

7. PROMOTING RESILIENT OPERATIONS FOR TRANSFORMATIVE, EFFICIENT, AND COST-SAVING TRANSPORTATION (PROTECT) GRANT PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

The Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) discretionary grant program, funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act (BIL), funds projects that improve the resiliency of the surface transportation system, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail. The funds received by this grant would be used to create a Regional Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan, expanding on the Resiliency and Durability to Extreme Weather Pilot Program completed in 2021.

CURRENT SITUATION

H-GAC was awarded \$1.1 million in federal grant funding through the PROTECT discretionary grant program on April 11, 2024.

H-GAC Staff submitted a Planning Grant application for a Regional Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan through the PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program submitted on August 18th, 2023.

Staff completed work on the Resilience and Durability Pilot project as part of the FHWA program to develop transportation-specific resiliency best practices and strategies. The draft report has been finalized and accepted by FHWA. Staff has completed an update of the Foresight Panel on Environmental Effects report with outcomes from the Pilot project. For more information visit: www/h-gac.com/resiliency-planning

ACTION REQUESTED

For information and discussion only.