

9. UPWP AMENDMENT – HOUSTON FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND MODELING

**BACKGROUND**

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The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is seeking a consultant to develop transportation scenarios and conduct modeling to address the mobility challenges associated with the FIFA World Cup 2026 in Houston. The consultant will create scenarios that consider both background and event-related traffic, incorporating factors such as road closures, congestion hotspots, increased traffic loads, transit access, and pedestrian flow. Transportation models and data analysis will be used to evaluate existing mobility and operational plans under various combined scenarios. This scenario planning effort will deliver data-driven recommendations to support the Houston Host Committee’s mobility & transportation plans, and enable local, state, and regional stakeholders to effectively manage transportation during the event. Additionally, this study will serve as a template for planning transportation for future major events in the 8- County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) region.

**CURRENT SITUATION**

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The UPWP 2025 does not include funding to support transportation planning and modeling for the Houston FIFA World Cup 2026.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

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Seeking approval to amend the UPWP 2025 to include \$500,000 in support of the Houston FIFA World Cup 2026 Transportation Planning and Modeling Study.



# Resolution

No. UPWP 2025-2

ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council adopted the 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) on August 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this amendment makes the following changes to TASK II-subtask under sub-task 2.1 Travel Demand Modeling;

1. Staff request adding an activity to TASK II, subtask 2.1.a in the 2025 UPWP to include the hiring of a consultant to conduct modeling addressing mobility challenges with the FIFA World Cup 2026. The new verbiage is as stated “A consultant will be utilized to develop transportation scenarios and conduct modeling to address the mobility challenges associated with the FIFA World Cup 2026”.
2. Staff requests that additional Transportation Planning Funds be added to TASK-II, subtask 2.1.a in the FY 2025 UPWP for the utilization of a consultant to complete the added activity related to the FIFA World Cup 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL, THAT REVISIONS TO THE 2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM, AS SHOWN IN THE ATTACHMENT, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE 2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED**, this 16th day of April 2025, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council for the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Justin Beckendorff, Chairman  
Transportation Policy Council

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Lesley Briones, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council