

**MEETING OF THE RTP SUBCOMMITTEE
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL**

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TELECONFERENCE CALL-IN INFORMATION:

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Conference ID: 641 945 004#

December 9, 2020

1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
Roll Call Attendance
2. Approval of Minutes
From meeting of October 2, 2020
3. Discussion of Requested RTP Amendments:
TxDOT staff will provide an update and opportunity for input on vision for the following:
 - a. Hempstead Highway
4. Regional Transportation Plan Amendment Process
Staff will review a draft process and requirements for amending the RTP
5. Announcements
 - Next RTP Subcommittee Meeting – January 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. (Teleconference)
6. Adjourn

Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee

		Primary			Alternate		
	Representing	First Name	Last Name	Organization	First Name	Last Name	Organization
1	Local Government	Monique	Johnson	City of Sugarland	Krystal	Lastrape	City of Sugarland
2	Local Government	Ruthanne	Haut	The Woodlands Township	John	Powers	The Woodlands Township
3	Local Government	Clay	Forister	Brazoria County	Karen	McKinnon	Brazoria County
4	Local Government	Adam	France	City of Conroe	Chris	Bogert	City of Conroe
5	Local Government	Christopher	Sims	City of League City	Chad	Tressler	City of League City
6	Local Government	Ricardo	Villagrand	City of Mont Belvieu	Francisco	Carrillo	City of Mont Belvieu
7	Local Government	Loyd	Smith	Harris County	Bryan	Brown	Harris County
8	Local Government	Nick	Woolery	City of Baytown	Frank	Simoneaux	City of Baytown
9	Local Government	Yancy	Scott	Waller County	Bobby	Pennington	City of Cleveland
10	TxDOT-Houston	Charles	Airiohuodion	TxDOT-Houston	Jeffrey	English	TxDOT-Houston
11	TxDOT-Beaumont	Lisa	Collins	TxDOT-BMT	Scott	Ayres	TxDOT-BMT
12	Transit	Alberto	Lyne	METRO	Priya	Zachariah	METRO
13	Transit	Perri	D'Armond	Fort Bend Transit	Stacy	Slawinski	Fort Bend Transit
14	Transit	Ken	Fickes	Harris County Transit	Vernon	Chambers	Harris County Transit
15	Environmental	Harrison	Humphrey	Air Alliance Houston	Stephanie	Thomas	Public Citizen
16	Planning	Maureen	Crocker	City of Houston	Jennifer	Ostlind	City of Houston
17	Citizens Interests	Jonathan	Brooks	LINK Houston	Bakeyah	Nelson	Air Alliance Houston
18	Business Interests	Elijah	Williams	The Energy Corridor District	Irma	Sanchez	Westchase District
19	Port	Bruce	Mann	Port Houston	Rohit	Saxena	Port Houston
20	Port	Roger	Rees	Port Galveston	Brett	Milutin	Port Galveston
21	Active Transportation	Janis	Scott	LINK Houston	Paulette	Wagner	OST/South Union
22	Toll Roads	John	Tyler	HCTRA - Toll Road	Vacant		
23	Airports	Bill	Zrioka	Houston Airport System	David	Leslie	Houston Airport System

**MEETING OF THE RTP SUBCOMMITTEE
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TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

October 21, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Minutes

Member Attendance:

Primary Member	Present	Alternate	Present
Maureen Crocker, Chair	Yes	Jennifer Ostlind	Yes
Monique Johnson	No	Krystal Lastrape	No
Ruthanne Haut	Yes	John Powers	No
Clay Forister	No	Karen McKinnon	No
Adam France	Yes	Chris Bogert	No
Christopher Sims	Yes	Chad Tressler	No
Ricardo Villagrand	Yes	Francisco Carrillo	No
Loyd Smith	Yes	Bryan Brown	Yes
Nick Woolery	Yes	Frank Simoneaux	No
Yancy Scott	Yes	Bobby Pennington	No
Charles Airiohuodion	Yes	Jeffrey English	Yes
Lisa Collins	Yes	Scott Ayres	Yes
Alberto Lyne	No	Priya Zachariah	No
Perri D'Armond	Yes	Stacy Slawinski	No
Ken Fickes	Yes	Vernon Chambers	Yes
Harrison Humphrey	Yes	Stephanie Thomas	No
Jonathan Brooks	Yes	Bakeyah Nelson	No
Elijah Williams	Yes	Irma Sanchez	No
Bruce Mann	Yes	Rohit Saxena	No
Roger Rees	No	Brett Milutin	No
Janis Scott	Yes	Paulette Wagner	No
John Tyler	Yes	VACANT	-
Bill Zrioka	Yes	David Leslie	No

