

8. DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Background

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the two-year planning document that includes description of tasks and budget from October 1st to September 30th of each fiscal year. This plan describes the regional transportation plans and programs including air quality activities to be carried out with the Metropolitan Planning Area. The UPWP includes description of major planning activities, responsible parties, expected products, and a summary of the funding to be used. The UPWP includes five priority areas as described below:

- TASK I - Program Management; which are activities that provide administrative support to the transportation planning process for the region.
- TASK II - Data Development and Maintenance; which has the purpose to collect, update, model, and maintain basic data and tools for executing planning activities.
- TASK III - Short Range Planning; are efforts that focus on continued coordination and development of transit and travel demand management projects, maintenance of intelligent transportation systems, improvement of traffic safety in the region, the development of the Transportation Improvement Plan, sub-regional or county-level mobility studies, transit feasibility studies, and operations planning.
- TASK IV - Metropolitan Transportation Planning; activities include the development and maintenance of the Regional Transportation Plan, activities related to air quality planning, regional bicycle and pedestrian planning, livable centers, and transportation performance management.
- TASK V - Special Planning Studies; are one-time planning activities such as major corridor studies and transportation resiliency activities.

Current Situation

The 2020-2021 UPWP will be completed by the end of fiscal year, September 30, 2020. The 2022-2023 UPWP is under development, which is scheduled to begin on October 1, 2021. In March of 2021, H-GAC requested for UPWP planning project proposals from eligible entities in the region, and this call for project proposals was closed on April 8, 2021. This request for projects resulted in 17 planning proposal submissions by various local governments and other agencies within the region. The planning proposals were evaluated by H-GAC staff and selected projects were included in the draft of the 2022-2023 UPWP along with other planning activities underway or planned in the region. Staff is providing information and requesting review and comments on the draft 2022-2023 UPWP document available at the following website:

h-gac.com/unified-planning-work-program

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TPC Meeting Packet - 6/25/21

2022-2023 UPWP Development Process	Timeline in 2021
UPWP Call for Projects open	March 8
UPWP Call for Projects closed	April 8
Draft to TAC (Information)	June 16
Draft to TPC (Information)	June 25
Initial draft to TxDOT	Week of June 28
Public Meeting and Comment Period	July
Final Draft to TAC (Action)	August 18
Final Draft to TPC (Action)	August 27
Submit to TxDOT	September 1
UPWP start	October 1

Action Requested

Information only.