10C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE 2022 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP)

Background

The Unified Transportation Program (UTP) is used by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) to plan and guide project development over a 10-year period. The UTP is developed annually to comply with the Texas Administrative Code (TAC §16.105) and is approved by the Commission every August. The UTP gives authorization for project construction, development, and planning.

Current Situation

In July 2021, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will release the draft 2022 UTP for public review and comment. Staff will review of the draft document to analyze the potential financial impact of any changes in federal allocations. Staff will also review the UTP to ensure consistency with the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), 10-Year Plan, and the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The UTP identifies anticipated funding levels for FY 2022 to FY 2031. Allocations are listed for all 12 TxDOT funding categories. However, staff's analysis will only detail categories where the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) has selection authority. This includes Funding Categories 2 - Metro Corridor, 5 - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, 7 - Surface Transportation Block Grant, and 9 - Transportation Alternatives - Set Aside.

Additional information on the UTP and the funding categories is available at the following website:
https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/unified-transportation-program.html

Action Requested

For information only.