Others Present:

Andrew Mao, Michelle Canton, Jim Dickinson, Carrie Evans, Ben Finley, Stephan Gage, Veronica Green, Sandra Holliday, Allie Isabell, Susan Jaworski, Justin Kuzila, Carlos Lugo, Lucinda Martinez, Karen Owen, Jamila Owens, Christopher Sims, Trent Berger, Chris Van Slyke

Staff Participating:

Mike Burns, Carlene Mullins, Thomas Gray, Alan Rodenstein, Adam Beckom, Vishu Lingala, Graciela Lubertino

1. Call to Order

Maureen C called the meeting to order at 9:32AM.

Mike B read a statement of how the meeting would be conducted via remote participation and the ground rules for any discussion.

Mike B conducted the roll call for attendance and confirmed a quorum was present.
Maureen C confirmed a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes

Maureen C asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020 meeting.
Perri D made a motion, seconded by Bruce M, to accept the minutes.
The motion passed unanimously.

3. Subregional Planning:

a. Montgomery County Precinct 2 Mobility Plan (Carlene Mullins)

Carlene M provided an update of the study progress.

Maureen C asked about consideration of commuter rail as part of the study

Carlene M responded that the Woodlands Park & Ride serves as a public transportation link and that METRO's service area is outside of the project area. Staff will coordinate with other transit agencies.

Lloyd S asked about coordination with Harris County.

Carlene M responded that staff will be coordinating with abutting counties.

No action was taken

b. Liberty County (Thomas Gray)

Thomas G provided an overview of the study scope and update on progress.

No action was taken

c. Southeast Harris County (Mike Burns)

Mike B provided an update on the study scope and update on progress.

Bruce M mentioned that the PEL for SH225 and asked about coordination efforts

Jeffrey E noted that the PEL area abuts the study area and he is on the Subregional steering committee.

Bruce M noted the overlap of the two efforts.

Maureen C asked about impacts to residential streets in the study area.

Mike B mentioned complete street principles and accommodating all modes on appropriate roadways.

No action was taken

4. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update (Alan Rodenstein)

Alan R provided a summary of the status of updating the CMP, including the evaluation of the network at the systemwide and local level, and noted the addition of freight strategies to the process.

Maureen C recognized freight strategies as a good addition and should be used for prioritization of improvement projects.

Alan R noted ITS and connections to regional freight corridors as metrics being used in the process.

Bruce M asked about the network being used for the CMP.

Alan R responded that the NHS and regionally significant network is being used.

Bruce M ask for mapping of the network to review.

Alan R noted that maps would be provided.

Charles A asked if minor arterials are included in the network such as FM1488.

Alan R noted that FM 1488 and 146 are included in the network.

Vishu L noted that the network is the region's conformity network.
Jonathan B asked about the FASTACT and if the CMP will be in the next federal law
Vishu L responded that CMP has been in federal law since SAFETEA-LU
Maureen C noted that there is no need for action
No action was taken.

5. Project Evaluation Criteria Development (Adam Beckom)

Adam B provided an update on the evaluation process including changes to investment categories, project cost considerations, scoring methods, and consideration of planning factors.

Maureen C asked about the consideration of the CMP and congestion reduction as a consideration in the scoring of projects

Adam B noted that more detail can be provided at a future meeting.

Bruce M had concerns that some attributes would be counted multiple times such as scoring delay and air quality impacts

Vishu L noted that there are some differences in scoring delay and air quality.

Maureen C noted that the TIP subcommittee meets monthly and could take comments on the scoring and evaluation process.

No action was taken.

