

11B. FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

BACKGROUND

The 2025-2028 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.

The 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a long-range plan that prioritizes spending on regional transportation projects including short and long-range strategies to ensure the transportation network is safe and efficient. Updated every four years, the RTP outlines a fiscally constrained transportation investment program that is based on the unique needs and characteristics of the Metropolitan Planning Area.

Amendments to the TIP and RTP are brought to the Transportation Policy Council for consideration monthly and amended in accordance with the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Public Participation Plan.

CURRENT SITUATION

A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program is included below.

- Update the description of METRO's Fannin South Transit Center reconstruction project (MPO ID 18372), add \$17.7M of local funding, and delay it from FY 2026 to FY 2027 at METRO's request.
- Add about 2,600 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) to two Gulf Coast Transit District Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 (Urban Area formula) funded planning and operating projects (MPO IDs 19144, 19146) to account for the different matching requirements between the two project types.
- Program four TxDOT Houston District electric vehicle direct current charging ports (MPOs ID 19551, 19552, 19553, 19554) along the Electric Alternatives Fuel Corridor (IH 10, IH 45) in Baytown, Houston, Spring and League City in FY 2026. About \$3M of federal *National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure* program funds (Category-10) would be matched with state funds and include five years of operation and maintenance.

ACTION REQUESTED

Information only.

**2025-2028 TIP and 2045 RTP
November 2025 Future Amendments**

Count	MPOID/CSJ	Sponsor/County	Project	Proj Type	Proposed Modifications				
					STIP?	Funding (M)		Scope	Schedule
						Fed/State	Local		
1	18372 NA	METRO (HAR)	FANNIN SOUTH TRANSIT CENTER (VA, VA) Fannin South Transit Center Improvements. Scope will include a facility housing METRO RideStore, Police Department storefront, operator layover space and public restrooms; passenger canopy and walkways, bus bays, site access improvements, security equipm	T	Yes	☒	+ \$17.7	☒	☒ FY 2026 to FY 2027
2	19144 NA	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTR... (MUL)	HOUSTON UZA (VA, VA) FY2021 5307 Houston Urbanized Area Formula Funds for planning and operating in Galveston and Brazoria Counties between 04/2025 - 06/2027. MPOID 19144	T	No	☒	TDCs only	☐	☒ FY 2025 to FY 2026
3	19146 NA	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTR... (MUL)	HOUSTON UZA (VA, VA) FY2022 5307 Houston Urbanized Area Formula Funds for planning and operating in Galveston and Brazoria Counties between 04/2025 - 06/2027. MPOID 19146	T	No	☒	TDCs only	☐	☒ FY 2025 to FY 2026
4	19551 5000-00-260	TXDOT HOUSTON DISTRICT (HAR)	IH 10 E (AT 1703 IH 1...,) Install 4 Direct Current Fast Charge ports along the Electric Alt Fuel Corridors plus 5 years of Operations and Maintenance.	O	Yes	☒	Add to TIP	☒ Add to TIP	☒ Add to FY 2026
5	19552 0500-00-253	TXDOT HOUSTON DISTRICT (HAR)	IH 45 S (AT 104 Gulf ...,) Install 4 Direct Current Fast Charge ports along the Electric Alt Fuel Corridors plus 5 years of Operations and Maintenance.	O	Yes	☒	Add to TIP	☒ Add to TIP	☒ Add to FY 2026
6	19553 5000-00-254	TXDOT HOUSTON DISTRICT (HAR)	IH 45 N (AT 25103 IH ...,) Install 4 Direct Current Fast Charge ports along the Electric Alt Fuel Corridors plus 5 years of Operations and Maintenance.	O	Yes	☒	Add to TIP	☒ Add to TIP	☒ Add to FY 2026
7	19554 5000-00-255	TXDOT HOUSTON DISTRICT (HAR)	IH 10 W (AT 9710 Katy...,) Install 4 Direct Current Fast Charge ports along the Electric Alt Fuel Corridors plus 5 years of Operations and Maintenance.	O	Yes	☒	Add to TIP	☒ Add to TIP	☒ Add to FY 2026

