

7. AMENDMENTS TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

BACKGROUND

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 as needed and amended in accordance with the H-GAC Public Participation Plan.

CURRENT SITUATION

A summary of the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP is included below for the Council's review.

- Add \$1.6M of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding, split 80/20, to Brazoria County's County Road 59 4-lane widening project (MPO ID 12760) to cover increased construction costs that are due to inflation. (+\$1.6M; Total: \$15.7M)
- Add \$360K of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 formula funds to Harris County Transit's FY 2024 Purchase of Service project (MPO ID 18931) per the METRO Board of Directors' November 2023 revised allocations. Program 223,000 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of matching funds. (+\$360K; Total: \$1.1M)
- Add \$740K of FTA Section 5310 formula funds to Harris County Transit's FY 2024 Mobility Management project (MPO ID 18949) per the METRO Board of Directors' November 2023 revised allocations. Program 283,000 TDCs in lieu of matching funds. (+\$740K; Total: \$1.4M)
- Program unused FTA Section 5307, 5310 and 5339 formula funds for the Gulf Coast Transit District capital and operating expenditures (MPO IDs 19138, 19139, 19140) in FY 2024 using 815,142 TDCs in lieu of matching funds. (+\$2.3M; Total: \$2.3M)
- Program the \$360K Congressional appropriation to Fort Bend County for a transit scheduling and dispatch system in FY 2025. The funding comes from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, which dedicated funds for Community Project Funding (CPF). Fort Bend County will provide \$90K of matching funds. (+\$450K; Total: \$450K)

ACTION REQUESTED

Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolutions 2024-12 and 2024-13.



Resolution

NO. 2024-12

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS OF THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) AND THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) 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 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council on May 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions to the 2023-2026 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 2023-2026 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 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE REVISIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE TABLE OF **JUNE 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 28th day of June 2024, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

Hon. Justin Beckendorf, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

ATTEST:

Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council



Resolution

NO. 2024-13

APPROVING THE AWARD OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS (TDCs) AND AUTHORIZING RELATED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP), AND TO THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) 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 Metropolitan 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 Transportation Policy 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 METROPOLITAN 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 28th day of June 2024, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:



Hon. Justin Beckendorff, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

ATTEST:



Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

H-GAC 2023-2026 TIP and 2045 RTP

June 2024 TPC Amendments

Count	MPOID/CSJ	Sponsor/County	Project	Proj Type	Proposed Modifications				
					STIP?	Funding (M)		Scope	Schedule
						Fed/State	Local		
1	12760 0912-31-305	BRAZORIA COUNTY (BRA)	CR 59 (CR 48, KIRBY DR) RECONSTRUCT AND WIDEN FROM 2 TO 4 LANES DIVIDED	R	No	+ \$1.3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ \$0.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	18931 NA	HARRIS CO. COMMUNITY & E... (HAR)	HARRIS COUNTY (VA, VA) PURCHASE OF SERVICE: FY 2022 5310	T	No	+ \$0.4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	18949 NA	HARRIS CO. COMMUNITY & E... (HAR)	HARRIS COUNTY (VA, VA) MOBILITY MANAGEMENT: FY 2022 5310	T	No	+ \$0.7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	19138 NA	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTR... (BRA)	LAKE JACKSON-ANGLETON UZA (VA, VA) COMBINE FY 2017 & FY 2019 LAKE JACKSON/ANGLETON FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	T	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to FY 2024
5	19139 NA	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTR... (MUL)	TEXAS CITY & LAKE JACKSON-ANGLETON UZAs (VA, VA) FY 2016, 2017 and 2021 FTA SECTION 5339 FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR TEXAS CITY & LAKE JACKSON- ANGLETON UZAs	T	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to FY 2024
6	19140 NA	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTR... (MUL)	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT SERVICE AREA (VA, VA) FY 2022 FTA SECTION 5310 FUNDS FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES DISTRICT-WIDE	T	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to FY 2024
7	19141 NA	FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC ... (FOR)	FORT BEND COUNTY (VA, VA) TRANSIT SCHEDULING AND DISPATCH SYSTEM	T	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to TIP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to FY 2025

