

## **8. DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

### **Background**

The 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.

H-GAC's TIP is included, along with all other MPO TIPs and rural TIPs developed by TxDOT, Are included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP, reviewed and approved by Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, forms the basis for federal project actions including environmental approvals, permits and fund obligations.

A new STIP is compiled every two years resulting in at least two years of projects carried over from the previous STIP each cycle.

### **Current Situation**

The Draft 2023-2026 TIP contains projects and programs which have been previously funded by the Transportation Policy Council (or through local sponsor action) and are slated for implementation in the next four years. The fiscally constrained draft list of projects is available online at <https://www.h-gac.com/transportation-improvement-program/2023-2026>. The listing is separated by highway (federal and local) and transit projects (federal and local).

Staff is encouraging all local project sponsors to review the listing and provide comments on their projects to H-GAC staff. The public comment period for the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program began on March 4, 2022 and will be closed on April 4, 2022. H-GAC will hold two public meetings on the draft 2023-2026 TIP on March 22, 2022. A summary of the comments received will be presented to TAC and TPC for information next month. Staff plans to seek TAC recommendation and TPC approval of the 2023-2026 TIP in May 2022.

### **Action Requested**

Information and discussion only.