

7. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AMENDMENTS

BACKGROUND

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines the two-year regional transportation planning and programming activities, along with transportation-related air quality planning, to be carried out during fiscal years 2026–2027. The current UPWP was approved by the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) in June of 2025. From time to time, Metropolitan Planning Organization staff may request that the TPC amend the UPWP to address regional needs and planned activities. The UPWP is a living document, and at times changes can occur with planning activities that require amendments.

CURRENT SITUATION

The MPO is requesting several amendments to the current UPWP as listed below:

1. TASK 2, subtask 2.1.a, staff is requesting to program funds for Travel Demand Modeling Update regarding the FIFA World Cup 2026 project in the amount of \$153,127.17 to complete activities started in Fiscal Year 2025. The original funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 were approved by TPC in April of 2025. The funds being requested were not expended in 2025 due to delayed project start.
2. TASK 2, subtask 2.1.a, staff is requesting to program funds to Travel Demand Model Update and Maintenance for the consultant in the amount of \$57,386.91 to complete ongoing activities in fiscal year 2026 that began in 2025.
3. TASK 2, subtask 2.1.b, staff is requesting to program funds to Travel Demand Modeling Assistance and Support in the amount of \$16,334.12 for continued support of modeling activities into 2026.
4. TASK 3, subtask 3.2.a, staff is requesting to program funds in fiscal year 2026 to support the continuation of the Regional Transit Seamless Fare Collection System Project with METRO provide planning assistance to support the needs of regional partners for the implementation of the seamless fare system regionwide, in the amount of \$46,966.94.
5. TASK 4, subtask 4.2.c, staff is requesting to add the Waller County Mobility Plan as a 2026 activity with no increase in funding.
6. TASK 4, subtask 4.2.c, staff is requesting to add the Liberty County Mobility Plan as a 2026 activity with no increase in funding.
7. TASK 5, subtask 5.5.b, staff is requesting to program funds to the Zero Emissions Vehicle Study in the amount of \$50,000.00 to complete project activities.
8. TASK 5, subtask 5.7.b, staff is requesting to program funds to Project Level Planning in the amount of \$300,000.00 for consultant services in developing project delivery and strategies for MPO.
9. TASK 5, subtask 5.7.e, Harris County is requesting to include the Harris County Countywide Road Drainage Master Plan Project. Due to the grant program's administration under Title 23 (23 CFR 450.308), projects funded by the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program, specifically those involving planning activities, must be listed in the UPWP (*no fiscal impact to H-GAC UPWP*).

Funding for the requested adjustments is within the limits of the carryover amounts unexpended from Fiscal Year 2025.

Budget Summary

TASK, Sub-task	Prior to Amendment		Programmed Funds		After Amendment
2.1	\$	2,456,016.00	\$	226,848.20	\$ 2,682,864.20
2.2	\$	1,005,313.00	\$	-	\$ 1,005,313.00
2.3	\$	1,971,136.00	\$	-	\$ 1,971,136.00
Task II Total	\$	5,432,465.00	\$	226,848.20	\$ 5,659,313.20
3.1	\$	814,968.00	\$	-	\$ 814,968.00
3.2	\$	567,798.00	\$	46,966.94	\$ 614,764.94
3.3	\$	1,071,285.00	\$	-	\$ 1,071,285.00
3.4	\$	67,170.00	\$	-	\$ 67,170.00
Task III Total	\$	2,521,221.00	\$	46,966.94	\$ 2,568,187.94
5.1	\$	4,074,921.00	\$	-	\$ 4,074,921.00
5.2	\$	953,918.00	\$	-	\$ 953,918.00
5.3	\$	1,769,007.00	\$	-	\$ 1,769,007.00
5.4	\$	181,190.00	\$	-	\$ 181,190.00
5.5	\$	231,166.00	\$	50,000.00	\$ 281,166.00
5.6	\$	720,183.00	\$	-	\$ 720,183.00
5.7	\$	2,120,064.00	\$	300,000.00	\$ 2,420,064.00
Task V Total	\$	10,050,449.00	\$	350,000.00	\$ 10,400,449.00

ACTION REQUESTED

Discussion only.



Resolution

No. UPWP 2026-2

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 changes to TASK II-Data Development and Maintenance, TASK III-Short Range Planning, TASK IV-Metropolitan Transportation Planning, and TASK V-Special Studies;

1. TASK 2, subtask 2.1.a and 2.1.b, staff is requesting to program funds for the Travel Demand Modeling Update and Maintenance and Travel Demand Modeling Assistance and Support to complete consultant activities in FY 2026.
2. TASK 3, subtask 3.2.a, staff is requesting to program funds in FY 2026 to support the continuation of the Regional Transit Seamless Fare Collection System Project with Metro to provide planning and implementation assistance.
3. TASK 4, subtask 4.2.c, staff is requesting to add the Waller County Mobility Plan and the Liberty County Mobility Plan activities in FY 2026 with no increase of funds.
4. TASK 5, subtask 5.5.b, staff is requesting to program additional funds for the Zero Emissions Vehicle Study to complete project activities for FY 2026.
5. TASK 5, subtask 5.7.b, staff is requesting to program funds to Project Level Planning for consultant services to develop project delivery and strategies for MPO.
6. TASK 5, subtask 5.7.e, staff is requesting to add Harris County's PROTECT grant-County-wide Drainage Study for fiscal years 2026-2027 as a Partner Agency Planning Activity for overall regional planning.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 27th day of February 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. Lesley Briones, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council