6. RTP Amendment Process (Vishu Lingala)

Vishu L summarized the requested amendments and requirements for amending the RTP, including the timeline for considering the amendments would include a public meeting in December, a public review period in February that concluded in March 2021, and action to approve the amendments in April 2021 before finalizing the air quality determination

Maureen C noted the need for a more detailed presentation of each project.

Charles A mentioned on-going coordination with various stakeholder groups and agencies.

Bruce M asked about the 36A project, the EIS for the project, and asked why it is advancing.

Vishu L noted the need for a concept for origin / destination for the travel demand model. And noted some assumptions of four lanes for the modeling and cost estimating.

Charles A noted there is a 2040 to 2045 year of expenditure anticipated.

Maureen C asked if this is an on-going study why is the project being added out of cycle

Andy Moa noted the need to include the project in the RTP to justify funding to advance the study.

Bruce M noted the need to clarify at what stage a project needs to be included in the RTP.

Ken F noted the need to consider alternatives.

Perri D noted that 36A is similar to the grand parkway in process, need for coordination, and permitting needs.

No action was taken.

7. Air Quality Conformity (Graciela Lubertino)

Graciela L summarized the need and the process for air quality conformity, including consideration of statewide air quality budgets and ensuring projects programmed regionally need to keep emissions within that budget.

No action was taken.

8. Announcements

- Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC) – October 23, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., Teleconference.
- Transportation Policy Council Meeting (TPC) – November 18, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., Teleconference.
- Next Regional Transportation Plan Meeting – November 11, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. (Teleconference)

Maureen C mentioned the upcoming meetings and asked if anyone has a conflict for the next subcommittee meeting to please notify staff.

9. Adjourn

Maureen C declared the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Burns

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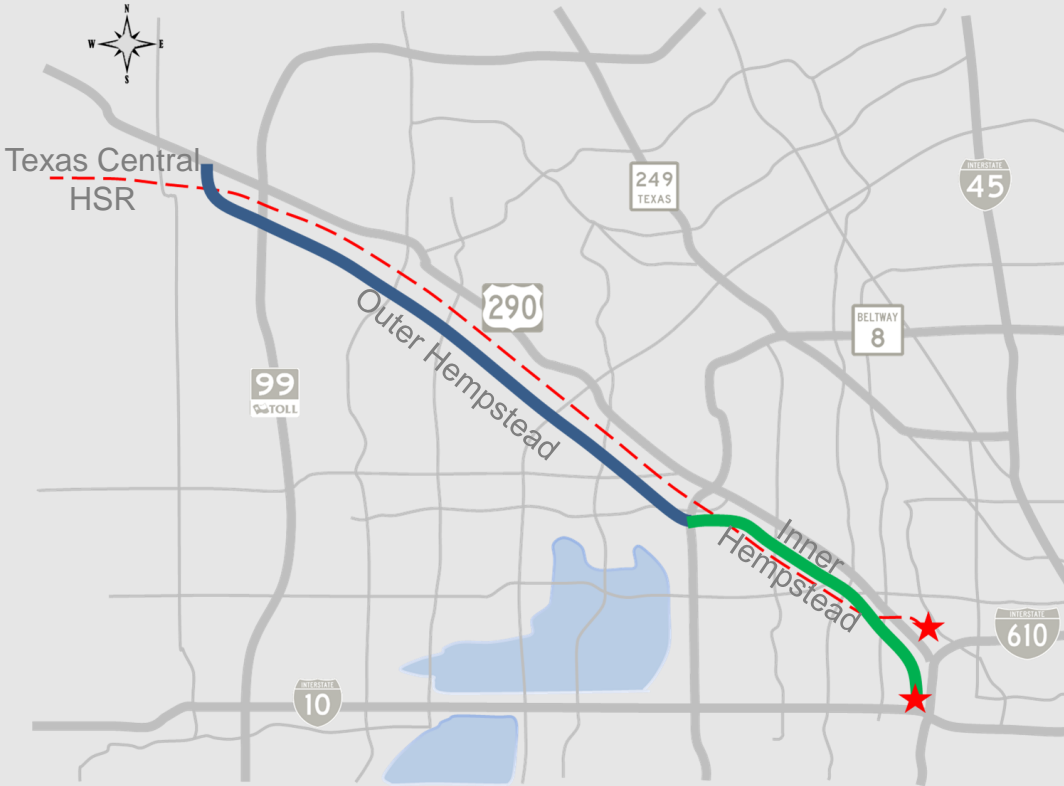