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PROPOSED VERSION							PROJECT STATUS: TIP
MPOID / CSJ		18372 /		STIP Revision Date:			FY 2027
DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Harris		VA	T	HOUSTON	METRO	\$37,727,181
STREET:	FANNIN SOUTH TRANSIT CENTER					FUNDING CATEGORY:	3
LIMITS FROM:	VA					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	VA					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	Fannin South Transit Center Improvements. Scope will include a facility housing METRO RideStore, Police Department storefront, operator layover space and public restrooms; passenger canopy and walkways, bus bays, site access improvements, security equipm						

Project History : Amendment# DEC-2025: 2025-12-19: Update funding and description and delay to FY 2027.

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases: <
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CURRENT VERSION							PROJECT STATUS: TIP
MPOID / CSJ		18372 /		STIP Revision Date: 05/20/2022			FY 2026
DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Harris		VA	T	HOUSTON	METRO	\$20,000,000
STREET:	METRO SERVICE AREA					FUNDING CATEGORY:	3
LIMITS FROM:	VA					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	VA					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	TRANSIT CENTER MODIFICATIONS: FY 2026-2028						

Project History :

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases: <
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PROPOSED VERSION

MPOID / CSJ **19144 /** **STIP Revision Date:** **FY 2026**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Multiple		VA		NONE	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT	\$1,400,000
STREET:	HOUSTON UZA					FUNDING CATEGORY:	FTA Sec. 5307
LIMITS FROM:	VA					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	VA					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	FY2021 5307 Houston Urbanized Area Formula Funds for planning and operating in Galveston and Brazoria Counties between 04/2025 - 06/2027. MPOID 19144						

Project History : Amendment # DEC-2025- 2025-12-19 Add 1,369 TDCs to the existing 280,000 TDCs to adjust for the planning/operating matching requirements. Delay to FY 2026.

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$0	\$1,400,000	URBAN	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,400,000
Right Of Way:	\$0							
Construction:	\$1,400,000							
Construction Engineering:	\$0							
Contingencies:	\$0							
Indirects:	\$0							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$1,400,000							
			TDC:	281,369				

CURRENT VERSION

MPOID / CSJ **19144 /** **STIP Revision Date:** **05/02/2025** **FY 2025**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Multiple		VA		NONE	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT	\$1,400,000
STREET:	HOUSTON UZA					FUNDING CATEGORY:	FTA Sec. 5307
LIMITS FROM:	VA					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	VA					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	FY2021 5307 Houston Urbanized Area Formula Funds for planning and operating in Galveston and Brazoria Counties between 04/2025 - 06/2027. MPOID 19144						

Project History : Amendment # JAN-2025- 01/24/2025 Update the project description and funding per the sponsor's request.

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$0	\$1,400,000	URBAN	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,400,000
Right Of Way:	\$0							
Construction:	\$0							
Construction Engineering:	\$0							
Contingencies:	\$0							
Indirects:	\$0							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$0							
			TDC:	280,000				

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MPOID / CSJ **19146 /** **STIP Revision Date:** **FY 2026**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Multiple		VA		NONE	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT	\$200,000
STREET:	HOUSTON UZA					FUNDING CATEGORY:	FTA Sec. 5307
LIMITS FROM:	VA					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	VA					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	FY2022 5307 Houston Urbanized Area Formula Funds for planning and operating in Galveston and Brazoria Counties between 04/2025 - 06/2027. MPOID 19146						

Project History : Amendment # DEC-2025- 2025-12-19 Add 1,279 TDCs to the existing 40,000 TDCs to adjust for the planning/operating matching requirements. Delay to FY 2026.

