

6B. 2026-2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) YEAR-END AMENDMENTS

## 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

H-GAC MPO 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.

In the chart below are the current FY 2026 projects and funds that will continue into FY 2027 as work on these activities will continue beyond FY 2026.

**FY 2026 Continuing Projects**

| Task/Subtask           | Project Name                                   | FY 2026 Amount        | FY 2026 Carry Forward Balance | FY 2027 Amount        | Total FY 2027          |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Task II</b>         |                                                |                       |                               |                       |                        |
| Task II Subtask 2.1.a  | Freight Modeling & Development                 | \$350,000.00          | \$350,000.00                  | \$350,000.00          | \$700,000.00           |
|                        | Conformity Support                             | \$50,000.00           | \$39,430.75                   | \$50,000.00           | \$89,430.75            |
| <b>Task III</b>        |                                                |                       |                               |                       |                        |
| Task III Subtask 3.1.c | TIP Software Development                       | \$250,000.00          | \$226,456.36                  | \$250,000.00          | \$476,456.36           |
|                        | Telus Maintenance                              | \$100,000.00          | \$50,695.90                   | \$100,000.00          | \$150,695.90           |
| Task III Subtask 3.2.a | Regional Fares Planning Support                | \$46,966.94           | \$46,966.94                   | -                     | \$46,966.94            |
| Task III Subtask 3.3.c | Emissions Reduction Methodologies              | \$150,000.00          | \$150,000.00                  | -                     | \$150,000.00           |
|                        | Regional Pollutant Inventories                 | \$200,000.00          | \$200,000.00                  | -                     | \$200,000.00           |
| <b>Task IV</b>         |                                                |                       |                               |                       |                        |
| Task IV Subtask 4.1.a  | RTP Assessment, Methodologies, Development     | \$790,000.00          | \$790,000.00                  | \$330,000.00          | \$1,120,000.00         |
| Task IV Subtask 4.2.a  | Thoroughfare Plans or Mobility Plans           | \$900,000.00          | \$800,000.00                  | \$900,000.00          | \$1,700,000.00         |
| Task IV Subtask 4.2.b  | Freight Related CMP Activities                 | \$62,500.00           | \$62,500.00                   | \$62,500.00           | \$125,000.00           |
|                        | Freight Grade Separation Planning Program      | \$250,000.00          | \$250,000.00                  | \$250,000.00          | \$500,000.00           |
|                        | FM 197 Grade Separation Planning Study         | \$125,000.00          | \$125,000.00                  | \$125,000.00          | \$250,000.00           |
| Task IV Subtask 4.2.c  | City of Needville Mobility Plan                | \$300,000.00          | \$260,627.04                  | \$300,000.00          | \$560,627.04           |
|                        | Montgomery County Mobility Plan                | \$450,000.00          | \$80,810.00                   | \$450,000.00          | \$530,810.00           |
| Task IV Subtask 4.5.a  | Long Range Regional Active Transportation Plan | \$300,000.00          | \$300,000.00                  | \$300,000.00          | \$600,000.00           |
| <b>Task V</b>          |                                                |                       |                               |                       |                        |
| Task V Subtask 5.2.a   | Congestion Management Plan                     | \$275,000.00          | \$42,846.06                   | \$275,000.00          | \$317,846.06           |
| Task V Subtask 5.3.b   | Livable Centers Cycle 7 Studies                | \$1,148,778.00        | \$937,653.72                  | \$1,244,000.00        | \$2,181,653.72         |
| Task V Subtask 5.4.a   | TSU Automated Vehicle Project                  | \$170,000.00          | \$125,367.25                  | \$170,000.00          | \$295,367.25           |
| Task V Subtask 5.5.b   | Zero Emissions Vehicle Plan                    | \$250,000.00          | \$250,000.00                  | -                     | \$250,000.00           |
| Task V Subtask 5.6.a   | Regional Resiliency Plan A Pilot Project       | \$500,000.00          | \$500,000.00                  | \$500,000.00          | \$1,000,000.00         |
| Task V Subtask 5.7.a   | Wayside Dr. Corridor Study                     | \$250,000.00          | \$250,000.00                  | \$250,000.00          | \$500,000.00           |
|                        | State Hwy. 35 Corridor Study                   | \$400,000.00          | \$400,000.00                  | \$400,000.00          | \$800,000.00           |
| Task V Subtask 5.7.e   | Project Delivery Assessment & Planning         | \$300,000.00          | \$300,000.00                  | -                     | \$300,000.00           |
|                        | <b>Totals:</b>                                 | <b>\$7,618,244.94</b> | <b>\$6,538,354.02</b>         | <b>\$6,306,500.00</b> | <b>\$12,844,854.02</b> |

\* Projects to be replaced after consultation with local and state partners. We are carrying over the funds only.

