

16. FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATEWIDE SAFETY PROGRAM

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 Texas Department of Transportation Statewide Safety Program is included below for the Council's review.

- Add \$1.8M of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding to the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Regional Freeway Incident Management (FY 2022-FY 2024) project (MPO ID 11917) to fund continuing towing operations. An additional 352K Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) will be programmed in lieu of matching funds. (+\$1.8M; Total: \$11.8M)
- Add \$3.1M of federal STBG funding to the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Regional Freeway Incident Management (FY 2017-FY 2018) project (MPO ID 17020) to fund continuing towing operations. An additional 616K TDCs will be programmed in lieu of matching funds. (+\$3.1M; Total: \$11.1M)

ACTION REQUESTED

For information and discussion. No action requested.

**TXDOT Statewide Safety Program
September 2024 TPC Amendments**

Count	MPOID/CSJ	Sponsor/County	Project	Proj Type	Proposed Modifications				
					STIP?	Funding (M)		Scope	Schedule
						Fed/State	Local		
1	11917 0912-00-559	H-GAC (MUL)	HOUSTON-GALVESTON TPA (VA, VA) REGIONAL FREEWAY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT - TOWING (FY 2022-2024)	O	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> + \$1.8	352K TDCs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	17020 0912-00-539	H-GAC (MUL)	HOUSTON-GALVESTON TMA (VA, VA) REGIONAL FREEWAY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT-TOWING (FY 2017-2018)	O	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> + \$3.1	616K TDCs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

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Project Information

MPOID	Sponsor Name
11917	Houston-Galveston Area Council

TIP Project Description

REGIONAL FREEWAY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT - TOWING (FY 2017 - 2018)

Federal Cost

\$11,760,000

TDC Request: 2,352,000

Is this project currently in the TIP?

No

Is this project currently in the RTP? Yes

Priority Use of TDCs

TDC Priority

Other Regionally Significant Project

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

TDCs will serve as additional TDCs for the local participation to complete the funding amount needed to successfully continue this program.

Maintenance of Local Investment

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 are able to save lives by reducing secondary vehicle crashes and reduce traffic congestion.

Date Submitted

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H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

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Project Information

MPOID	Sponsor Name
17020	Houston-Galveston Area Council

TIP Project Description

TDC's will serve as the local participation to complete the funding amount needed to successfully continue this program.

Federal Cost
\$11,082,000

TDC Request: 2,216,400

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No

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Yes

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