

6C. 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) – AMENDMENT

BACKGROUND

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is developed by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and documents metropolitan transportation planning activities performed with federal transportation funds as well as other regionally significant projects. The UPWP documents the metropolitan planning requirements, planning priorities facing the H-GAC metropolitan area, transportation planning activities, and the related tasks to be accomplished during the two-year planning period; October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027.

CURRENT SITUATION

1. H-GAC Transportation is preparing for the 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) fiscal year end amendment which includes moving budgeted FY 2026 projects and funds to the FY 2027 budgeted projects and funds on October 1, 2026 (the beginning of FY 2027). This forwarding of projects and funds is done for those projects that need to be continued from one year to the next as they are in various stages of completion.

Task 5, subtask 5.7.a, staff request to include the Regional Complete Streets project to UPWP FY 2027 including associated funds of \$250,000.00. Due to Wayside Drive project being suspended, part of the total \$500,000.00 programmed will be used to fund the Regional Complete Streets project; \$250,000.00 is being reprogrammed to fund the Regional Complete Streets project. This addition to the UPWP 2027 budget will increase the budget total from \$37,730,955.00 to \$37,980,955.00.
2. Task 5, subtask 5.7.e, Gulf Coast Transit District is requesting to add 5307 transit planning funds for the Houston UZA area into the 2026-2027 UPWP in the amount of \$2,017,096.00. This request is to fulfill FTA guidance and regulations (FTA statute is **49 U.S.C. § 5303**). The associated planning activities include data collection, needs assessments, and feasibility studies for GCTD operations.

ACTION REQUESTED

Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolution No. UPWP 2026/27- 04 supporting Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).



Resolution

No. UPWP 2026/27-04

ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council adopted the 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) on June 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this amendment makes the following request for projects within TASK V-Special Studies;

Task V, subtask 5.7.a, staff request the Regional Complete Streets Project be carried forward with funds to the FY 2027 UPWP for the continuation of the project until completion.

Task 5, subtask 5.7.e, Gulf Coast Transit District is requesting to add 5307 transit planning funds for the Houston UZA area into the 2026-2027 UPWP. This request is to fulfill FTA guidance and regulations (FTA statute is 49 U.S.C. § 5303). The associated planning activities include data collection, needs assessments, and feasibility studies for GCTD operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL, FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA THAT REVISIONS TO THE 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM, AS SHOWN, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 25th day of September 2026, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council for the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Hon. Justin Beckendorff, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

Hon. Sally Branson, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council