

9. DRAFT 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (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 local projects must also be included in the TIP.

H-GAC’s TIP is included, along with all other MPO TIPs and rural TIPs developed by TxDOT, in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP, reviewed and approved by Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, forms the basis for federal project actions including environmental approvals, permits and fund obligations.

A new STIP is compiled every two years resulting in at least two years of projects carried over from the previous STIP each cycle.

CURRENT SITUATION

H-GAC staff held two public meetings on April 3, 2024, for projects in the draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. Additionally, the public comment period for the draft 2025-2028 TIP began on March 25, 2024. Over the last two weeks, H-GAC staff received request to extend the public comment period to allow the public additional time to weigh in on the projects set for implementation in the 2025-2028 timeframe. As such, H-GAC staff extended the public comment period an additional 30 days, which would close the comment period on May 24, 2024.

Through the TIP development process the Texas Department of Transportation Houston District has requested over \$1 billion in Metropolitan Corridor (Cat. 2) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds (Cat. 5) funds to be added to projects. Below is a table showing the funding request by category and fiscal year.

Total Funding Request		
Fiscal Year	Metro. Corridor (Cat. 2)	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (Cat. 5)
2025	\$30,000,000	\$48,232,868
2026	\$53,000,000	\$30,000,000
2027	\$658,239,927	\$17,300,565
2028	\$394,820,645	\$0
Total	\$1,136,060,572	\$95,533,433

Staff is currently evaluating TxDOT's funding request to assess fiscal constraint and project eligibility. Staff is also developing various options for the TPC to consider as part of this effort. Additionally, staff will highlight the fiscal impacts of the request for the draft 2025-2028 TIP and the current project selection process.

The draft 2025-2028 TIP project listing is available at the site below.

<https://www.h-gac.com/transportation-improvement-program/2025-2028>

ACTION REQUESTED

For discussion and possible action. [No action requested]