

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

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 Committee's review.

- Add \$1.6M of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding, split 80/20, to Brazoria County's County Road 59 4-lane widening project (MPO ID 12760) to cover increased construction costs that are due to inflation. (+\$1.6M; Total: \$15.7M)
- Program unused Federal Transit Administration Section 5307, 5310 and 5339 formula funds for Gulf Coast Transit District capital and operating expenditures (MPO IDs 19138, 19139, 19140) in FY 2024 using 815,142 Transportation Development Credits in lieu of matching funds. (+\$2.3M; Total: \$2.3M)
- Program the \$360K Congressional appropriation to Fort Bend County for a transit scheduling and dispatch system in FY 2025. The funding comes from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, which dedicated funds for Community Project Funding (CPF). Fort Bend County will provide \$90K of matching funds. (+\$450K; Total: \$450K)

ACTION REQUESTED

Transportation Advisory Committee recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolutions 2024-12 and 2024-13.



Resolution

NO. 2024-12

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 **JUNE 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 28th day of June 2024, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Hon. Justin Beckendorff, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council



Resolution

NO. 2024-13

APPROVING THE AWARD OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS (TDCs) AND AUTHORIZING RELATED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP), AND TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA.

WHEREAS, Texas Administrative Code, Title 43 Subchapter H, identifies the purpose, goals, and administrative requirements for the Transportation Development Credit Program in the State of Texas, including the sub-allocation of credits to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs); and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation has documented the current balance of credits allocated to H-GAC, the MPO for the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area; and

WHEREAS, Texas Administrative Code, Title 43 §5.106, establishes requirements for the award of transportation development credits by MPOs; and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council has established a documented process for the evaluation of applications and the award of credits; and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council is in receipt of requests for credits; and

WHEREAS, the award of credits for these purposes is consistent with the Policy governing the consideration of requests for credits adopted by the Policy Council on November 20, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC) FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA THAT TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PROJECTS IN THE ATTACHED TABLE# 1 AND THAT THE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR IS DIRECTED TO ENTER INTO ANY NECESSARY PROJECT AGREEMENTS.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of June 2024, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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H-GAC 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP

June 2024 TPC Amendments

Count	MPOID/CSJ	Sponsor/County	Project	Proj Type	Proposed Modifications				
					STIP?	Funding (M)		Scope	Schedule
						Fed/State	Local		
1	12760 0912-31-305	BRAZORIA COUNTY (BRA)	CR 59 (CR 48, KIRBY DR) RECONSTRUCT AND WIDEN FROM 2 TO 4 LANES DIVIDED	R	No	+ \$1.3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ \$0.3		
2	19138 NA	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTR... (BRA)	LAKE JACKSON-ANGLETON UZA (VA, VA) COMBINE FY 2017 & FY 2019 LAKE JACKSON/ANGLETON FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	T	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to FY 2024
3	19139 NA	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTR... (MUL)	TEXAS CITY & LAKE JACKSON-ANGLETON UZAs (VA, VA) FY 2016, 2017 and 2021 FTA SECTION 5339 FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR TEXAS CITY & LAKE JACKSON- ANGLETON UZAs	T	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to FY 2024
4	19140 NA	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTR... (MUL)	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT SERVICE AREA (VA, VA) FY 2022 FTA SECTION 5310 FUNDS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES DISTRICT-WIDE	T	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to FY 2024
5	19141 NA	FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC ... (FOR)	FORT BEND COUNTY (VA, VA) TRANSIT SCHEDULING AND DISPATCH SYSTEM	T	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to FY 2025

Table 1**June 2024 Transportation Development Credits**

Agency	MPOIDs/CSJs	Project	Federal Source	Federal Funds	TDCs Requested	Priority Use Under TDC Policy	Comments
Gulf Coast Transit District	19138/NA	COMBINE FY 2017 & FY 2019 LAKE JACKSON / ANGLETON FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FTA 5307	\$1,169,480	584,740	Support of Federal Transit Funding	The Gulf Coast Transit District will use TDCs as match and use local funds to support other ongoing public transit needs.
Gulf Coast Transit District	19139/NA	FY 2016, 2017 and 2021 FTA SECTION 5339 FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR TEXAS CITY & LAKE JACKSON-ANGLETON UZAs	FTA 5339	\$902,008	180,402	Support of Federal Transit Funding	The Gulf Coast Transit District will use TDCs as match and use local funds to support other ongoing public transit needs.
Gulf Coast Transit District	19140/NA	FY 2022 FTA SECTION 5310 FUNDS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES DISTRICT-WIDE	FTA 5310	\$250,000	50,000	Support of Federal Transit Funding	The Gulf Coast Transit District will use TDCs as match and use local funds to support other ongoing public transit needs.