Table 1**June 2024 Transportation Development Credits**

Agency	MPOID/CSJ	Project	Federal Source	Federal Funds	TDCs Requested	Priority Use Under TDC Policy	Comments
Harris County Community & Economic Development Department	18931/NA	PURCHASE OF SERVICE: FY 2022 5310	FTA 5310	\$1,115,000	223,000	Support of Federal Transit Funding	With TDC's, Harris County will be able to provide transit services for residents of Harris County.
Harris County Community & Economic Development Department	18949/NA	MOBILITY MANAGEMENT: FY 2022 5310	FTA 5310	\$1,415,000	283,000	Support of Federal Transit Funding	With TDC's, Harris County will be able to provide transit services for residents of Harris County.
Gulf Coast Transit District	19138/NA	COMBINE FY 2017 & FY 2019 LAKE JACKSON / ANGLETON FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FTA 5307	\$1,169,480	1,169,480	Support of Federal Transit Funding	The Gulf Coast Transit District will use TDCs as match and use local funds to support other ongoing public transit needs.
Gulf Coast Transit District	19139/NA	FY 2016, 2017 and 2021 FTA SECTION 5339 FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR TEXAS CITY & LAKE JACKSON-ANGLETON UZAs	FTA 5339	\$902,008	180,408	Support of Federal Transit Funding	The Gulf Coast Transit District will use TDCs as match and use local funds to support other ongoing public transit needs.
Gulf Coast Transit District	19140/NA	FY 2022 FTA SECTION 5310 FUNDS FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES DISTRICT-WIDE	FTA 5310	\$250,000	50,000	Support of Federal Transit Funding	The Gulf Coast Transit District will use TDCs as match and use local funds to support other ongoing public transit needs.

1-May-24

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PROPOSED VERSION							
MPOID / CSJ	12760 / 0912-31-305			STIP Revision Date:			FY 2023
DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Brazoria	0912-31-305	CR 59	C:E(REVIEW)	PEARLAND	BRAZORIA COUNTY	\$15,683,584
STREET:	CR 59					FUNDING CATEGORY: 7	
LIMITS FROM:	CR 48					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	KIRBY DR					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	RECONSTRUCT AND WIDEN FROM 2 TO 4 LANES DIVIDED						

Project History : Amendment# JUN-2024: 2024-06-28: Add \$1,641,891 split 80/20, federal /local (\$1,313,513/\$328,378) to cover increased construction costs caused by inflation.

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$768,496		STBG	\$12,546,867	\$0	\$3,136,717	\$0	\$15,683,584
Right Of Way:	\$0	\$15,683,584						
Construction:	\$15,683,584							
Construction Engineering:	\$784,179							
Contingencies:	\$1,568,358							
Indirects:	\$796,726							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$19,601,343		Funding by share:	\$12,546,867	\$0	\$3,136,717	\$0	\$15,683,584
			TDC:	0				

EXISTING VERSION							
MPOID / CSJ	12760 / 0912-31-305			STIP Revision Date:			FY 2023
DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Brazoria	0912-31-305	CR	C:E(REVIEW)	PEARLAND	BRAZORIA COUNTY	\$14,041,693
STREET:	CR 59					FUNDING CATEGORY: 7	
LIMITS FROM:	CR 48					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	KIRBY DR					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	RECONSTRUCT AND WIDEN FROM 2 TO 4 LANES DIVIDED						

Project History : Amendment# NOV-2022: 2022-11-18: Increase funding to cover low bid amount of \$14,041,693 which increased over estimated amount due to inflation of material and labor costs.

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$688,043		STBG	\$11,233,354	\$0	\$2,808,339	\$0	\$14,041,693
Right Of Way:	\$0	\$14,041,693						
Construction:	\$14,041,693							
Construction Engineering:	\$702,085							
Contingencies:	\$1,404,169							
Indirects:	\$713,318							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$17,549,308		Funding by share:	\$11,233,354	\$0	\$2,808,339	\$0	\$14,041,693
			TDC:	0				

11-Jun-24

**2023 - 2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
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VERSION #1							
MPOID / CSJ	18931 /		STIP Revision Date:				FY 2024
DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Harris		VA	T	NONE	HARRIS CO. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT.	\$1,115,000
STREET:	HARRIS COUNTY					FUNDING CATEGORY:	FTA Sec. 5310
LIMITS FROM:	VA					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	VA					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	PURCHASE OF SERVICE: FY 2022 5310						

Project History : Amendment # JUN-2024- 2024-06-28 Revise the FY 2022 FTA Section 5310 funding using the amount approved by the METRO Board of Directors on November 15, 2023. 223K TDCs will be used in lieu of matching funds.

Remarks: TDCs.

