

9B. AMENDMENT TO THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND
THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

BACKGROUND

The 2025-2028 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 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program is included below.

- Program the remaining \$43.2M of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds approved as part of the 2018 Call-for-Projects, matched with 10.6M Transportation Development Credits, in Houston-Galveston Area Council's FY 2026 Regional Freeway Incident Management project (MPO ID 18856). Advance from FY 2026 to FY 2025 and group in TXDOT's Statewide Safety Program.

ACTION REQUESTED

Transportation Policy approval of Resolutions 2024-46 and 2024-47.



Resolution

NO. 2024-46

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS OF THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA

WHEREAS, the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council on May 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program for the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council on June 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions to the 2025-2028 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 2025-2028 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 METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA THAT THE 2025–2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE REVISIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE TABLE OF **DECEMBER 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 20th day of December 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. 2024-47

APPROVING THE AWARD OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS (TDCs) AND AUTHORIZING RELATED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING 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 Planning 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 PLANNING 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 20th day of December 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

Table#1

November 2024 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs)

Agency	MPOIDs/CSJs	Project	Federal Source	Federal Funds	TDCs Requested	Priority Use Under TDC Policy	Comments
Houston-Galveston Area Council	18856 0912-00-688	REGIONAL FREEWAY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT: FYs 2025-2028	STBG	\$53,200,000	10,640,000	Other Regionally Significant Project	The TDC's will advance the regional goals established in the RTP by improving safety and keep moving people efficiently. Through the quick clearance of mechanically stalled vehicles, we save lives by reducing secondary vehicle crashes and reducing traffic congestion.

**H-GAC 2025-2028 TIP and TXDOT Statewide Safety Program
December 2024 TPC Amendment**

MPOID/CSJ	Sponsor/County	Project	Proj Type	Proposed Modifications				
				STIP	Funding (M)		Scope	Schedule
					Fed/State	Local		
18856 0912-00-688	H-GAC	REGIONAL FREEWAY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT: FYs 2025-2028	O	Yes	\$ +43.2	\$ 0.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Proj Type: R=Roadway, T=Transit, P/B=Ped/Bike, O=Other

H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

Application ID	25214
Submitted By	Francis Rodriguez
Email Address	Francis.rodriguez@h-gac.com
Phone Number	713-993-2437
Sponsor Name	Houston-Galveston Area Council
MPO ID	18856
TIP Project Description	Regional Freeway Incident Management
Is this project currently in the TIP?	Yes
TIP Year	2025
Roadway, Transit, or Other Project?	Other Project
Explain and document how TDCs will advance the regional goals established in the Regional Transportation Plan, i.e. Improve Safety, Move People and Goods efficiently, Achieve/Maintain State of Good Repair, Strengthen regional Economic Competitiveness, and Conserve and Protect Natural and Cultural Resources.	The TDC's will advance the regional goals established in the RTP by improving safety and keep moving people efficiently. Through the quick clearance of mechanically stalled vehicles, we save lives by reducing secondary vehicle crashes and reduce traffic congestion.
TDC Priority	Other Regionally Significant Project
Please explain how the use of TDCs will help meet the priority established for this project.	TDC's will serve as the local participation to complete the funding amount needed to successfully continue this program.
Federal Cost	53200000
TDC Request	10640000
Please explain the reason for the change in the TDC Request amount.	Adding funds.
Date Submitted	10/31/24