

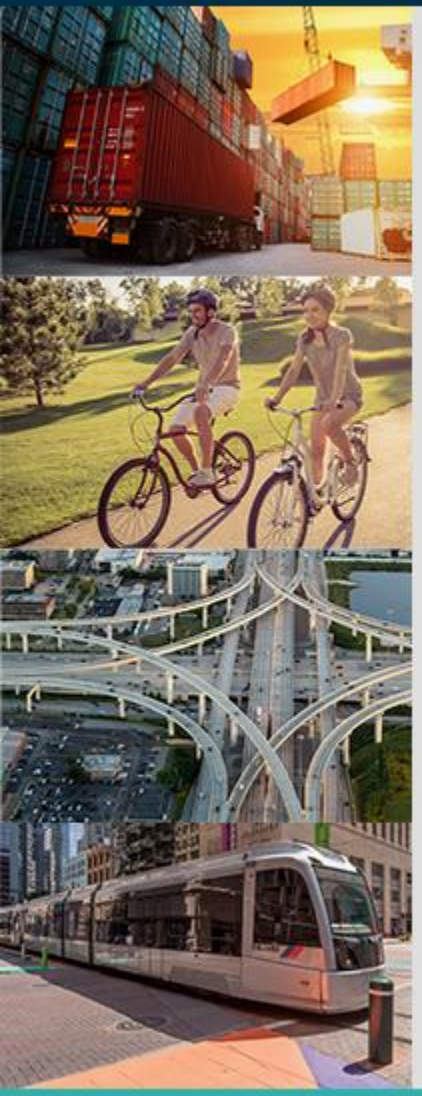

Item 9. CALL FOR PARTNERS FOR THE COMMUTER AND TRANSIT PILOT PROGRAM




Transportation Policy Council

November 20, 2026

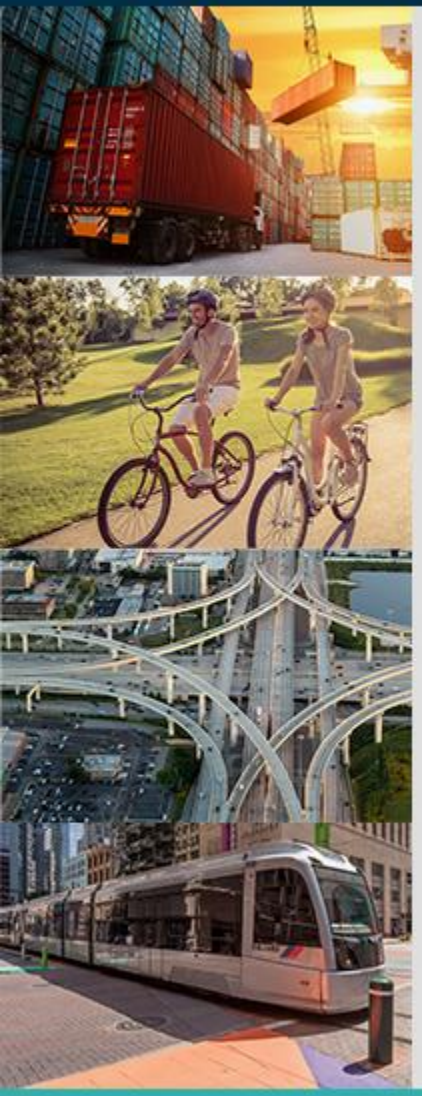
Program Overview & Regional Purpose



- Supported by Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds through a TxDOT Advance Funding Agreement (AFA).
- Covers the entire eight-county Metropolitan Planning Area
- **Core Mission:** Reduce vehicle emissions and overall vehicle miles traveled (VMT).
- Turning successful pilots into permanent transit since 1999.



Competitive Partnership & Delivery Model



- Competitive selection thru annual Call for Partners
- Proposals evaluated by H-GAC staff for CMAQ eligibility, regional transportation goals, and long-term sustainability.
- Pilots receive 3 to 5 years of operational funding support
- Sponsoring agencies commit to transitioning successful pilots to permanent local/alternative funding upon completion.