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$0	\$200,000	URBAN	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
Right Of Way:	\$0							
Construction:	\$200,000							
Construction Engineering:	\$0							
Contingencies:	\$0							
Indirects:	\$0							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$200,000							
			Funding by share:	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
			TDC:	41,278				

CURRENT VERSION

MPOID / CSJ **19146 /** **STIP Revision Date:** **05/02/2025** **FY 2025**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Multiple		VA		NONE	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT	\$200,000
STREET:	HOUSTON UZA					FUNDING CATEGORY:	FTA Sec. 5307
LIMITS FROM:	VA					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	VA					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	FY2022 5307 Houston Urbanized Area Formula Funds for planning and operating in Galveston and Brazoria Counties between 04/2025 - 06/2027. MPOID 19146						

Project History : Amendment # JAN-2025- 01/24/2025 Update the project description and funding per the sponsor's request.

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$0	\$200,000	URBAN	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
Right Of Way:	\$0							
Construction:	\$0							
Construction Engineering:	\$0							
Contingencies:	\$0							
Indirects:	\$0							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$0							
			Funding by share:	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
			TDC:	40,000				

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PROPOSED VERSION

MPOID / CSJ 19551 / 5000-00-260 STIP Revision Date: FY 2026

DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Harris		IH 10 E	C	BAYTOWN	TXDOT HOUSTON DISTRICT	\$1,168,750

STREET: IH 10 E FUNDING CATEGORY: 10
 LIMITS FROM: AT 1703 IH 10 VOC: kg/day
 LIMITS TO: NOx: kg/day
 TIP DESCRIPTION : Install 4 Direct Current Fast Charge ports along the Electric Alt Fuel Corridors plus 5 years of Operations and Maintenance.

Project History : Amendment # DEC-2025- 2025-12-19 Program National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) charge port installation project in the 25-28 STIP at the request of TxDOT TPP.

Remarks: 1703 I-10 Baytown, TX 77521

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$57,269	\$1,168,750	CAT10-NEVI	\$935,000	\$233,750	\$0	\$0	\$1,168,750
Right Of Way:	\$0							
Construction:	\$1,168,750		Funding by share:	\$935,000	\$233,750	\$0	\$0	\$1,168,750
Construction Engineering:	\$70,125							
Contingencies:	\$116,875							
Indirects:	\$59,373							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$1,472,391							
			TDC: 0					

CURRENT VERSION

MPOID / CSJ 19551 / STIP Revision Date: FY

DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
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STREET: FUNDING CATEGORY:
 LIMITS FROM: VOC: kg/day
 LIMITS TO: NOx: kg/day
 TIP DESCRIPTION :

Project History :

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:				\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Right Of Way:								
Construction:			Funding by share:	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Construction Engineering:								
Contingencies:								
Indirects:								
Bond Financing:								
Total Project Cost								
			TDC:					

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DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Harris		IH 45 S	C	LEAGUE CITY	TXDOT HOUSTON DISTRICT	\$855,949

STREET:	IH 45 S	FUNDING CATEGORY:	10
LIMITS FROM:	AT 104 Gulf Fwy S	VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:		NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION : Install 4 Direct Current Fast Charge ports along the Electric Alt Fuel Corridors plus 5 years of Operations and Maintenance.			

Project History : Amendment # DEC-2025- 2025-12-19 Program National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) charge port installation project in the 25-28 STIP at the request of TxDOT TPP.

Remarks: 104 Gulf Fwy S., League City 77573

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$41,942	\$855,949	CAT10-NEVI	\$684,759	\$171,190	\$0	\$0	\$855,949
Right Of Way:	\$0							
Construction:	\$855,949							
Construction Engineering:	\$77,035							
Contingencies:	\$85,595							
Indirects:	\$43,482							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$1,104,003		Funding by share:	\$684,759	\$171,190	\$0	\$0	\$855,949
			TDC:	0				

CURRENT VERSION

MPOID / CSJ **19552 /** **STIP Revision Date:** **FY**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
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STREET:		FUNDING CATEGORY:	
LIMITS FROM:		VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:		NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :			

Project History :

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Right Of Way:								
Construction:								
Construction Engineering:								
Contingencies:								
Indirects:								
Bond Financing:								
Total Project Cost			Funding by share:	\$0	\$0	\$0		
			TDC:					

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MPOID / CSJ **19553 / 5000-00-254** **STIP Revision Date:** **FY 2026**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Harris		IH 45 N	C	HOUSTON	TXDOT HOUSTON DISTRICT	\$855,949

STREET: IH 45 N FUNDING CATEGORY: 10

LIMITS FROM: AT 25103 IH 45 N VOC: kg/day

LIMITS TO: NOx: kg/day

TIP DESCRIPTION : Install 4 Direct Current Fast Charge ports along the Electric Alt Fuel Corridors plus 5 years of Operations and Maintenance.

