

11. PREDEVELOPMENT AND READINESS PROGRAM

Background

A proposed new Predevelopment and Readiness Program would identify current and emerging mobility and accessibility needs, coordinate with stakeholders and public, define potential projects, establish purpose and need, conduct initial planning, develop recommendations, and prepare projects for next steps of programming, design, and preliminary engineering. This program will be led by H-GAC and will focus on steps prior to design or environmental process. One of the primary objectives of the program would be to improve the region's overall project delivery rate. This program would be utilized to develop and propose corridor development projects to be added to the Regional Transportation Plan or Texas Department of Transportation's Unified Transportation Program. The proposed program can be funded through the Surface Transportation Block Grant funds.

Current Situation

At its July meeting, TAC recommended TPC to instruct staff to develop a new Predevelopment and Readiness Program. TPC took no action on that recommendation, which at the time was linked to piloting the predevelopment process on specific projects proposed for future inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan. Staff has continued to develop the proposed program and will provide information about the potential design and implementation of the program.

Action Requested

Information only.