Program Successes











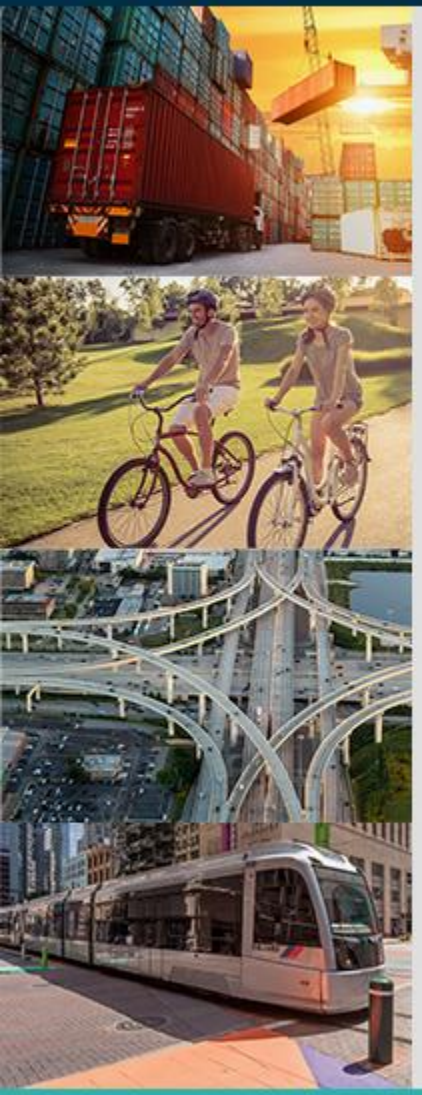


Updated Operational Guidelines

- Expects to award up to **two (2) new pilot projects** in the upcoming cycle.
- Transitioning to an annual call frequency to remain agile and responsive to regional transit needs.
- Guidelines have been developed and refined with stakeholder feedback to streamline project submission and readiness.



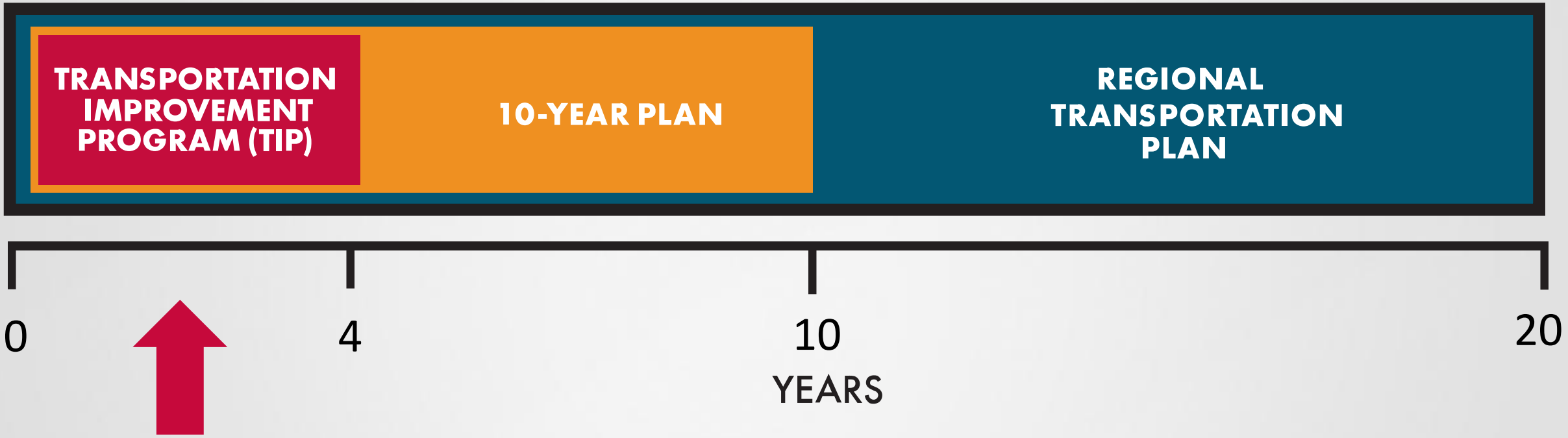
Strategic Policy Refinement



- Integration of the Transportation Development Credits (TDCs),
  - New model requires a **10% local contribution**.
    - Previously required 20% local match
- **Strategic Benefits:**
  - Reduces financial barriers for local sponsoring agencies.
  - Directs funds to Travel Demand Management (TDM) and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).