Project History : Amendment # DEC-2025- 2025-12-19 Program National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) charge port installation project in the 25-28 STIP at the request of TxDOT TPP.

Remarks: 25103 IH 45 Spring, TX 77380

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$41,942	\$855,949	CAT10-NEVI	\$684,759	\$171,190	\$0	\$0	\$855,949
Right Of Way:	\$0							
Construction:	\$855,949							
Construction Engineering:	\$77,035							
Contingencies:	\$85,595							
Indirects:	\$43,482							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$1,104,003		Funding by share:	\$684,759	\$171,190	\$0	\$0	\$855,949
			TDC: 0					

CURRENT VERSION

MPOID / CSJ **19553 /** **STIP Revision Date:** **FY**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
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STREET: FUNDING CATEGORY:

LIMITS FROM: VOC: kg/day

LIMITS TO: NOx: kg/day

TIP DESCRIPTION :

Project History :

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:				\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Right Of Way:								
Construction:								
Construction Engineering:								
Contingencies:								
Indirects:								
Bond Financing:								
Total Project Cost			Funding by share:	\$0	\$0	\$0		
			TDC:					

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MPOID / CSJ **19554 / 5000-00-255** **STIP Revision Date:** **FY 2026**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Harris		IH 10 W	C	HOUSTON	TXDOT HOUSTON DISTRICT	\$849,009

STREET:	IH 10 W	FUNDING CATEGORY:	10
LIMITS FROM:	AT 9710 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX 77055	VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:		NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION : Install 4 Direct Current Fast Charge ports along the Electric Alt Fuel Corridors plus 5 years of Operations and Maintenance.			

Project History : Amendment # DEC-2025- 2025-12-19 Program National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) charge port installation project in the 25-28 STIP at the request of TxDOT TPP.

Remarks: AT 9710 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX 77055

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases: \$849,009	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$41,601							
Right Of Way:	\$0							
Construction:	\$849,009							
Construction Engineering:	\$76,411							
Contingencies:	\$84,901							
Indirects:	\$43,130							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$1,095,052							
			Funding by share:	\$679,207	\$169,802	\$0	\$0	\$849,009
			TDC:	0				

CURRENT VERSION

MPOID / CSJ **19554 /** **STIP Revision Date:** **FY**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	PMPOID	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
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STREET:		FUNDING CATEGORY:	
LIMITS FROM:		VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:		NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :			

Project History :

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:								
Right Of Way:								
Construction:								
Construction Engineering:								
Contingencies:								
Indirects:								
Bond Financing:								
Total Project Cost								
			Funding by share:	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
			TDC:					

Mission Statement

"Provide safe, clean, reliable, accessible and friendly public transportation services to our region."

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October 27, 2025

Ron Papsdorf
Chief Transportation Officer
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120
Houston, TX 77227-2777

RE: Request for Amendment of MPO ID 18372 Transit Center Modifications.

Dear Mr. Papsdorf:

METRO requests an amendment to MPO ID 18372 as shown in the attached document which will better define the scope, time frame and budget for this proposed project.

METRO is developing plans to reconstruct its Fannin South Transit Facility. Improvements will modernize, expand and support efficient use of the existing facility at Fannin South, transforming it into a Transit Center that meets the growing needs of transit riders and bus operations.

This project will improve the customer service experience by providing a comfortable and efficient transfer between rail and bus services and construct an integrated, **multi-use facility** to house a **RideStore** where customers can buy fares and get in-person METRO system information, house a satellite **METRO Police Department** office and storefront, and provide adequate end-of-line facilities for both LRT and bus operators.

