

7. AMENDMENT TO THE 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

The 2022 –2023 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 2023 and 2023. The current 2022-2023 UPWP was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) on August 27, 2021 and most recently amended on February 24, 2023.

CURRENT SITUATION

The City of Houston has been awarded a Reconnecting Communities Discretionary Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for FY2023 to conduct a planning study to examine connections between Hillcroft Avenue in Gulfton and destinations including Hillcroft Transit Center, Wisdom High School, and Bray’s Bayou, that are currently separated by infrastructure, including Southwest Freeway, Westpark Tollway, and other busy roads. This grant must be included in the Unified Planning Work Program for Houston to start implementation.

The grant is for \$552,160 of discretionary grant funds, with a local match of \$138,040 provided by the City of Houston. The total project amount will be \$690,200. (These FHWA grant funds will not be reflected in the UPWP Funding Tables because the work will be conducted by a partner agency rather than H-GAC.)

ACTION REQUESTED

Recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolution UPWP 22/23-8.



Resolution

No. UPWP 2022/23-8

ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council adopted the 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) on August 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Amendment #8 to the 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program makes the following change to Task V for Fiscal Year 2023:

1. Task V, Sub-task 5.2 – Corridor, Technology, and Special Studies
[Amendment Action: Add activity and document partner funding grant]
[Partner Special Study] City of Houston “Gulfton and Beyond” planning grant:
 - The City of Houston received an FHWA Reconnecting Communities Discretionary Grant for FY2023 to conduct a planning study to examine connections between Hillcroft Avenue in Gulfton and destinations including Hillcroft Transit Center, Wisdom High School, and Bray’s Bayou, that are currently separated by infrastructure, including Southwest Freeway, Westpark Tollway, and other busy roads.
 - The grant is for \$552,160 of discretionary grant funds, with a local match of \$138,040 provided by the City of Houston. The total project amount will be \$690,200. (These FHWA grant funds are not reflected in the UPWP Funding Tables because the work will be conducted by a partner agency.)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC) THAT A REVISION TO THE 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AS SHOWN ABOVE, IS HEREBY APPROVED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of July 2023, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Hon. David Robinson, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council