We Are Here


TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
10-YEAR PLAN
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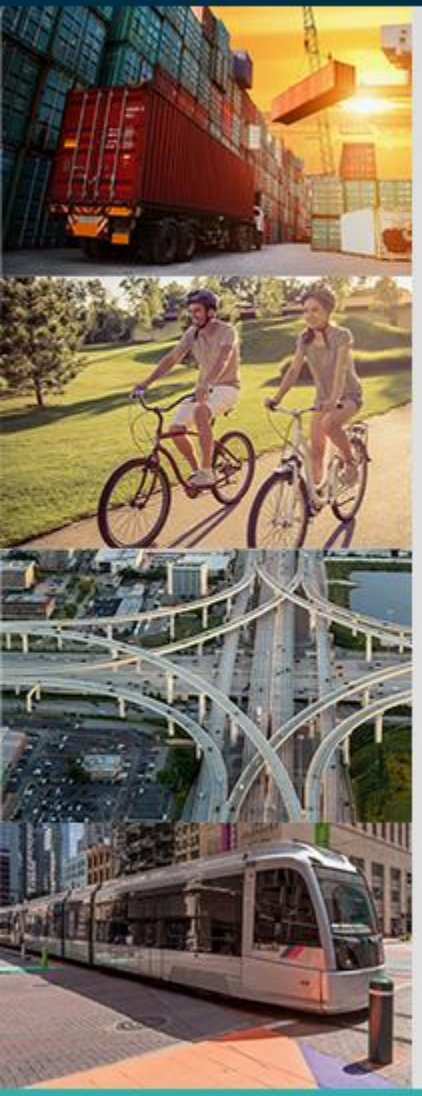
Path Toward The Call for Partners

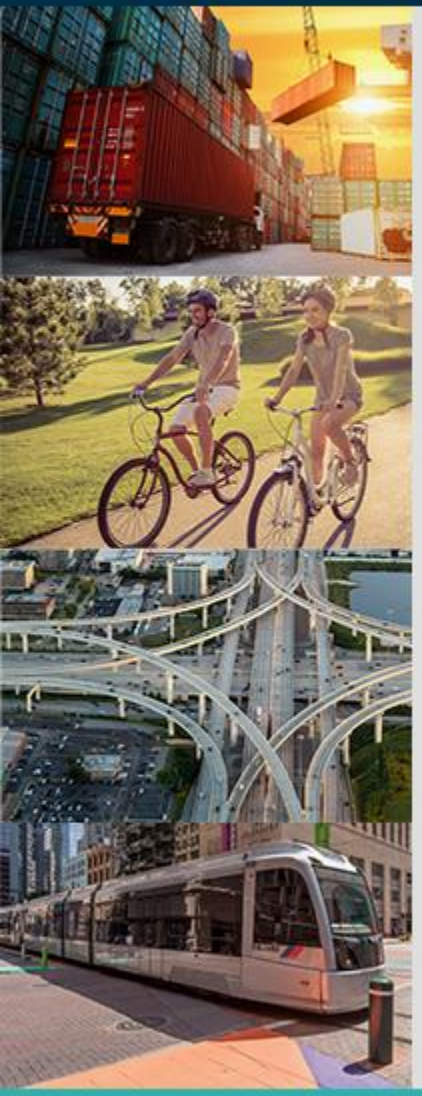


Event	Date
Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee Information & Feedback	10/8/2026 – 10/28/2026
TAC | Guidelines | Information	10/14/2026
TPC | Guidelines | Information	10/23/2026
TAC | Guidelines | Action	11/4/2026
TPC | Guidelines | Action	11/20/2026
Pre-bid Workshop	January
CFP Opens	January (Tentative)
CFP Closes	March (Tentative)

Action Requested

- Transportation Policy Council approval of updates to the Commuter and Transit Pilot and guidelines.

Contact Info



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