

11C. THE 2023 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP)

Background

The Unified Transportation Program (UTP) is used by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) to plan and guide project development over a 10-year period. The UTP is developed annually to comply with the Texas Administrative Code (TAC §16.105) and is approved by the Commission every August. The UTP gives authorization for project construction, development, and planning.

Current Situation

TxDOT Houston District submitted following requests as part of the 2023 UTP development process.

- Addition of bridge improvements project (0978-01-039) on IH 69 at Brazos River.
- Addition of interchange project (0978-01-039) on FM 517 between FM 646 and IH 45.
- \$274 million category 4 cost increases on construction authority projects.
- \$215 million of category 12 cost increases on construction authority projects.
- Decrease of \$12 million of category 2 funding on construction authority projects.

TxDOT Beaumont District

- Additional funding for projects on US 90 in Liberty County.
- Addition of funding for project on SH 146 south of IH 10.

In June 2022, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will release the draft 2023 UTP for public review and comment. Staff will review of the draft document to analyze the potential financial impact of any changes in federal allocations. Staff will also review the UTP to ensure consistency with the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), 10-Year Plan, and the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The UTP identifies anticipated funding levels for FY 2023 to FY 2032. Allocations are listed for all 12 TxDOT funding categories. However, staff's analysis will only detail categories where the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) has selection authority. This includes Funding Categories 2 - Metro Corridor, 5 - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, 7 - Surface Transportation Block Grant, and 9 - Transportation Alternatives - Set Aside.

Additional information on the UTP and the funding categories is available at the following website: [Unified Transportation Program - UTP \(txdot.gov\)](https://www.txdot.gov/unified-transportation-program-utp)

Action Requested

For information only.