

10. CARRY OVER SPEND DOWN PROJECTS UPDATE

BACKGROUND

On December 15, 2023, the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) programmed (in the Transportation Improvement Program [TIP]) 60 projects represented by 25 sponsors with \$335,225,653 of federal funds. These projects were programmed to help spend down the region's carry over balances. One of the 60 projects (with a total project cost of \$500,000) was cancelled. All remaining carry over spend down projects will let or be transferred to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) by the end of August 2025. Local government sponsors agreed to participate in the Regional Strategic Transportation Fund (RSTF) program for 39 of the 60 carry over spend down projects. Draft Interlocal Agreements (ILAs) for the RSTF program were sent to local government sponsors for 13 of the 39 projects. If all 39 projects are successful, the RSTF program will accrue approximately \$23M for which local government sponsors can compete in the future for certain projects.

CURRENT SITUATION

H-GAC identified several additional projects (see Item 09-2) that can let or be transferred to FTA by the end of August 2025 for TPC consideration to fund with the carry over spend down effort. There are 2 projects represented by 2 sponsors requesting an additional \$17,600,000 of carry over spend down funds. Both projects meet at least 2 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Visions and Goals (the same analysis and determination as conducted for the currently programmed carry over spend down projects). One project is requesting 1,600,000 Transportation Development Credits to satisfy the local match requirement. The 2nd project sponsor would provide the 20% local match.

ACTION REQUESTED

For information and discussion. No action requested.

Additional Carry Over Spend Down Projects for Consideration

Sponsor Name	Street/Facility	Project Limits From	Project Limits To	Proposed TIP Description	MPO ID or CSJ (If Existing Project)	Existing Federal Funds	Additional Amount Requested From Carry Over Spend Down	TDCs*	RSTF** Program Contribution Amount	Local/State Match	Total Project Funding (Including Previously Funded and New Carry Over Spend Down Funds)	Phase (E/C/T)***	Fiscal Year (FY) for Additional Carry Over Spend Down	Proposed Funding Cat.****
METRO	METRO Service Area	VA	VA	Replacement of 160 Diesel Hybrid Buses	11268	\$32,959,660	\$8,000,000	1,600,000	\$800,000	\$109,830,340	\$150,790,000	T	2025	CMAQ
TxDOT Transtar	Transtar	VA	VA	Management and Operations of Houston Transtar FY 2025-2028 - Transportation System Management and Operations for Houston Transtar including operating costs for traffic monitoring, management and integrated traffic control system, incident management, and traffic control center maintenance. Operating costs will system maintenance costs associated with continuous operation	0912-00-657	N/A	\$9,600,000	N/A	N/A	\$2,400,000	\$12,000,000	C	2025	STBG
				Totals			\$17,600,000	1,600,000	\$800,000		\$162,790,000			

* Transportation Development Credits

** Regional Strategic Transportation Fund (RSTF) Program

*** E - Eng/Env; C - Construction; T - Transfer to Fed Transit Adm.

**** CMAQ-Cong Mit Air Qual; STBG-Surf Tran BI Grant; CRP-Carb Red Prog