

## 11D. UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA) GRANTS

### Background

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was passed by Congress on November 7, 2021 and signed into law on November 15, 2021. This new law includes \$550 billion in new infrastructure spending, a full reauthorization of the FAST Act, and numerous new transportation funding programs. The IIJA increases funding for the Highway Trust Fund, adds new guaranteed appropriations, and authorizes new spending from the General Fund. Forty-two sections of the IIJA will impact Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and 11 new grant programs and 6 new competitive pilot programs specifically identify MPOs as potential recipients.

### Current Situation

This new law will impact the Houston-Galveston region with new or increased formula funding, new competitive funding opportunities, and new planning requirements.

Staff will provide regular updates to the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) about the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) implementation of the IIJA and about funding opportunities that may impact the region.

### Action Requested

Information and discussion only.