project.
- Cancel duplicate City of Galveston STBG funded CBD Bike Lane construction in TxDOT's Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Program (MPO ID 19174) and transfer its \$12.0M/2.4M TDCs to original Galveston Downtown Livable Communities construction (MPO ID 7739).

Future 2025-2028 TIP Amendments



Action Requested

- Review and discussion only

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2027-2030 TIP Development



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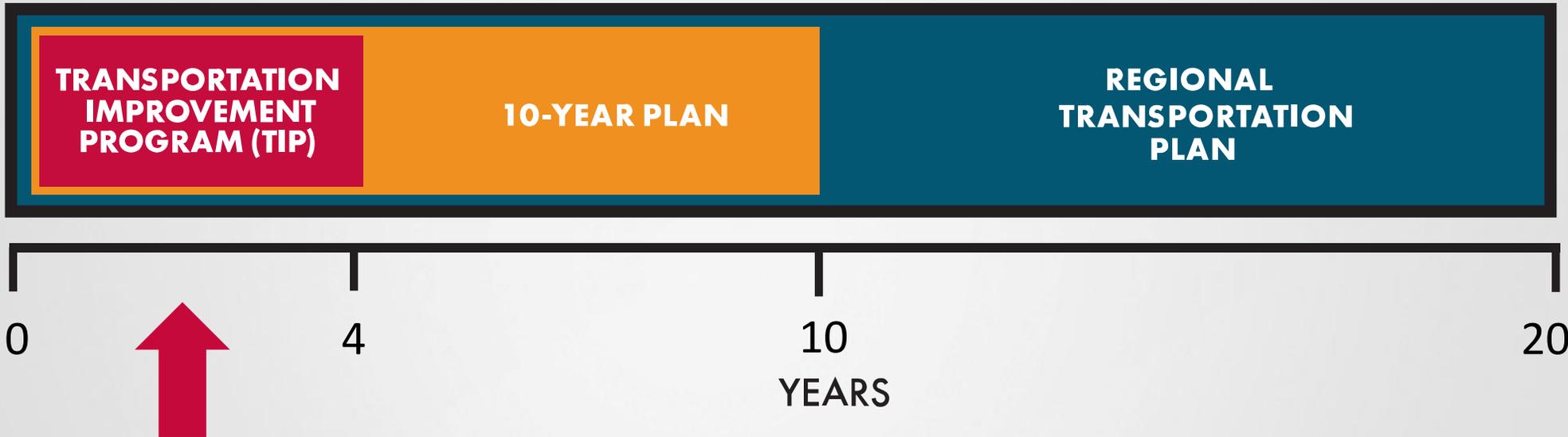
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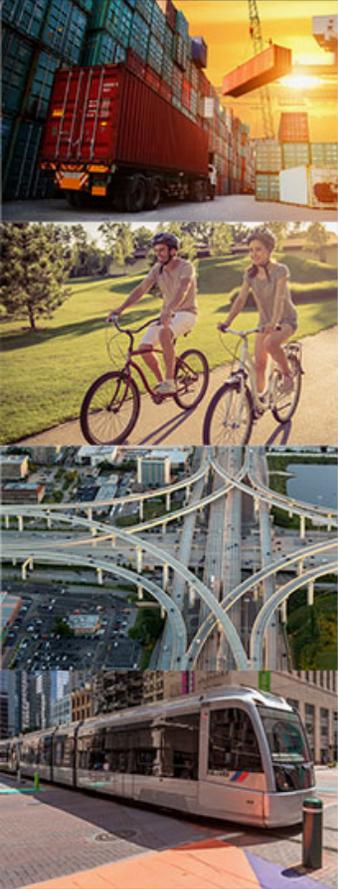
- Adding two years to the TIP (FY 2029 and FY 2030)
 - Removing FY 2025 and FY 2026
 - All let projects will be removed from TIP.
- Staff reviews all projects currently in FY 2026 through FY 2030
 - Projects are not automatically added to TIP if currently in FY 2029 and FY 2030.
 - Staff reviews funding commitments, conformity, and fiscal constraint
- Local Sponsors have received emails and will respond with the following:
 - Project Information Updates
 - Completed Risk Registers and TxDOT's Local Government Scheduling Tools for select projects.

Project Information Updates

- Request project information updates on projects that could be added to the 2027-2030 TIP.
 - Staff asks for updates during each TIP and RTP development
 - Capture latest information
 - Identify let to bid or cancelled projects
 - Do not need to be carried over into the new TIP



Risk Register and Scheduling Tool



- The Risk Register Questionnaire and TxDOT Local Government Scheduling tool
 - Completed for every programmed project between FY 2026 through FY 2030 funded through categories 2, 5, 7, 9 and 10-CRP.
 - Provided sponsors with listing of projects, questionnaire instructions and scheduling tool guide (risk register required projects in gold).
 - Allows staff to program projects in the appropriate fiscal years, while also assessing risk.

Tentative Development Timeline

STEPS	TASK	DATE
1	Review of FY 2026-2030 Projects	DEC 25/JAN 26
2	Risk Registers and TxDOT LG Scheduling Tool sent to Sponsors	JAN / FEB
3	Risk Registers and TxDOT LG Scheduling Tool due to MPO	FEB
4	Review and prepare baseline schedules	JAN – MARCH
5	Share baseline schedules with sponsors	MARCH
6	Prepare TIP Chapter 1 and Appendices	JAN – MARCH
7	Open public comment period	MARCH – APRIL
8	Public Meeting	MARCH
9	Preview Draft TIP with TAC and TPC	APRIL
10	Seek TAC and TPC approval	MAY
11	Submit final projects to eSTIP	JUNE
STEPS	TASK	DATE

Information Only

- No action requested



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