

ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

BACKGROUND

The 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a four-year capital improvements program for transportation projects. Under federal rules, all federally assisted projects must be included in the TIP to be eligible for funding. In addition, federal rules require that regionally significant local projects must also be included in the TIP.

The 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a long-range plan that prioritizes spending on regional transportation projects including short and long-range strategies to ensure the transportation network is safe and efficient. Updated every four years, the RTP outlines a fiscally constrained transportation investment program that is based on the unique needs and characteristics of the MPO region. Amendments to the TIP and RTP are brought to the Transportation Policy Council for consideration monthly and amended in accordance with the H-GAC Public Participation Plan.

CURRENT SITUATION

In accordance with the HGAC Public Participation Plan (PPP) administrative amendment requirements, this amendment is being processed as it falls within the stipulated limits. The proposed changes in this amendment are limited to a cost change of 25% or less than \$500,000, aligning with the PPP guidelines. Additionally, these amendments comply with the current Transportation Development Credit (TDC) policy. The TDC policy prioritizes the use of TDCs to support federal transit funding and projects of regional significance. TDCs do not impact the funding amount, and this amendment has been designed to align seamlessly with the TDC policy.

A summary of the modifications to the 2023-2026 TIP is included for information below.

- Program the revised allocations of FY 2021 FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, formula funding program for Fort Bend County Public Transportation that were originally approved by the METRO Board of Directors on May 25, 2023, (MPO IDs 18837, 18838 and 18839) in FY 2023 of the TIP for operating and purchase of services expenditures. (-\$535K; Total: \$3.6M)

ACTION REQUESTED

For information only and discussion only.

**HOUSTON-GALVESTON MPO
2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

September 2023 Administrative Modifications

Projects Affected (MPOID (CSJ)):

18837 (NA)

18838 (NA)

18839 (NA)

Summary of Modifications:

Modification Type:	Funding	Scope	Schedule
Affected Projects:	3	-	1
*Notes:			

Financial Constraint Statement:

This amendment is consistent with fiscal constraint requirements.

Air Quality Conformity Statement:

Projects covered by this amendment are included in the 2045 RTP and the resulting air quality conformity analysis or are exempt from regional emissions analysis.

Attachments:

1. Summary of Proposed Changes
 2. Detailed Project Listing
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Approved By:



Craig Raborn
MPO Director
Houston-Galveston Area Council

09/08/2023

Date

Catherine McCreight, MBA, MA

Catherine McCreight
Director of Advanced Planning
TxDOT, Houston District

09/08/2023

Date

**H-GAC 2024-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP
September 2023 Administrative Amendments**

Count	MPOID/CSJ	Sponsor/County	Project	Proj Type	Proposed Modifications				
					STIP?	Funding (M)		Scope	Schedule
						Fed/State	Local		
1	18837 NA	FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC ... (FOR)	FORT BEND COUNTY (VA, VA) CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	T	No	(\$0.2)	235,748 TDCs		
2	18838 NA	FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC ... (FOR)	FORT BEND COUNTY (VA, VA) CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	T	No	(\$0.2)	242,821 TDCs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	18839 NA	FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC ... (FOR)	FORT BEND COUNTY (VA, VA) CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	T	No	(\$0.2)	250,105 TDCs	<input type="checkbox"/>	FY 2024 to FY 2023.

2023 - 2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

September 2023 - Administrative Amendments

PROPOSED VERSION

MPOID / CSJ 18839 / NA **STIP Revision Date:** **FY 2023**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Fort Bend		VA	T	NONE	FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$1,250,525
STREET:	FORT BEND COUNTY					FUNDING CATEGORY:	FTA Sec. 5310
LIMITS FROM:	VA					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	VA					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION						

Project History : Amendment # SEP-2023A- 2023-09-22 Reduce federal share by \$183,773 and match with 250,105 TDCs.

Remarks: FY 2021 apportionment. 250,105 TDCs.

