

15A. ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

### **BACKGROUND**

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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**

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In accordance with the HGAC Public Participation Plan (PPP) administrative amendment requirements, this amendment is being processed as it falls within the stipulated limits. The proposed changes in this amendment are limited to a cost change of 25% or less than \$500,000, aligning with the PPP guidelines. Additionally, these amendments comply with the current Transportation Development Credit (TDC) policy. The TDC policy prioritizes the use of TDCs to support federal transit funding and projects of regional significance. TDCs do not impact the funding amount, and this amendment has been designed to align seamlessly with the TDC policy.

A summary of the modifications to the 2023-2026 TIP is included for information below.

- Program the revised allocations of FY 2021 FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, formula funding program for Fort Bend County Public Transportation that were originally approved by the METRO Board of Directors on May 25, 2023, (MPO IDs 18837, 18838 and 18839) in FY 2023 of the TIP for operating and purchase of services expenditures. (-\$535K; Total: \$3.6M)

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

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For information and discussion.