MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Jack Foster, P.E.
Transportation Planning
and Programming Division

FROM: Rakesh Tripathi, P.E.

SUBJECT: 2011-2014 Transportation
improvement Program
Administrative Amendment

DATE: August 24, 2012

Originating Office
Houston District
DTP

Please find attached for your information and further handling 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 59. This amendment for HDMD earmark designation is being submitted for informational purposes.

Projects in the amendment are either exempt, or are included in the 2035 RTP Update and the resulting air quality conformity analysis.

Should you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Pam Hasker at (713) 802-5307.

Rakesh Tripathi
Director, District Transportation Planning

Cc: Mr. Alan Clark (H-GAC)
Mr. Bill Tobin (H-GAC)
Mr. David Wurdlow (H-GAC)
Ms. Lori Morel (TPP)
Ms. Karen Dunlap (PTN)
Mr. Mike Alford, P.E.
Mr. James Koch, P.E.
Ms. Catherine McCreight
Ms. Carolyn Bednar-Wood
Ms. Pam Hasker
August 24, 2012

Mr. Rakesh Tripathi, P.E.
Director of District Transportation Planning
Texas Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386

Re: 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Transit Administrative Modifications

Dear Mr. Tripathi:

Please find enclosed the Houston-Galveston Area Council’s (H-GAC) submittal of an administrative modification to the 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

This submittal reflects action taken by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) at their August 24, 2012 meeting. As an exempt activity and a continuation of transit activity that has already been included in the 2008-2011 TIP and STIP, the HDMD earmark amendment is being submitted for informational purposes; the other amendments referenced in the TPC resolution will be submitted for incorporation into the 2013-2016 STIP at the next opportunity.

Included in this submittal are:

- Revised August 2012 Transit Financial Summary
- 2011-2014 TIP Amendments: 59

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me at (713) 993-4585.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Alan C. Clark
MPO Director

AC/dw
Attachments
Cc: Mr. Michael Alford, TxDOT – Houston District
Cc: Mr. James Koch, TxDOT – Houston District
Cc: Ms. Carolyn Bednar-Wood, TxDOT – Houston District
Cc: Mr. Tucker Ferguson, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Cc: Mr. Phillip Lujan, TxDOT – Beaumont District
Cc: Ms. Catherine McCreight, TxDOT – East Region
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ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE (RTP) AND THE 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA:

WHEREAS, the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Update was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council on October 29, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program for the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area was approved by the Transportation Policy Council on June 25, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions to the 2011–2014 Transportation Improvement Program are consistent with the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Update and its finding of conformance with the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions to the 2011–2014 Transportation Improvement Program are consistent with the federal fiscal constraint requirements established for the Transportation Improvement Program and are consistent with the financially constrained 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Update.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FEDERAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED BY THE TPC FROM THE CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION – METROPOLITAN MOBILITY (STP-MM) 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 STP-MM PROGRAMS BE INCREASED WITHOUT EXPRESS CONSULTATION WITH AND APPROVAL OF THE TPC.
PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of August 2012, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Ed Emmett, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Tom Reid, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council
Amendment #: 59

Amendment Type: ☑ TPC Action  ☐ Emergency Action

STIP Revision Required?: Administrative

Projects Affected (MPOID (CSJ)):

16012 (n/a)

Purpose of Amendment:
Program $800,000 Federal Transit Administration Section 5309 FY 2010 Clean Fuels Program discretionary award (E2010-BUSP-190) received by the Houston Downtown Management District (HDMC). The funds were awarded to defray the cost of acquiring clean fuel (CNG) transit vehicles used by HDMC to provide the Greenlink circulator service within the CBD. This existing service is currently operated by the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) through an interlocal agreement with HDMC.

Financial Constraint Statement:
This amendment is consistent with fiscal constraint requirements.

Air Quality Conformity Statement:
All projects affected by this amendment are exempt from regional air quality analysis.

Attachments:
1. Summary of Proposed Changes

Approved By:

Alan Clark 8/24/12
MPO Director
Houston-Galveston Area Council

Rakesh Tripathi, P.E. 9/14/12
Director of District Transportation Planning
TxDOT, Houston District

Tom Reid 8/24/12
Secretary
Transportation Policy Council
### Amendment # 59
### Downtown Management District Clean Fuel Transit Circulator Initiative

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August 6, 2012

Mr. Alan Clark  
Director of Transportation Planning  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
P.O. Box 22777  
Houston, TX  77027

RE: Request for Earmark to be put in TIP

Mr. Alan Clark:

The Houston Downtown Management District (HDMD) was awarded an earmark from the office of Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee in FY 2010. The earmark - E2010-BUSP-190 / TX / Clean Fuel Downtown Transit Circulator, Houston – was in the amount of $800,000.

The grant will be used to reimburse HDMD for the purchase of seven 30-foot, compressed natural gas powered transit buses that are currently being used to operate the Greenlink service in Downtown Houston. The operation of the Greenlink service is being funded through a partnership with HDMD, Houston First Corporation and BG Group. The team has engaged Houston METRO to be the contract operator for the service. The service is offered free of charge to riders Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Greenlink began operations in June 2012 and is already averaging a ridership nearing 1,000 persons each day. HDMD anticipates this ridership to increase over the next several months as people become more aware of the service and gain increased comfort with the reliability and performance of the service. To that end, HDMD has made application in the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program for an additional three vehicles to potentially expand Greenlink service into the Midtown area.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and please feel free to contact my office with any further questions.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Eury  
Executive Diretor
GREENLINK

Monday-Friday
6:30 am - 6:30 pm
Every 7-10 minutes
FREE

Brought to you by BG Group, Houston First and the Downtown District
Greenlink Route & Stops (jpg)
Greenlink Stops & Points of Interest (pdf)
August 7, 2012

Mr. Alan Clark  
Director of Transportation Planning  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
P.O. Box 22777  
Houston, TX 77027

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Houston Downtown Management District (HDMD) was awarded an earmark in the FY 2010 Federal Transportation Appropriations Bill. The earmark - E2010-BUSP-190 / TX / Clean Fuel Downtown Transit Circulator, Houston - was in the amount of $800K and was secured by U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee.

As the Designated Recipient for transit formula funds for the Houston area and the contract operator of Greenlink, the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) supports the placement of this capital appropriation to HDMD in the Transportation Improvement Program in FY 2012. Greenlink is a new service that distributes office workers and visitors to Downtown each day.

Thank you for your attention in this matter, and please contact my office with further questions.

Sincerely,

George Greanias  
President and Chief Executive Officer