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$0	\$1,250,525	Sec.5310	\$1,250,525	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,250,525
Right Of Way:	\$0							
Construction:	\$1,250,525							
Construction Engineering:	\$0							
Contingencies:	\$0							
Indirects:	\$0							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$1,250,525		Funding by share:	\$1,250,525	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,250,525
			TDC: 250,105					

OLD VERSION

MPOID / CSJ 18839 / **STIP Revision Date:** **FY 2024**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Fort Bend		VA	T	NONE	FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$1,434,298
STREET:	FORT BEND COUNTY					FUNDING CATEGORY:	FTA Sec. 5310
LIMITS FROM:	VA					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	VA					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (FY2023) 5310						

Project History :

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$0	\$1,434,298	Sec.5310	\$1,434,298	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,434,298
Right Of Way:	\$0							
Construction:	\$1,434,298							
Construction Engineering:	\$0							
Contingencies:	\$0							
Indirects:	\$0							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$1,434,298		Funding by share:	\$1,434,298	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,434,298
			TDC: 0					



**FORT BEND COUNTY
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

PERRI D' ARMOND

Director

September 5, 2023

Craig Raborn
Director of Transportation Services
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120
Houston, TX 77227-2777

**RE: Request for Administrative Modification of Projects to be Funded from Fiscal Year
2021 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Formula Funds**

Dear Mr. Raborn:

Fort Bend County Transit requests administrative modification of three Section 5310 funded projects (please see attached form). These projects are in the current 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program as well as the State Transportation Improvement Program.

Fort Bend County has also submitted the online applications for Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) for each project.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me as necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D'Armond".

Perri D' Armond
Transit Director
Fort Bend County Public Transportation

cc: Allie Isbell, H-GAC
Adam Beckom, H-GAC
Karen Owen, H-GAC

Attachment:
Section 5310 Funded Projects

= Required updates

Item	MPOID	FY	NEW FY	APPORTIONMENT YEAR	NEW APPORTIONMENT YEAR	DESCRIPTION	New Description	ORIGINAL FUNDING					NEW FUNDING					PROPOSED ACTION		
								FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL	TRANS. DEV. CREDS REQUESTED	TRANS. DEV. CREDS AWARDED	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL		TRANS. DEV. CREDS REQUESTED	TRANS. DEV. CREDS AWARDED
1	18837	2023		2021		CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (FY2021)		\$1,351,963	-	-	\$1,351,963	-	-	\$ 1,178,739	-	-	\$ 1,178,739	235,748	235,748	Update funding amounts and TDCs
2	18838	2023		2022	2021	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (FY2022)	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$1,392,522	-	-	\$1,392,522	-	-	\$ 1,214,101	-	-	\$ 1,214,101	242,821	242,821	Update FY, Apportionment Year, funding amounts and TDCs
3	18839	2024	2023	2023	2021	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (FY2023)	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$1,434,298	-	-	\$1,434,298	-	-	\$ 1,250,525	-	-	\$ 1,250,525	250,105	250,105	Update FY, Apportionment Year, funding amounts and TDCs

Mission Statement

"Provide safe, clean, reliable, accessible and friendly public transportation services to our region."

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September 5, 2023

Ms. Gail Lyssy
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration, Region VI
819 Taylor Street, Room 14A02
Ft. Worth, Texas 76102

RE: Revised Allocation of FY 2021 Section 5310 Formula Funds (2nd Revision)

Dear Ms. Lyssy:

On May 25, 2023, the METRO Board of Directors approved the allocation of FY 2021 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grants for the Houston Urbanized Area. This letter provides a second revision to the allocation of FY 2021 section 5310 funds resulting from an Air Quality Conformity Lapse and expiration of the region's Long Range Transportation Plan.

In July 2023, Fort Bend County Transit, Harris County Transit, and the Gulf Coast Transit District submitted amendments to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to program FY2021 Houston Urbanized Area (UZA) Section 5310 funds. However, at the August 2023 Transportation Policy Council Meeting, the MPO staff of the Houston-Galveston Area Council informed the Policy Council that, due to the Conformity Lapse and Plan expiration, all pending amendments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the Houston-Galveston Region could not be approved until these matters were successfully resolved.