Proposed Hempstead Corridor

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Hempstead Overview



Original US 290 FEIS

- Hempstead Managed Lanes from SH 99 to I-610
- HCTRA primacy to be developed as a toll road
- 50-foot high capacity transit preserve

US 290 Re-Evaluation

- HCTRA rescinds primacy
- US 290 reconstructed with HOV/HOT
- No improvements to Hempstead Road

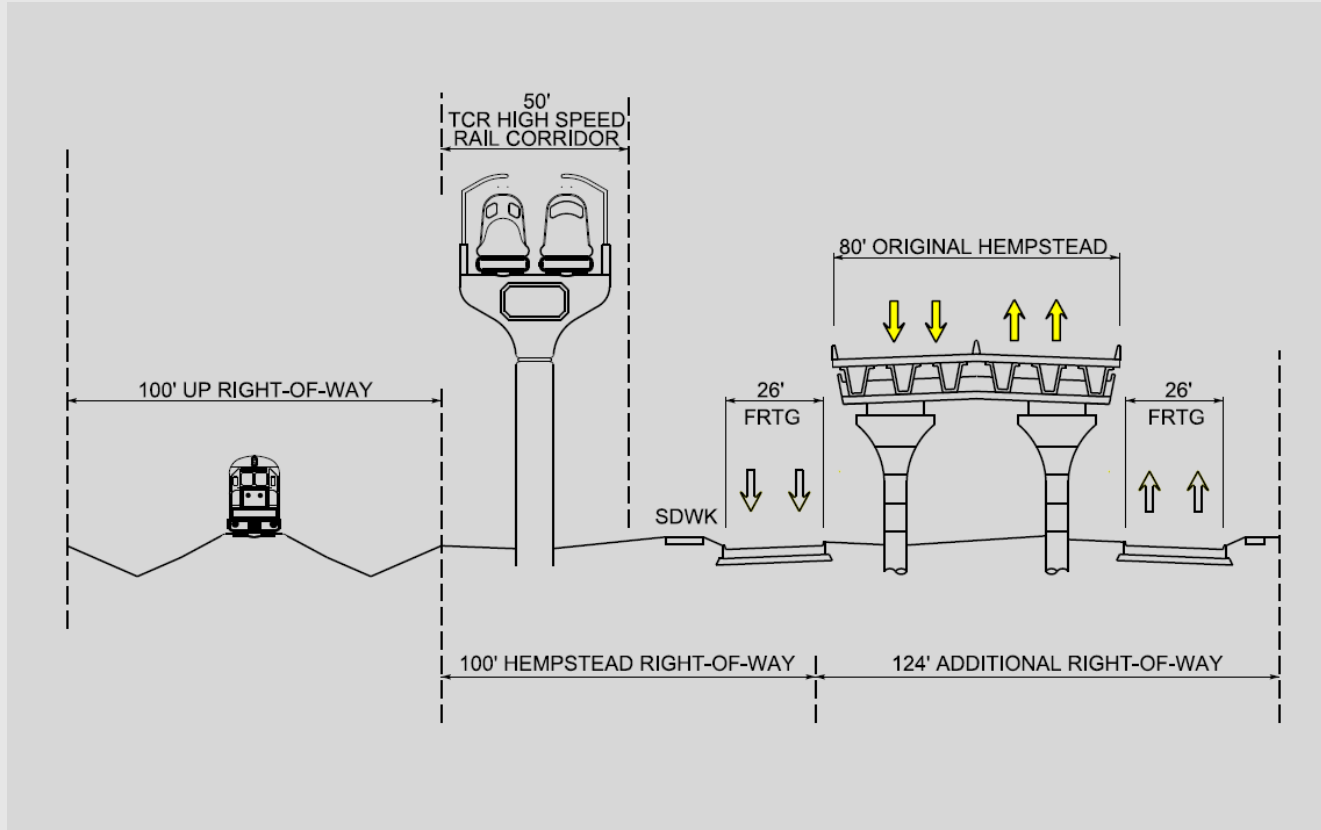
Texas Central High Speed Rail

- Record of Decision – September 2020
- Proposed to straddle UPRR and Hempstead

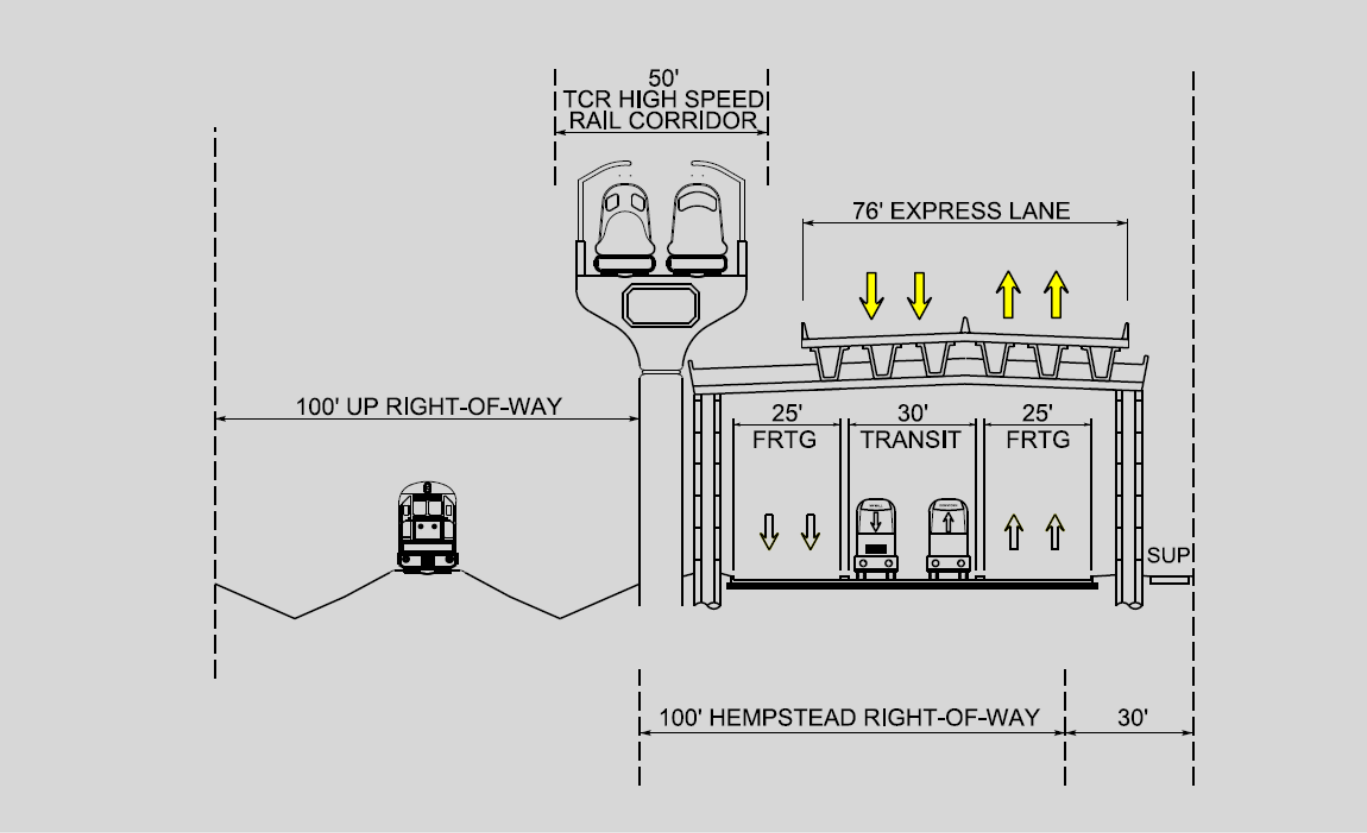
Current Hempstead Investigation

- Proposed Outer Hempstead – same as FEIS
- Proposed Inner Hempstead – new concepts

