

5B. FUTURE 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

A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP is included below for the Council's review.

- Increase the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding by \$4.0M, split 80/20, on the City of Pearland's FY 2024 Smith Ranch Road 4-lane widening project (MPO ID 11654) to cover increased estimates for construction management, inspections and materials testing during construction. (+\$4.0M; Total: \$8.9M)

ACTION REQUESTED

Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolution 2024-03.



Resolution

NO. 2024-03

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS OF THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA

WHEREAS, the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council on May 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council on May 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program are consistent with the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and its finding of conformance with the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program are consistent with the federal fiscal constraint requirements established for the Transportation Improvement Program and are consistent with the financially constrained 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC) FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA THAT THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE 2023–2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE REVISIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE TABLE OF **JANUARY 2024 TPC AMENDMENTS**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FEDERAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED BY THE TPC FROM THE CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) PROGRAMS REPRESENT A LIMITING AMOUNT. ANY COST OVERRUNS ON PHASES OF WORK AUTHORIZED BY THE TPC OR COSTS INCURRED ON PHASES OF WORK NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE TPC SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROJECT SPONSOR. IN NO CASE, SHALL FEDERAL PARTICIPATION UNDER THE CMAQ AND STBG PROGRAMS BE INCREASED WITHOUT CONSULTATION AND THE EXPRESS APPROVAL OF THE TPC.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of January 2024, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

Justin Beckendorff
Justin Beckendorff (Feb 8, 2024 14:14 CST) 02/08/2024

Hon. Justin Beckendorff, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

ATTEST:

Nancy Arnold 02/12/2024

Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

**H-GAC 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP
December 2023 Future Amendments**

Count	MPOID/CSJ	Sponsor/County	Project	Proj Type	Proposed Modification		
					STIP?	Funding (M)	
						Fed/State	Local
1	11654 0912-31-293	CITY OF PEARLAND (BRA)	SMITH RANCH RD (HUGHES RANCH..., FM 518) WIDEN FROM 2 TO 4 LANES DIVIDED	R	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> + \$3.2	+ \$0.8

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November 21, 2023

Mr. Craig Raborn, Transportation Director
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons, Suite 120
Houston, TX 77227-2777

Sent Via Email: Craig.Raborn@h-gac.com

Subject: Request for Additional Funds - Smith Ranch Road Widening Project
CSJ 0912-31-293

Dear Mr. Raborn:

The City of Pearland respectfully requests an increase in funds for the subject project. The amount requested is \$4,000,000.

Smith Ranch was selected in July 2013 by the Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) to receive funding from Federal and State transportation funds through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with an estimated construction cost of \$3,789,019. Today's project costs are significantly higher than estimated during the 2013 TIP Call for Projects.

Since the approval of the AFA, the project has experienced delays that have impacted the schedule. Major delays include an amendment to the original AFA to redistribute the Federal and State portions of the funding; an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the termination and replacement of the AFA after it was discovered that the State funding allocated to right-of-way were no longer allowed per new regulations; the expiration of appraisals and title searches because of the confusion associated with the right-of-way maps; and the rework of the acquisition documents because the language in the executed documents was not the required language for local let off-system projects. During the referenced delays, the cost of construction has risen dramatically. The letting date for the project is scheduled for December 2023, with construction starting in the first quarter of 2024.

If you have any questions or need additional information, I can be contacted at jlee@pearlandtx.gov or (281) 652-1760.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Lee".

Jennifer Lee
Sr. Project Manager,
City of Pearland, Engineering & Capital Projects Department

cc: Jim Dickinson, H-GAC
Mark Patterson, P.E., TxDOT
Trent Epperson, City Manager
Lorenzo Wingate, P.E., CFM, Director Capital Projects
Jameson Appel, Assistant Director Capital Projects