

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

| <u>TASK-FY2021 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

TPC approval on the amendment to the 2020-21 UPWP.



Resolution

No. UPWP 20/21-5

ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2020-2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council adopted the 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) on July 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, this amendment makes the following changes to TASK III-Short Range Planning and TASK IV-Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

1. Task III, subtasks 3.4a, obligation of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds to FY 2021 UPWP to TASK III-Short Range Planning to support FY 2021 Safety Intersection Audit planning activities.
2. TASK IV, subtasks 4.3b-4.3c, obligation of STBG funds to FY 2021 UPWP to TASK IV-Metropolitan Transportation Plan to support the Regional Goods Movement Plan Update, the Montgomery County Precinct 2 Mobility Study, the Liberty County Transportation Plan, and the South East Harris County Sub-regional Study planning activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL, THAT REVISIONS TO THE 2020-2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM, AS SHOWN IN THE ATTACHMENT, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE 2020-2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 26th day of March 2021, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council for the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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 Hon. Kenneth Clark, Chairman
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 Hon. Grady Prestage, Secretary
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