

**11B. UPDATE ON THE NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(NHHIP)**

Background

The North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP) was initiated to update the I-45 North Corridor from Beltway 8 North to and around Downtown Houston and enhance safety and travel for residents, businesses, and visitors to the Houston-Galveston region. The Transportation Policy Council has continuously included the NHHIP in the Regional Transportation Plan since 2005 as a project of regional significance and an important element of the region’s transportation future. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the NHHIP on February 4, 2021. In early March 2021, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requested that TxDOT “pause” work on the NHHIP while that agency conducts an investigation of Title VI complaints related to the project.

Current Situation

Staff will provide an update on the status of the North Houston Highway Improvement Project.

Action Requested

None. For information and discussion only.