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$1,115,000	\$1,115,000	ELDERLY	\$1,115,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,115,000
Right Of Way:	\$0		Funding by share:	\$1,115,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,115,000
Construction:	\$0		TDC: 223,000					
Construction Engineering:	\$0							
Contingencies:	\$0							
Indirects:	\$0							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$1,115,000							

ORIGINAL VERSION							
MPOID / CSJ	18931 /		STIP Revision Date:				FY 2023
DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Harris		VA	T	NONE	HARRIS CO. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT.	\$755,000
STREET:	HARRIS COUNTY					FUNDING CATEGORY:	FTA Sec. 5310
LIMITS FROM:	VA					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	VA					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS (5310): FY 2022 APPORTIONMENT						

Project History : Amendment # JUL-2023- 2023-07-28 Split out Mobility Management (18949) and re-scope as Purchase of Service with \$755,000 federal and 151,000 TDCs as match.

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$755,000	\$755,000	ELDERLY	\$755,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$755,000
Right Of Way:	\$0		Funding by share:	\$755,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$755,000
Construction:	\$0		TDC: 151,000					
Construction Engineering:	\$0							
Contingencies:	\$0							
Indirects:	\$0							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$755,000							

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ORIGINAL VERSION

MPOID / CSJ 19138 /

STIP Revision Date:

FY 2024

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Brazoria		VA	T	LAKE JACKSON	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT	\$1,169,480
STREET:		LAKE JACKSON-ANGLETON UZA			FUNDING CATEGORY:		FTA Sec. 5307
LIMITS FROM:		VA		VOC:		kg/day	
LIMITS TO:		VA		NOx:		kg/day	
TIP DESCRIPTION : COMBINE FY 2017 & FY 2019 LAKE JACKSON/ANGLETON FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES							

Project History : Amendment # JUN-2024- 2024-06-28 Program unused Formula 5307, 5310 and 5339 funds apportioned to the Lake Jackson-Angleton and Texas City UZAs in FY 2024.

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$1,169,480	\$1,169,480	URBAN	\$1,169,480	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,169,480
Right Of Way:	\$0							
Construction:	\$0							
Construction Engineering:	\$0							
Contingencies:	\$0							
Indirects:	\$0							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$1,169,480		Funding by share:	\$1,169,480	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,169,480
			TDC:	1,169,480				

23-May-24

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ORIGINAL VERSION

MPOID / CSJ 19139 / STIP Revision Date: FY 2024

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Multiple		VA	T	TEXAS CITY	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT	\$902,008
STREET:	TEXAS CITY & LAKE JACKSON-ANGLETON UZAs				FUNDING CATEGORY: FTA Sec. 5330		
LIMITS FROM:	VA					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	VA					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	FY 2016, 2017 and 2021 FTA SECTION 5339 FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR TEXAS CITY & LAKE JACKSON-ANGLETON UZAs						

Project History : Amendment # JUN-2024- 2024-06-28 Program unused Formula 5307, 5310 and 5339 funds apportioned to the Lake Jackson-Angleton and Texas City UZAs in FY 2024.

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	
Preliminary Engineering:	\$0	\$902,008	BBF	\$902,008	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$902,008
Right Of Way:	\$0							
Construction:	\$902,008							
Construction Engineering:	\$0							
Contingencies:	\$0							
Indirects:	\$0							
Bond Financing:	\$0							
Total Project Cost	\$902,008							
			TDC:	180,408				

23-May-24

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ORIGINAL VERSION

MPOID / CSJ 19140 / STIP Revision Date: **FY 2024**

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Galveston		VA	T	NONE	GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT	\$250,000

STREET: GULF COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT SERVICE AREA FUNDING CATEGORY: FTA Sec. 5310
LIMITS FROM: VA VOC: kg/day
LIMITS TO: VA NOx: kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION : FY 2022 FTA SECTION 5310 FUNDS FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES DISTRICT-WIDE

Project History : Amendment # JUN-2024- 2024-06-28 Program unused Formula 5307, 5310 and 5339 funds apportioned to the Lake Jackson-Angleton and Texas City UZAs in FY 2024.