Although no federal funding has yet been committed to this project, METRO is developing a preliminary design and an environmental finding to support its request for a federal Letter of No Prejudice, preserving the federal eligibility of future local expenditures for final design and construction of his vital project.

Sincerely,

Alan Clark
Chief Strategy Officer

cc: Thomas Jasien, METRO
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Proposed Fannin Transit Center Improvements Project Description

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) proposes modernize and expand an undersized and inefficient existing transit facility at Fannin South into a Transit Center that meets the growing needs of transit riders and bus operations. As the southern terminus of the Red LRT, this location plays a role in connecting light rail with local and regional bus services. This project will improve the customer service experience by providing a comfortable and efficient transfer between the end-of-line light rail (LRT) station and the buses, integrate a **multi-use facility** to house a **RideStore** where customers can buy fares and get in-person METRO system information, house a satellite **METRO Police Department** office and storefront, and provide adequate end-of-line facilities for both LRT and bus operators. This comprehensive effort aims to improve safety, accessibility, and the overall customer experience.

Property Description

The existing facility is located at 1604 West Bellfort Avenue in Houston, Texas. The 15-acre existing transit facility fronts on West Bellfort to the south, Knight Road to the west, Fannin Street to the east and commercial and vacant land to the north. The site is an active transit center serving 4 bus routes and approximately 1,700 passengers per day. The four-bay bus area is not sufficient for the existing bus service and there is no adequate space for layover or circulation. The customer amenities at this facility are minimal and there is not sufficient canopy to protect the patrons waiting for the bus from the elements. The bus and patron vehicle entrance is shared causing conflicts, delays and safety issues for buses and vehicles. This facility has a parking capacity for 1,483 vehicles; peak usage is at about 1,100 except during the Houston Rodeo.

Proposed Project Scope

The proposed improvements will take place entirely within the **existing transit center site** boundaries and **no parking expansion is proposed**. The existing transit facilities will be reconfigured to include sufficient bus bays to meet the existing bus service capacity and allow for proper circulation and layover. Key improvements include:

- A permanent building (preferably two stories) to house METRO RideStore, MPD, and operators:
 - Office space for 50 METRO police officers (15 to 20 per shift)
 - Office space for 4 METRO RideStore employees
 - 3 RideStore windows in the lobby with a police store front
 - Public restrooms open to the public during hours of operation
 - Private restrooms for staff and MPD
 - Shared breakroom for RideStore staff and Operators
 - Locker rooms for MPD

- Covered walkway and/or canopy for passengers using bus services and rail
- Designated kiss-and-ride area
- Separate entrances for buses, MPD and private vehicles,
- Bus only site entrance/exit
- Six bus bays and canopy (four 40 foot and two 60 foot)
- New ticket booth
- Gantry parking entrance equipped with technology for controlled access to the parking area
- Secure parking for MPD
- Camera and security equipment through the facility
- Curbside drop off/pick up on West Bellfort
- Expanded and covered pedestrian space by bus bays
- Landscaping

NEPA Environmental Clearance

After consulting with FTA, METRO staff recommends conducting a Categorical Exclusion in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FTA environmental requirements (49 CFR Part 622 and 23 CFR Part 771) to support the facility redevelopment. The environmental review and due diligence processes are currently underway with a target date of completion at the end of September to ensure the project is eligible for future federal funding opportunities.

After the FTA clearance is received, METRO will request Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) to proceed with preliminary activities such as design, site preparation, and other eligible work necessary to maintain the project schedule prior to grant award.

Cost Estimate

The current cost estimate for this facility is **\$37,727,181** in 2025 dollars.