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June 6, 2024

Mr. Craig Raborn
Houston-Galveston Area Council
P.O. Box 22777
Houston, TX 77227-2777

Re: Gulf Coast Transit District Request to Program Federal Formula Funds into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Raborn:

The Gulf Coast Transit District (GCTD) respectfully requests the programming of unused Formula 5307, 5310 and 5339 funds apportioned to both the Lake Jackson-Angleton and Texas City UZA funds into the 2024 TIP. These funds were formally Gulf Coast Center funds that were transferred to GCTD and subsequently left unprogrammed. We are also requesting Transportation Development Credits to be used as local match for these awards. The local funds will be used to support on-going transit operations and the purchase of rolling stock. The table below provides the information on these funds:

MPOID	Project	Federal Award	TDC Request
19138	Combine FY 17 & 19 Lake Jackson / Angleton 5307 funds for Operating Expenditures	\$1,169,480	584,740
19139	FY's 16, 17, and 21 5339 for Capital Expenditures for Texas City & Lake Jackson-Angleton UZAs	\$902,008	180,402
19140	FY22 5310 for Capital Expenditures District-wide	\$250,000	50,000

All three GCTD projects need to be programmed in the 2024 TIP to be used in FY 24. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Sandy Sabatier at (409) 359.7876 or at ssabatier@gctdbx.gov.

Respectfully,

Theodore Ross
Director of Operations
Gulf Coast Transit District



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May 17, 2024

Perri D'Armond
Director
Fort Bend County Transit
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Dear Ms. D'Armond,

We at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) wanted to be sure you were aware that Congress recently appropriated \$360,000 to Fort Bend County Transit for the Fort Bend County Transit Scheduling and Dispatch System Replacement Project. FTA's Discretionary Project ID for this project is 2024-CMPJ-120.

The funding for this project comes from the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024*, (Pub. L. 118-42, Mar. 9, 2024), which dedicated \$206,817,976 in Community Project Funding (CPF) / Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for 141 Transit Infrastructure Grants projects.

The purpose of this email is to provide you with key information about FTA's administration of CPF / CDS funding.

Grant Administration

All CPF / CDS grants will be administered through FTA's Transit Award Management System (TrAMS). In order to receive the funds, recipients will need to prepare an electronic grant application in TrAMS. Existing FTA recipients with TrAMS access should be able to initiate their project application in a similar way to other FTA grants. Please include the project name, project ID for your project above and upload a copy of the application that you submitted to your member of Congress.

Upon written request, FTA may approve another entity to act as the direct recipient of the funding, in which case the [recipient identified in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act \(https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/apportionments/table-20-fy-2024-transit-infrastructure-grants-community-project\)](https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/apportionments/table-20-fy-2024-transit-infrastructure-grants-community-project) may instead serve as a subrecipient.

Grant Requirements

More detailed guidance on requirements associated with 2024 CPF grants can be found in FTA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Notice of Apportionments, Allocations and Program Information, which will be published in the next few weeks. As you proceed with project development, CPF recipients must follow these Chapter 53 cross-cutting requirements, if applicable:

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/State TIP (§§ 5303–5304) – Project must be included in the MPO Long Range Plan and TIP and federally approved state TIP for award of funding;

- Bus testing (§ 5318);
- General Provisions (§ 5323);
- NEPA compliance – Project must be environmentally cleared for award of funding;
- Buy America;
- No exclusionary specifications;
- Charter service prohibition;
- No art or non-functional landscaping;
- Limitations on rolling stock procurements and cybersecurity;
- Contract Requirements (§ 5325);
- Transit Asset Management (§ 5326);
- Project Management Plan (§ 5327);
- Nondiscrimination (§ 5332);
- Dispositions (§ 5334);
- National Transit Database (§ 5335);
- FTA oversight (§ 5338); and
- Drug and Alcohol Testing;
- Additional requirements may apply if the CPF funds will go toward a current or future Capital Investment Grants (CIG) or Expedited Project Delivery (EPD) project. Recipients should coordinate with their FTA regional office before obligating or expending any funding related to a current or future CIG or EPD project.

Non-Federal Match

A 20 percent non-Federal match is required for these grants.