This restriction prevents the programming of FY 2021 Section 5310 funds by METRO, Harris County Transit and the Gulf Coast Transit District as the proposed actions would have added new projects to the TIP/STIP. However, Fort Bend County Transit has existing projects in the TIP which are eligible for administrative modification. In order to prevent the loss of Section 5310 funds to the Houston Urbanized Area, the revised allocation below programs all of the FY 2021 Houston UZA Section 5310 funds to Fort Bend County Transit as follows:


Approved FY 2021		
Fort Bend County	3,643,365	100%
Harris County	0	0%
Gulf Coast Transit District	0	0%
Houston METRO	0	0%
Total	<u>\$3,643,365</u>	100.0%

This reassignment of funding is supported by the impacted agencies with the understanding that adjustments will be made to the FY 2022 and, if necessary, FY 2023 program of projects to restore funding to the agencies that they would have otherwise received.

Fort Bend County is responsible for its own applications to the Federal Transit Administration to receive the FY '21 Section 5310 funds and assumes the responsibilities associated with any award of these funds.

Please contact Albert Lyne, Deputy Chief Strategy Officer, should you have any questions at 713-739-4637 or AL21@ridemetro.org.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Lambert
President & CEO

cc: David Bartels, FTA
Laura Wallace, FTA
Thomas Jasien, METRO
Alan Clark, METRO
Albert Lyne, METRO
George Fotinos, METRO
Bryan Carroll, METRO
Philip Brenner, METRO
Perri D'Armond, Fort Bend County
Ken Fickes, Harris County
Sean Middleton, Gulf Coast Transit District
Craig Raborn, H-GAC

H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

Contact Information

Name	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
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Project Information

MPOID	Sponsor Name
18837	Fort Bend County

TIP Project Description

Fort Bend County Public Transportation is requesting TDC's as local match for Federal FY2021 Section 5310 grant application. Funding will be assigned to MPO ID 18837: Capital Expenditures, Third Party Contracted Services

Federal Cost	TDC Request
\$1,178,739	235,748

Is this project currently in the TIP?	TIP Year
Yes	2023

Priority Use of TDCs

TDC Priority

Support of Federal Transit Funding

Please explain how the use of TDCs will help meet the priority established for this project.

FY2021 allocation of federal funds are authorized under the FAST Act and therefore are subject to a cap on the use of federal funds for operating reimbursement. Fort Bend County will use TDC's as match and use local funds, generally applied to capital, planning, and operating, to cover additional operating costs in excess of the operating cap.

Maintenance of Local Investment

Roadway, Transit, or Other Project?

Transit Project

Explain and document the effect the TDC's will have on local and non-federal funding support for existing transit services.

With FAST Act apportionments, Fort Bend County is using TDC's as match to allow local funds, generally allocated to these projects, to be used instead for additional operating costs in excess of the operating cap. The federal operating cap imposed by the FAST Act is well below the amount which would have typically been eligible for federal reimbursement; consequently, Fort Bend County will use local match cash for the resulting deficit in federal reimbursement. Fort Bend County provides local match cash in support of public transportation services and has a local funding budget of \$2,456,143 for FY2023.

Date Submitted

09/01/2023

H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

Contact Information

Name	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Pamela LeBrane	281-243-6702	pamela.lebrane@fortbendcountytexas.gov

Project Information

MPOID	Sponsor Name
18838	Fort Bend County

TIP Project Description

Fort Bend County Public Transportation is requesting TDC's as local match for Federal FY2021 Section 5310 grant application. Funding will be assigned to MPO ID 18838: Capital Expenditures, Third Party Contracted Services.

Federal Cost	TDC Request
\$1,214,101	242,821

Is this project currently in the TIP?	TIP Year
Yes	2023

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Project Information

MPOID	Sponsor Name
18839	Fort Bend County

TIP Project Description

Fort Bend County Public Transportation is requesting TDC's as local match for Federal FY2021 Section 5310 grant application. Funding will be assigned to MPO ID 18839: Capital Expenditures, Third Party Contracted Services.

Federal Cost	TDC Request
\$1,250,525	250,105
Is this project currently in the TIP?	TIP Year
Yes	2023

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TDC Priority

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Date Submitted

09/01/2023

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