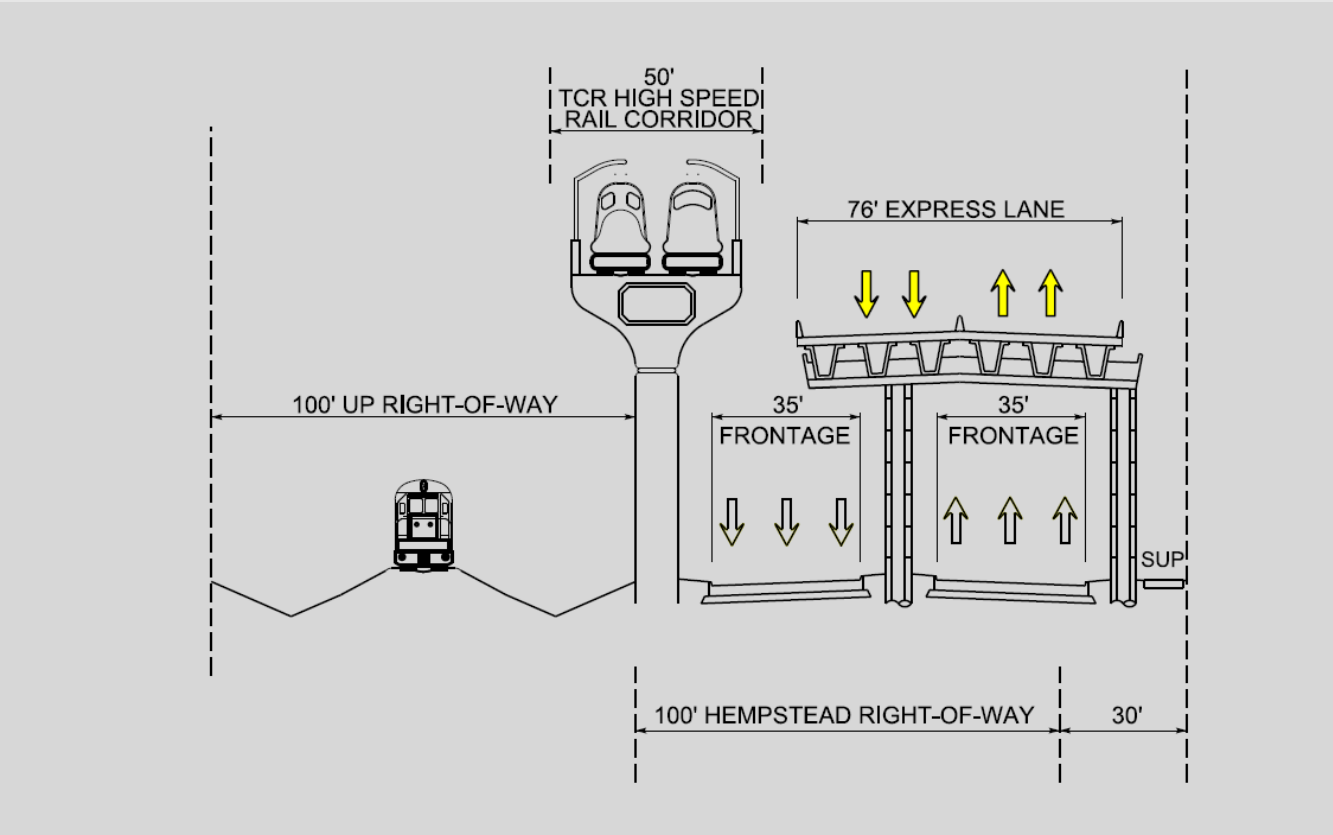
Original US 290 FEIS Typical Section



Proposed Inner Hempstead New Concept – with Transit Component



Proposed Inner Hempstead New Concept – with Additional Frontage Lane



Hempstead Highway – Visioning Session

■ Need

- Congestion and capacity issues
- Condition of facilities
- Access to abutting businesses and ancillary roadways
- Mode Accommodation – vehicle, freight, transit, bike/pedestrian, etc.
- Toll/Non-Toll

■ Constraints

- Right of Way
- Stormwater capacity
- Community impacts

■ Timeline

■ Budget

Regional Transportation Plan Amendments and Modifications

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TPC Amendment – Level 2 (TPC Approval)

