

11A. ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

BACKGROUND

The 2023-2026 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.

The 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a long-range plan that prioritizes spending on regional transportation projects including short and long-range strategies to ensure the transportation network is safe and efficient. Updated every four years, the RTP outlines a fiscally constrained transportation investment program that is based on the unique needs and characteristics of the MPO region. Amendments to the TIP and RTP are brought to the Transportation Policy Council for consideration monthly and amended in accordance with the H-GAC Public Participation Plan.

CURRENT SITUATION

A summary of the modifications to the 2023-2026 TIP is included for information below.

- Change the authorized phase of work of METRO's Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) funded Inner Katy Busway (MPO ID 11473) to 'Transfer'. Change the project description to engineering only with decreased funding from \$189.7M to \$15.1M. Delay from FY 2023 to FY 2024. (-\$174.6M; Total: \$15.1M)
- Change the authorized phase of work of METRO's Inner Katy Busway (MPO ID 18405) to 'Construction' only. Increase the funding from \$126.4 to \$301.0M. (+\$174.6M; Total: \$301.0M)
- Increase federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Central Regional Planning Projects (MPO ID 18819) by \$38K, matched with 167,600 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs), to fund an additional Task 3: 'Program Implementation and Oversight'. (+\$38K; Total: \$838K)
- Increase federal STBG funding by \$36K for the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Southeast Regional Planning Projects (MPO ID 18820), matched with 177,200 TDCs, to fund additional public outreach activities. (+\$36K; Total: \$886K)
- Increase federal STBG funding by \$31K for the Houston-Galveston Area Council's South Regional Planning Projects (MPO ID 18528), matched with 216,200 TDCs, to fund additional public outreach activities and new Task 3: 'Program Implementation and Oversight'. (+\$31K; Total: \$1.1M)

- Change the authorized phase of work of the Near Northwest Management District's federally funded Sharpstown Multi-use Trail Phase-1 construction project (MPO ID 18885) from 'Construction' to 'Transfer' to allow the transfer of the Category-10 federal earmark funding to the FTA. Assign CSJ# 0912-72-684 to the project. (Total: \$1.3M)

ACTION REQUESTED

For information only and discussion only.