

DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2022-2023 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Background

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the two-year planning document that covers a time period from October 1st to September 30th of each year. This document describes the region's transportation planning activities including air quality initiatives to be carried out with the Metropolitan Planning Area. The UPWP includes major planning activities, responsible parties that will perform the work, the resulting products, and a summary of the funding to be used. Within the UPWP are five priority areas which are described below:

- TASK I - Program Management; tasks that provide administrative support to the transportation planning process for the region.
- TASK II - Data Development and Maintenance; tasks to collect, update, model, and maintain basic data and tools for executing planning activities.
- TASK III - Short Range Planning; tasks focusing on continued coordination and development of transit and travel demand management projects, maintenance of intelligent transportation systems, improvement of traffic safety in the region, the development of the Transportation Improvement Plan, sub-regional or county-level mobility studies, transit feasibility studies, and operations planning.
- TASK IV - Metropolitan Transportation Planning; tasks including the development and maintenance of the Regional Transportation Plan, activities related to air quality planning, regional bicycle and pedestrian planning, livable centers, and transportation performance management.
- TASK V - Special Planning Studies; are one-time planning activities such as major corridor studies and transportation resiliency activities.

Current Situation

The current 2020-2021 UPWP is available at the following [website](#). The 2022-2023 UPWP is under development. In March of 2021, H-GAC requested for UPWP planning project proposals from eligible entities in the region, and this call for project proposals was closed on April 8, 2021. This request for projects resulted in 17 planning proposal submissions by various local governments and other agencies within the region. The planning proposals are under review by H-GAC staff and selected projects will be proposed to be included in the 2022-2023 UPWP.

Staff plans to present the draft 2022-2023 UPWP to TAC and TPC in June. The schedule on the following page shows for more information on the process and next steps.

Agenda Item-14A
TPC Meeting Packet—05/21/21

2022-2023 UPWP Development Process	Timeline in 2022
UPWP Call for Projects open	March 8
UPWP Call for Projects closed	April 8
Draft to TAC (Information)	June 16
Draft to TPC (Information)	June 25
Initial draft to TxDOT	Week of June 28
Public Comment Period Open	June 28
Public Meeting	Between June 28-July 28
Public Comment Period Closed	July 28
Final Draft to TAC (Action)	August 18
Final Draft to TPC (Action)	August 27
Submit to TxDOT	September 1
UPWP start	October 1

Action Requested

Information only.