The chart presented below details the increase in Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) due to the continuation of FY 2026 projects projected to be completed in FY 2027, by task, showing the new FY 2027 TPF budget totals.

| FY 2027 TPF – New Totals per Task | FY 2026 Funds          | FY 2026 Carry Forward Funds Total | FY 2027 Funds          | FY 2027 New Total      |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Task/Subtask                      |                        |                                   |                        |                        |
| TASK I                            | \$5,677,072.00         | \$ -                              | \$5613,366.00          | \$5,613,366.00         |
| TASK II                           | \$5,659,313.00         | \$389,431.00                      | \$5,572,746.00         | \$5,962,177.00         |
| TASK III                          | \$2,568,188.00         | \$674,119.00                      | \$1,615,984.00         | \$2,290,103.00         |
| TASK IV                           | \$6,283,254.00         | \$2,668,937.00                    | \$8,591,810.00         | \$11,260,747.00        |
| TASK V                            | \$10,400,449.00        | \$2,805,867.00                    | \$9,798,695.00         | \$12,604,562.00        |
| <b>Totals:</b>                    | <b>\$30,588,276.00</b> | <b>\$6,538,354.00</b>             | <b>\$31,192,601.00</b> | <b>\$37,730,955.00</b> |

TASK V, Subtask 5.7.a, staff are requesting to replace two studies that were withdrawn by the requesting entity and use the programmed funds for the Sienna Corridor Plan and the Navigation Corridor Study as FY 2026-FY 2027 activities with no increase in overall funding.

Additionally, as requested by the Transportation Policy Council, language was added in the following sections to underscore the need to ensure the regional transportation network is capable of continuing to support additional economic growth and congestion reduction through roadway expansion where appropriate.

- Page 9, “The MPO supports regional economic vitality through coordination of and investment in freight mobility improvements that maintain and expand the regional transportation network, reduce congestion, and improve trade corridors (Subtask 4.2).”
- Page 10, “The RTP focuses on strategic corridor plans that will improve the movement of people and goods within and through the region, including the expansion of roadways and new roadways as possible solutions (Subtask 4.1).”
- Page 11, “The RTP includes an expanded roadway network (to include general purpose frontage roads) and managed lane system to derive improved efficiency from new capacity projects (Subtask 4.1).”

Link to redlined UPWP Draft Year End Amendment: [Unified Planning Work Program | Houston-Galveston Area Council \(H-GAC\)](#)

#### ACTION REQUESTED

Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolution No. UPWP 2026/27-03 supporting amending the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).



# Resolution

**No. UPWP 2026/27-03**

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 project and funding carry forward requests from the FY 2026 UPWP to the FY 2027 UPWP which includes continuing projects in various stages of completion. This amendment makes the following requests for projects in TASK II-Data Development and Maintenance, TASK III-Short Range Planning, TASK IV-Metropolitan Transportation Planning, and TASK V-Special Studies;

TASK II, staff request the following FY 2026 UPWP projects to be carried forward with funds to FY 2027 UPWP for the continuation of projects until completion.

- a. Subtask 2.1.a, Freight Modeling and Development
- b. Subtask 2.1.a, Conformity Support

TASK III, staff request the following FY 2026 UPWP projects to be carried forward with funds to FY 2027 UPWP for the continuation of projects until completion.

- a. Subtask 3.1.c, TIP Software Development
- b. Subtask 3.1.c, Tellus Software Development
- c. Subtask 3.2.a, Regional Fares Planning Support
- d. Subtask 3.3.c, Emissions Reduction Methodologies
- e. Subtask 3.3.c, Regional Pollutant Inventories

TASK IV, staff request the following FY 2026 UPWP projects to be carried forward with funds to FY 2027 UPWP for the continuation of projects until completion.

- a. Subtask 4.1.a, RTP Assessment, Methodologies, and Development
- b. Subtask 4.2.a, Various Thoroughfare Plans
- c. Subtask 4.2.b, Freight Related CMP Activities
- d. Subtask 4.2.b, Freight Grade Separation Planning Program
- e. Subtask 4.2.b, FM 197 Grade Separation Planning Study
- f. Subtask 4.2.c, City of Needville Mobility Plan

- g. Subtask 4.2.c, Montgomery County Mobility Plan
- h. Subtask 4.5.c, Long Range Regional Active Transportation Plan

TASK V, staff request the following FY 2026 UPWP projects to be carried forward with funds to FY 2027 UPWP for the continuation of projects until completion.

- a. Subtask 5.2.a, Congestion Management Plan
- b. Subtask 5.3.b, Livable Centers Cycle 7 Studies
- c. Subtask 5.4.a, TSU Automated Vehicle Project
- d. Subtask 5.5.b, Zero Emissions Vehicle Plan
- e. Subtask 5.6.a, Regional Resiliency Plan and Pilot Project
- f. Subtask 5.7.a, Wayside Dr. Corridor Study
- g. Subtask 5.7.a, State Hwy. 35 Corridor Study
- h. Subtask 5.7.e, Project Delivery Assessment and Planning

TASK V, Subtask 5.7.a, staff requests to add the Sienna Corridor Plan and the Navigation Corridor Study as UPWP FY 2026-FY 2027 activities with no increase in funding.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council for the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Justin Beckendorff, Chairman  
Transportation Policy Council

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Sally Branson, Secretary  
Transportation Policy Council