Remarks:

Total Project Cost Information:

	Cost of Approved Phases:
Preliminary Engineering:	\$250,000
Right Of Way:	\$0
Construction:	\$0
Construction Engineering:	\$0
Contingencies:	\$0
Indirects:	\$0
Bond Financing:	\$0
Total Project Cost	\$250,000

Authorized Funding by Category/Share:

Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution	Funding By Category
ELDERLY	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
Funding by share:	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000

TDC: 50,000

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ORIGINAL VERSION

MPOID / CSJ 19141 /

STIP Revision Date:

FY 2025

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
Houston	Fort Bend		VA	T	NONE	FORT BEND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$450,000
STREET:	FORT BEND COUNTY					FUNDING CATEGORY:	10
LIMITS FROM:	VA					VOC:	kg/day
LIMITS TO:	VA					NOx:	kg/day
TIP DESCRIPTION :	TRANSIT SCHEDULING AND DISPATCH SYSTEM						

Project History : Amendment # JUN-2024: 2024-06-28: Program Congressionally appropriated Community Project Funding award of \$360K to Fort Bend County for a Transit Scheduling and Dispatch System which will be matched with local funds.

Remarks: Congress appropriated \$360K to Fort Bend County for a Transit Scheduling and Dispatch System. The funding comes from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024, which dedicated funds for Community Project Funding (CPF).

Total Project Cost Information:		Cost of Approved Phases:	Authorized Funding by Category/Share:					Funding By Category	
			Funding Category	Federal	State	Local	Local Contribution		
Preliminary Engineering:	\$0		MISC	\$360,000	\$0	\$90,000	\$0	\$450,000	
Right Of Way:	\$0	\$450,000	Funding by share:		\$360,000	\$0	\$90,000	\$0	\$450,000
Construction:	\$450,000								
Construction Engineering:	\$0								
Contingencies:	\$0								
Indirects:	\$0								
Bond Financing:	\$0								
Total Project Cost	\$450,000		TDC: 0						



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June 6, 2024

Mr. Craig Raborn
Houston-Galveston Area Council
P.O. Box 22777
Houston, TX 77227-2777

Re: Gulf Coast Transit District Request to Program Federal Formula Funds into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Raborn:

The Gulf Coast Transit District (GCTD) respectfully requests the programming of unused Formula 5307, 5310 and 5339 funds apportioned to both the Lake Jackson-Angleton and Texas City UZA funds into the 2024 TIP. These funds were formally Gulf Coast Center funds that were transferred to GCTD and subsequently left unprogrammed. We are also requesting Transportation Development Credits to be used as local match for these awards. The local funds will be used to support on-going transit operations and the purchase of rolling stock. The table below provides the information on these funds:

MPOID	Project	Federal Award	TDC Request
19138	Combine FY 17 & 19 Lake Jackson / Angleton 5307 funds for Operating Expenditures	\$1,169,480	584,740
19139	FY's 16, 17, and 21 5339 for Capital Expenditures for Texas City & Lake Jackson-Angleton UZAs	\$902,008	180,402
19140	FY22 5310 for Capital Expenditures District-wide	\$250,000	50,000

All three GCTD projects need to be programmed in the 2024 TIP to be used in FY 24. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Sandy Sabatier at (409) 359.7876 or at ssabatier@gctdtx.gov.

Respectfully,

Theodore Ross
Director of Operations
Gulf Coast Transit District



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Transit
Administration**

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May 17, 2024

Perri D'Armond
Director
Fort Bend County Transit
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Dear Ms. D'Armond,

We at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) wanted to be sure you were aware that Congress recently appropriated \$360,000 to Fort Bend County Transit for the Fort Bend County Transit Scheduling and Dispatch System Replacement Project. FTA's Discretionary Project ID for this project is 2024-CMPJ-120.

The funding for this project comes from the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024*, (Pub. L. 118-42, Mar. 9, 2024), which dedicated \$206,817,976 in Community Project Funding (CPF) / Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for 141 Transit Infrastructure Grants projects.

The purpose of this email is to provide you with key information about FTA's administration of CPF / CDS funding.

Grant Administration

All CPF / CDS grants will be administered through FTA's Transit Award Management System (TrAMS). In order to receive the funds, recipients will need to prepare an electronic grant application in TrAMS. Existing FTA recipients with TrAMS access should be able to initiate their project application in a similar way to other FTA grants. Please include the project name, project ID for your project above and upload a copy of the application that you submitted to your member of Congress.

Upon written request, FTA may approve another entity to act as the direct recipient of the funding, in which case the [recipient identified in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act \(https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/apportionments/table-20-fy-2024-transit-infrastructure-grants-community-project\)](https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/apportionments/table-20-fy-2024-transit-infrastructure-grants-community-project) may instead serve as a subrecipient.