Pre-Award Authority

CPF / CDS projects are subject to the same pre-award authority requirements as other FTA grant programs. Generally, pre-award authority allows recipients to incur certain project costs before grant approval and retain the eligibility of those costs for subsequent reimbursement after grant approval. The recipient assumes all risk and is responsible for ensuring that all conditions are met to retain eligibility. For transit capital projects, the date that costs may be incurred varies depending on the type of activity and its potential to have a significant impact on the human and natural environment. Please verify the applicability of pre-award authority with your FTA regional office before incurring expenses.

Contact Information

FTA Region VI is the primary contact for CPF project questions. Please contact Ronisha Hodge, ronisha.hodge@dot.gov, (817) 978-0576 with any questions. We look forward to working with you to successfully deliver these public transportation projects for your communities.

Sincerely,

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FTA Region VI Administrator

CC: Pamela LeBrane, Pamela.LeBrane@fortbendcountytx.gov

H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

Contact Information

Name	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Sean Middleton	409-500-2773	smiddleton@gulfcoasttransitdistrict.com

Project Information

MPOID	Sponsor Name
19138	Gulf Coast Transit District

TIP Project Description

The Gulf Coast Transit District (GCTD) is requesting 1,169,480 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) as local match for the Lake Jackson / Angleton Small Urbanized Area FY 17 & FY 19 5307 funds.

Federal Cost	TDC Request
\$1,169,480	1,169,480
Is this project currently in the TIP? No	Is this project currently in the RTP? Yes

Priority Use of TDCs

TDC Priority
Support of Federal Transit Funding

Please explain how the use of TDCs will help meet the priority established for this project.

GCTD will use TDCs as match for FY2017 and FY 2019 FTA 5307 Urban Area Formula Program funding and use existing local funding, which would have been applied to transit projects, to support on-going transit operations and the purchase of rolling stock.

Maintenance of Local Investment

Roadway, Transit, or Other Project?
Transit Project

Explain and document the effect the TDC's will have on local and non-federal funding support for existing transit services.

TDCs will allow GCTD to utilize 100% of Federal 5307 funds on needed transit project so the local funds normally allocated to these projects can be used for support of transit operations and the purchase of rolling stock.

Date Submitted

05/24/2024

H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

Contact Information

Name	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Sean Middleton	409-500-2773	smiddleton@gulfcoasttransitdistrict.com

Project Information

MPOID	Sponsor Name
19139	Gulf Coast Transit District

TIP Project Description

The Gulf Coast Transit District (GCTD) is requesting 180,000 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) as local match for the Texas City and Lake Jackson / Angleton Small Urbanized Area FY 16, FY 17, & FY 21 5339 funds.

Federal Cost	TDC Request
\$902,008	180,402
Is this project currently in the TIP? No	Is this project currently in the RTP? Yes

Priority Use of TDCs

TDC Priority

Support of Federal Transit Funding

Please explain how the use of TDCs will help meet the priority established for this project.

GCTD will use TDCs as match for Federal 5339 Program funding and use existing local funding, which would have been applied to transit projects, to support on-going Transit Capital Projects.

Maintenance of Local Investment

Roadway, Transit, or Other Project?

Transit Project

Explain and document the effect the TDC's will have on local and non-federal funding support for existing transit services.

TDCs will allow GCTD to utilize 100% of Federal 5339 funds on needed capital transit projects so the local funds normally allocated to these projects can be used for support of transit operations and the purchase of rolling stock.

Date Submitted

05/24/2024

H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

Contact Information

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Project Information

MPOID	Sponsor Name
19140	Gulf Coast Transit District

TIP Project Description

The Gulf Coast Transit District (GCTD) is requesting 50,000 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) as local match for FY 22 5310 funding for District-wide Operating and Capital expenditures.

Federal Cost	TDC Request
\$250,000	50,000
Is this project currently in the TIP? No	Is this project currently in the RTP? Yes

Priority Use of TDCs

TDC Priority

Support of Federal Transit Funding

Please explain how the use of TDCs will help meet the priority established for this project.

GCTD will use TDCs as match for Federal 5310 funding and use existing local funding, which would have been applied to various transit projects, to support on-going rural transit operations and the purchase of rolling stock.

Maintenance of Local Investment

Roadway, Transit, or Other Project?

Transit Project

Explain and document the effect the TDC's will have on local and non-federal funding support for existing transit services.

TDCs will allow GCTD to utilize 100% of Federal 5310 funds on needed transit projects so the local funds normally allocated to these projects can be used for support of rural transit operations and the purchase of rolling stock.

Date Submitted

05/24/2024