

AMENDMENTS TO THE 2020-2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Background

The 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) describes the regional transportation plans and programs, and the transportation-related air quality planning activities that will be undertaken during fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The current 2020-2021 UPWP was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) on July 19, 2019.

Current Situation

H-GAC received Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds through two Advance Funding Agreements including a total amount of \$5M for the various planning projects listed below:

1. Safety Intersection Audits
2. Regional Goods Movement Plan Update
3. Montgomery County Precinct 2 Mobility Study
4. Liberty County Transportation Plan
5. Southeast Harris County Sub-regional Study

Currently, these projects are included in the 2020-2021 UPWP, but STBG funds are not noted in the budget. The following items show a summary of proposed modifications by task and subtask to add STBG funds:

1. Task 3-Subtask 3.4a of the 2020-2021 UPWP includes a planning activity to conduct safety intersection studies at pilot intersection locations that have high crash density. An additional \$1M in STBG funds are proposed to be added to Task 3-Subtask 3.4a under FY 2021 of the UPWP to fund Safety Intersection Audits.
2. Task 4-Subtask 4.3b of the 2020-2021 UPWP includes a freight planning activity to update the Regional Goods Movement Plan. An additional \$1M in STBG funds are proposed to be added to Task 4-Subtask 4.3b under FY 2021 of the UPWP to update the Regional Goods Movement Plan.
3. Task 4-Subtask 4.3c of the 2020-2021 UPWP includes three sub-regional studies: Montgomery County Precinct 2 Mobility Study, Liberty County Transportation Plan, and Southeast Harris County Sub-regional Study. An additional \$2.1M in STBG funds are proposed to be added to Task 4- subtask 4.3c under FY 2021 of the UPWP to provide support to the above planning projects.

A summary table showing current funding, proposed additions, and future funding balances by task are included on the following page.

Funding Summary Table

TASK-FY2021 <u>STBG</u> <u>Funds</u>	Beginning Balance	Proposed Amount to be Obligated/ De-obligated/ Reprogrammed	Ending Balance
TASK III-Short Range Planning	\$0	\$1M (1)	\$1M
TASK IV-Metropolitan Transportation Plan	\$2M	\$3.1M (1)	\$5.1M
Total:	\$2M	\$4.1M (1)	\$6.1M

1. Obligation of Funds, 2. Re-programming of Funds, 3. De-obligation of Funds

Action Requested

TAC recommendation of the TPC approval on the amendment to the 2020-21 UPWP.