Schedule

Planning – July 2025 to September 2025

Design – October 2025 to January 2027

Construction – February 2027 to June 2028

H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

Application ID	27357
Submitted By	Sandra Sabatier
Email Address	ssabatier@gctdtx.gov
Phone Number	409-359-7876
Sponsor Name	Gulf Coast Transit District
MPO ID	19144
TIP Project Description	FY2021 5307 Houston Urbanized Area Formula Funds for planning and operating in Galveston and Brazoria Counties between 04/2025 - 06/2027.
Is this project currently in the TIP?	Yes
TIP Year	2025
Roadway, Transit, or Other Project?	Transit Project
Transit Project Type	Planning
Explain and document the effect the TDC's will have on local and non-federal funding support for existing transit services.	TDC's will be used in lieu of local match funds for Gulf Coast Transit District's Fixed Routes services. TDCs will allow GCTD to utilize 100% of their 5307 funds on transit operations so the local funds normally allocated to these projects can be used for support of public transit. With TDCs to match FY22 5307 awards, existing local funding will be used to support ongoing transit operations and enable the purchase of rolling stock. GCTD continues to provide local funding in support of public transit.
TDC Priority	Support of Federal Transit Funding
Please explain how the use of TDCs will help meet the priority established for this project.	TDC's will be used in lieu of local match funds for Gulf Coast Transit District's Fixed Routes services. TDCs will allow GCTD to utilize 100% of their 5307 funds on transit operations so the local funds normally allocated to these projects can be used for support of public transit. With TDCs to match FY21 5307 awards, existing local funding will be used to support ongoing transit operations and enable the purchase of rolling stock. GCTD continues to provide local funding in support of public transit.
Federal Cost	\$1,400,000
TDC Request	281,369
Please explain the reason for the change in the TDC Request amount.	MPOID 19144 is allocated towards Planning and Operating. As this is a FY21 Grant in the Houston UZA, GCTD is subject to the FTA FY 2021 Section 5307 Operating Assistance Special Rule, capping operating assistance at \$4,562. With the remaining \$1,400,000, \$1,395,438 is allocated towards Planning, with a 20% match of 279,088 from TDC's. With this split, utilized TDC's are now in the full amount of 281,369. Original TDC amount was in the amount of 280,000; therefore, GCTD is requesting an additional 1,369.00 in the form of TDC's.
Date Submitted	11/3/25

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Application ID	27359
Submitted By	Sandra Sabatier
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Phone Number	409-359-7876
Sponsor Name	Gulf Coast Transit District
MPO ID	19146
TIP Project Description	FY2022 5307 Houston Urbanized Area Formula Funds for planning and operating in Galveston and Brazoria Counties between 04/2025 - 06/2027.
Is this project currently in the TIP?	Yes
TIP Year	2025
Roadway, Transit, or Other Project?	Transit Project
Transit Project Type	Planning
Explain and document the effect the TDC's will have on local and non-federal funding support for existing transit services.	TDC's will be used in lieu of local match funds for Gulf Coast Transit District's Fixed Routes services. TDCs will allow GCTD to utilize 100% of their 5307 funds on transit operations so the local funds normally allocated to these projects can be used for support of public transit. With TDCs to match FY22 5307 awards, existing local funding will be used to support ongoing transit operations and enable the purchase of rolling stock. GCTD continues to provide local funding in support of public transit.
TDC Priority	Support of Federal Transit Funding
Please explain how the use of TDCs will help meet the priority established for this project.	TDC's will be used in lieu of local match funds for Gulf Coast Transit District's Fixed Routes services. TDCs will allow GCTD to utilize 100% of their 5307 funds on transit operations so the local funds normally allocated to these projects can be used for support of public transit. With TDCs to match FY22 5307 awards, existing local funding will be used to support ongoing transit operations and enable the purchase of rolling stock. GCTD continues to provide local funding in support of public transit.
Federal Cost	\$200,000
TDC Request	41,279
Please explain the reason for the change in the TDC Request amount.	MPOID 19146 is allocated towards Planning and Operating. As this is a FY22 Grant in the Houston UZA, GCTD is subject to the FTA FY 2022 Section 5307 Operating Assistance Special Rule, capping operating assistance at \$4,262. With the remaining \$200,000, \$195,738 is allocated towards Planning, with a 20% match of 39,148 from TDC's. With this split, utilized TDC's are now in the full amount of 41,279. Original TDC amount was in the amount of 40,000; therefore, GCTD is requesting an additional 1,279.00 in the form of TDC's.
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