- Recommended by the TAC and approved by the TPC
- Projects that impact the air quality conformity determination
- Existing and New projects being added to the RTP
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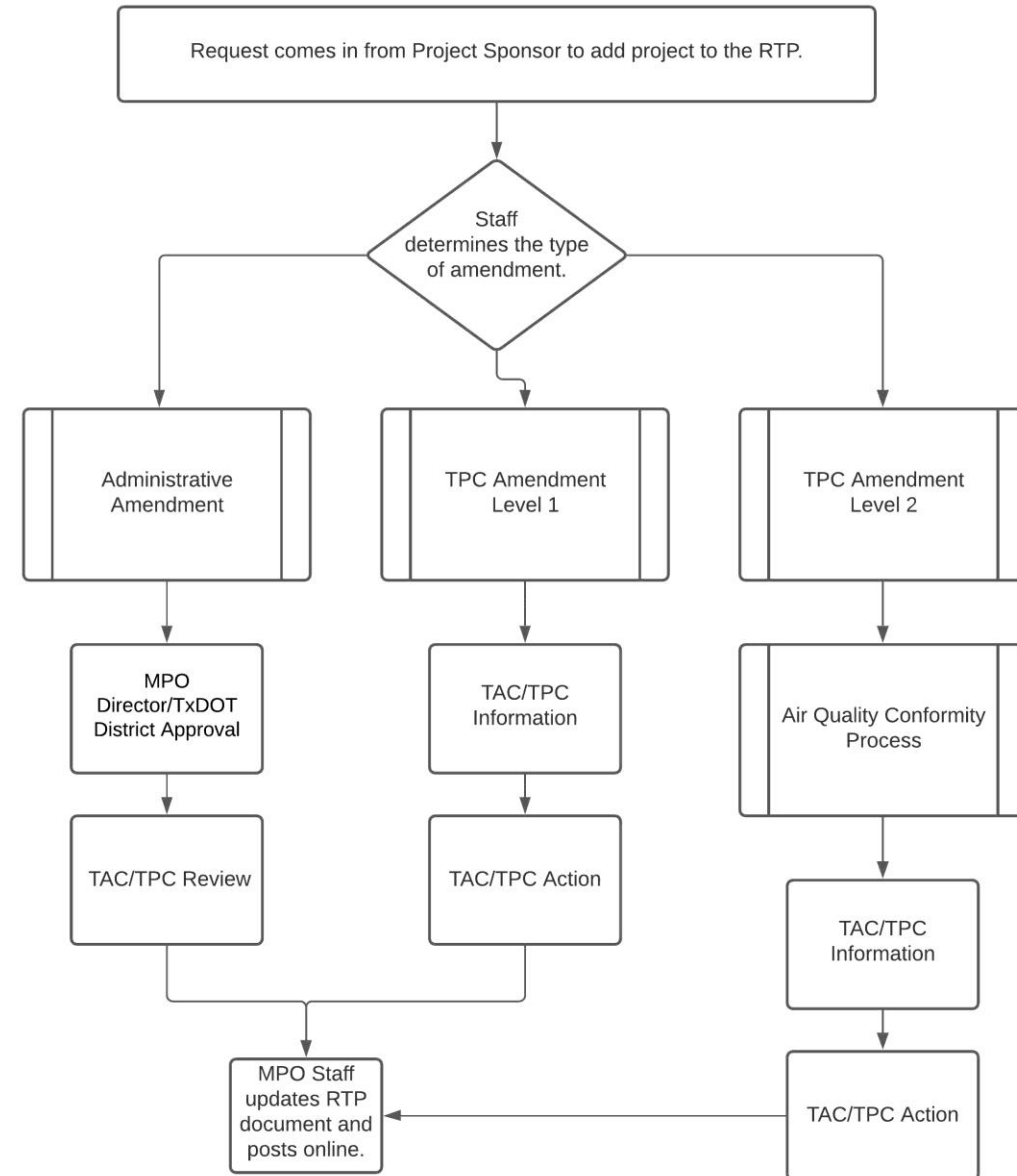
Draft - Regional Transportation Plan Amendment Process



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Draft RTP Amendment Process

- Streamline the intake of projects to the RTP
- Sets expectations of the project sponsor and the MPO
- RTP Amendment Types
 - Administrative Modifications
 - TPC Amendments (Level 1 & 2)



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