Grant Requirements

More detailed guidance on requirements associated with 2024 CPF grants can be found in FTA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Notice of Apportionments, Allocations and Program Information, which will be published in the next few weeks. As you proceed with project development, CPF recipients must follow these Chapter 53 cross-cutting requirements, if applicable:

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/State TIP (§§ 5303–5304) – Project must be included in the MPO Long Range Plan and TIP and federally approved state TIP for award of funding;

- Bus testing (§ 5318);
- General Provisions (§ 5323);
- NEPA compliance – Project must be environmentally cleared for award of funding;
- Buy America;
- No exclusionary specifications;
- Charter service prohibition;
- No art or non-functional landscaping;
- Limitations on rolling stock procurements and cybersecurity;
- Contract Requirements (§ 5325);
- Transit Asset Management (§ 5326);
- Project Management Plan (§ 5327);
- Nondiscrimination (§ 5332);
- Dispositions (§ 5334);
- National Transit Database (§ 5335);
- FTA oversight (§ 5338); and
- Drug and Alcohol Testing;
- Additional requirements may apply if the CPF funds will go toward a current or future Capital Investment Grants (CIG) or Expedited Project Delivery (EPD) project. Recipients should coordinate with their FTA regional office before obligating or expending any funding related to a current or future CIG or EPD project.

Non-Federal Match

A 20 percent non-Federal match is required for these grants.

Pre-Award Authority

CPF / CDS projects are subject to the same pre-award authority requirements as other FTA grant programs. Generally, pre-award authority allows recipients to incur certain project costs before grant approval and retain the eligibility of those costs for subsequent reimbursement after grant approval. The recipient assumes all risk and is responsible for ensuring that all conditions are met to retain eligibility. For transit capital projects, the date that costs may be incurred varies depending on the type of activity and its potential to have a significant impact on the human and natural environment. Please verify the applicability of pre-award authority with your FTA regional office before incurring expenses.

Contact Information

FTA Region VI is the primary contact for CPF project questions. Please contact Ronisha Hodge, ronisha.hodge@dot.gov, (817) 978-0576 with any questions. We look forward to working with you to successfully deliver these public transportation projects for your communities.

Sincerely,

Gail Lyssy
FTA Region VI Administrator

CC: Pamela LeBrane, Pamela.LeBrane@fortbendcountytx.gov

Mission Statement

“Provide safe, clean, reliable, accessible and friendly public transportation services to our region.”

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November 15, 2023

Ms. Gail Lyssy
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration, Region VI
819 Taylor Street, Room 14A02
Ft. Worth, Texas 76102

RE: Approved FY 2022 Section 5310 Formula Funds (Revised)

Dear Ms. Lyssy:

On May 25, 2023, the METRO Board of Directors approved the allocation of FY 2022 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Formula Grants for the Houston Urbanized Area. Due to the air quality conformity lapse and subsequent expiration of the Houston-Galveston area’s Regional Transportation Plan, METRO and its transit partners in the Houston Urbanized Area were required to significantly reprogram the Fiscal Year 2021 Section 5310 funds to prevent their expiration. Providing additional FY ‘21 5310 funding to Fort Bend County Transit now necessitates revision to METRO’s prior FY ‘ww Section 5310 funding allocations as follows:

Revised FY 2022 Section 5310 Funding Allocation

Fort Bend County	0	0%
Harris County	2,530,000	47.7%
Gulf Coast Transit District	250,000	4.7%
Houston METRO	<u>2,523,030</u>	<u>47.6%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,303,030</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Each Direct Recipient agrees to the amounts allocated/reassigned and is responsible for its own application to the Federal Transit Administration to receive Section 5310 funds and assumes the responsibilities associated with any award of these funds.

Please contact Albert Lyne, Deputy Chief Strategy Officer, should you have any questions at 713-739-4637 or AL21@ridemetro.org.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Lambert
President & CEO

cc: David Bartels, FTA
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H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

Contact Information

Name	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Thien Cao	832-927-4853	thien.cao@harriscountytx.gov

Project Information

MPOID 18931	Sponsor Name Harris Co. Community & Economic Development Department
TIP Project Description PURCHASE OF SERVICE: FY 2022 5310	
Federal Cost \$1,115,000	TDC Request 223,000
Is this project currently in the TIP? Yes	TIP Year 2024

Priority Use of TDCs

TDC Priority
Support of Federal Transit Funding

Please explain how the use of TDCs will help meet the priority established for this project.
TDC's will be used in lieu of local match funds for Harris County's RIDES Program.

