

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Subcommittee Meeting

Houston-Galveston Area Council

Online Meeting/Conference Call

Wednesday January 6, 2021

1:30 PM

Agenda

1. Introductions/Roll Call

2. Regional Strategic Transportation Fund Update

Staff will provide a brief update on project lettings and completions. Staff will also provide an outlook of project lettings set for the next several months.

3. Quarterly Project Update

Staff will provide an update on the next steps for implementing the Regional Strategic Transportation Fund program

4. 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Fiscal Constraint

Staff will provide an update of the approval of the 2021-2024 TIP/STIP and provide information on project delays as a result of the statewide fiscal constraint challenges.

5. Announcements

- TAC Meeting – January 13, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Teleconference (Zoom)
- TPC Meeting – January 22, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Teleconference (Zoom)
- TIP Subcommittee Meeting – February 3, 2021, 1:30 p.m., Teleconference (Teams)

6. Adjourn

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 – 1:30pm
Houston-Galveston Area Council
Online Meeting (Teams Platform)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Monique Johnson – City of Sugarland
Loyd Smith – Harris County
Cory Taylor – Chambers County
Larry Beulah – City of Alvin
Scott Ayres – TXDOT BMT
Ruthanne Haut – The Woodlands Township
Bruce Mann – Port Houston
Mike Wilson – Port Freeport

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Perri D’Armond – Fort Bend County
Catherine McCreight – TXDOT
David Wurdlow – City of Houston, PW
Priya Zachariah – METRO
Vernon Chambers – Harris County Transit

BRIEFING

The meeting started with the rollcall of TIP Subcommittee members. A quorum was not certified.

OVERVIEW

Meeting participants were briefed on various issues surrounding the regional transportation project development effort.

ACTION ITEMS

No Action Items

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments presented to the subcommittee.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM 2 – Regional Strategic Transportation Fund Update (Adam Beckom)

In November, 2020, the TPC approved the updated TDC policy that created the Regional Strategic Fund. Invitations will be sent out for project sponsors who have projects due for implementation within the next two to three years to consider participating in the program. A Call-for-Projects for funding through the Regional Strategic Fund program will be held in late 2021 or early 2022.

ITEM 3 – Quarterly Review Process (Adam Beckom)

The reinitiated Quarterly Review Process will be implemented in two phases:

- (1) Review of projects that were awarded funding 10 or more years ago but have rolled down from TIP to TIP. These projects create “carry-over” quandaries in the financial statements. Sponsors will be asked to verify that these projects are still viable. If no progress is made after a grace period (end of FY 2024), the projects will be dropped from the TIP and will have to compete afresh for funding at a future Call.
- (2) Going forward, quarterly reporting will be provided in the “Planning Activities” section of TAC and TPC mailouts. A summary report and presentation will be given to these bodies in April, 2021.

ITEM 4 – 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Fiscal Constraint (Vishu Lingala)

Because TXDOT was unable to demonstrate fiscal constraint in the draft FY 2021 STIP, H-GAC and the Houston\ Beaumont District offices were asked to make adjustments to the 2021-2024 TIP.

Proposed changes include:

- Move projects to other fiscal years within the 2021-2024 TIP
- Remove FY 2020 projects that were let within the 2020 fiscal year
- Put eligible projects into a Grouped Category and remove the group from the TIP
- Convert federal funding of certain projects to 100% State funding
- Delay projects to the Ten-Year Plan

Along with these changes, a number of projects were added to the TIP. Projects that were selected for each category of adjustment were documented in an Excel sheet and described in detail to the subcommittee members.

Next Steps:

- January 2021 - Adjusted TIP taken to TPC for action, then submitted to TXDOT
- April 2021 – Anticipated FHWA Approval
- July 2021 – Anticipated STIP revision

Following these actions, projects in the 2019 – 2022 TIP/STIP will be allowed to proceed, but any cost adjustments will have to wait for the next revision

Item 5 – Announcements

Upcoming events

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.