

11C. QUARTERLY TIP STATUS REPORT

BACKGROUND

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) directs the planning activities that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) partakes in over a 2-year period. As such, H-GAC conducts quarterly tracking and reporting of the development status on projects using information from available databases and obtained through quarterly sponsor meetings. H-GAC also provides planning assistance to local governments in the development of candidate and selected Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects with the objective of accelerating project delivery and reducing unanticipated changes in project scope and cost.

Over the last several years there have been large carryover balances partly due to transportation projects that did not meet their originally programmed schedules. These carryover balances are largely comprised of funds from two categories: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) and the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program. Funding from these two programs is allocated by the federal government for projects that are selected through the H-GAC's project selection process. In efforts to reduce the carryover balances, staff reviews previously funded projects within the 4-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to aid project sponsors in evaluating project development schedules and thus, program projects in the correct fiscal year. Programming updates (cost, budget, etc.) are processed by TAC and TPC action.

CURRENT SITUATION*

In the 3rd quarter of FY 2023 (April – July) H-GAC met with 22 local government sponsors regarding 110 projects included in the 2023-2026 TIP (not including Federal Transit Administration formula-funded projects) with \$2B of federal funds, \$85M of state funds, \$8B of local funds, totaling \$10B. H-GAC also met with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District regarding 55 additional TxDOT-sponsored projects with \$3B of federal funds, \$3B of state funds, \$240M of local funds, totaling \$6B. Of the 110 locally sponsored projects, 13 projects (12%) required amendments (due a change in let date, additional funding request, project cancellation, sponsor change, etc.) that were reviewed and approved by TAC and TPC in the 3rd quarter of FY 2023.

H-GAC's FY 2023 quarter 3 local sponsor project meetings (regarding the projects programmed in the 2023-2026 TIP) resulted in the following changes** to project funding:

FY 2023 to 2024

METRO-TMA (Category 2): \$0

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) (Category 5): \$125M (3 Projects)

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Category 7): \$4M (1 Project)

FY 2024 to 2025

METRO-TMA (Category 2): \$28M (2 Projects)

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) (Category 5): \$8M (1 Project)

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Category 7): \$128M (6 Projects)

* Cost and number of projects are rounded.

** Costs include those that project sponsors agreed to move FY and those that will more than likely move based on H-GAC's assessment

FY 2024 to 2026

METRO-TMA (Category 2): \$68M (3 Projects)

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) (Category 5): \$9M (2 Projects)

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Category 7): \$20M (1 Project)

FY 2025 to 2026

METRO-TMA (Category 2): \$48M (2 Projects)

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) (Category 5): \$0

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Category 7): \$78M (1 Project)

Move Beyond 2026 (Outside TIP)

METRO-TMA (Category 2): \$70M (1 Project)

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) (Category 5): \$1M (1 Project)

Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Category 7): \$233M (7 Projects)

The goals for next quarter include the following:

- Detailed assessment of carryover balances per funding category
- Prepare list of recommended projects to help spend down the carryover balances
- Advance projects where possible
- Develop potential solutions to assist sponsors with “Schedule Risk Items”
- Continue to reduce project let year changes each quarter

ACTION REQUESTED

For Information and Discussion.

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