Maintenance of Local Investment

Roadway, Transit, or Other Project?
Transit Project

Explain and document the effect the TDC's will have on local and non-federal funding support for existing transit services.
With TDC's, Harris County will be able to provide transit services for residents of Harris County.

Date Submitted

06/11/2024

H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

Contact Information

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Thien Cao	832-927-4853	thien.cao@harriscountytx.gov

Project Information

MPOID 18949	Sponsor Name Harris Co. Community & Economic Development Department
TIP Project Description MOBILITY MANAGEMENT: FY 2022 5310	
Federal Cost \$1,415,000	TDC Request 283,000
Is this project currently in the TIP? Yes	TIP Year 2024

Priority Use of TDCs

TDC Priority
Support of Federal Transit Funding

Please explain how the use of TDCs will help meet the priority established for this project.
TDC's will be used in lieu of local match funds for Harris County RIDES Program.

Maintenance of Local Investment

Roadway, Transit, or Other Project?
Transit Project

Explain and document the effect the TDC's will have on local and non-federal funding support for existing transit services.
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Date Submitted

06/11/2024

H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

Contact Information

Name	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Sandra Sabatier	409-359-7876	ssabatier@gctdx.gov

Project Information

MPOID	Sponsor Name
19138	Gulf Coast Transit District

TIP Project Description

Lake Jackson-Angleton UZA (VA, VA) Combine FY 2017 and FY 2019 Lake Jackson/Angleton Funds for operating expenditures

Federal Cost	TDC Request
\$1,169,480	584,740

Is this project currently in the TIP?	TIP Year
Yes	2024

Priority Use of TDCs

TDC Priority

Support of Federal Transit Funding

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

Gulf Coast Transit District will use TDC's as match and use local funds to support other ongoing public transit needs

Maintenance of Local Investment

Roadway, Transit, or Other Project?

Transit Project

Explain and document the effect the TDC's will have on local and non-federal funding support for existing transit services.

Gulf Coast Transit District will use TDC's as match and use local funds to support other ongoing public transit needs

Date Submitted

06/11/2024

H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

Contact Information

Name	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Sean Middleton	409-500-2773	smiddleton@gulfcoasttransitdistrict.com

Project Information

MPOID	Sponsor Name
19139	Gulf Coast Transit District

TIP Project Description

The Gulf Coast Transit District (GCTD) is requesting 180,000 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) as local match for the Texas City and Lake Jackson / Angleton Small Urbanized Area FY 16, FY 17, & FY 21 5339 funds.

Federal Cost	TDC Request
\$902,008	180,402
Is this project currently in the TIP? No	Is this project currently in the RTP? Yes

Priority Use of TDCs

TDC Priority

Support of Federal Transit Funding

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

GCTD will use TDCs as match for Federal 5339 Program funding and use existing local funding, which would have been applied to transit projects, to support on-going Transit Capital Projects.

Maintenance of Local Investment

Roadway, Transit, or Other Project?

Transit Project

Explain and document the effect the TDC's will have on local and non-federal funding support for existing transit services.

TDCs will allow GCTD to utilize 100% of Federal 5339 funds on needed capital transit projects so the local funds normally allocated to these projects can be used for support of transit operations and the purchase of rolling stock.

Date Submitted

05/24/2024

H-GAC Transportation Development Credits Application

Contact Information

Name	Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Sean Middleton	409-500-2773	smiddleton@gulfcoasttransitdistrict.com

Project Information

MPOID	Sponsor Name
19140	Gulf Coast Transit District

TIP Project Description

The Gulf Coast Transit District (GCTD) is requesting 50,000 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) as local match for FY 22 5310 funding for District-wide Operating and Capital expenditures.

Federal Cost	TDC Request
\$250,000	50,000
Is this project currently in the TIP? No	Is this project currently in the RTP? Yes

Priority Use of TDCs

TDC Priority

Support of Federal Transit Funding

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

GCTD will use TDCs as match for Federal 5310 funding and use existing local funding, which would have been applied to various transit projects, to support on-going rural transit operations and the purchase of rolling stock.

Maintenance of Local Investment

Roadway, Transit, or Other Project?

Transit Project

Explain and document the effect the TDC's will have on local and non-federal funding support for existing transit services.

TDCs will allow GCTD to utilize 100% of Federal 5310 funds on needed transit projects so the local funds normally allocated to these projects can be used for support of rural transit operations and the purchase of rolling stock.

Date Submitted

05/24/2024