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Finding of No Significant Impact for a FHWA Project

Proposed Action: Reconstruct and widen SH 31

Project Limits: From State Loop 323 to Farm to Market Road 1639

City: Tyler **County:** Smith and Gregg **State:** Texas

TxDOT CSJ(s): 0424-01-054, 0424-01-057 and 0424-02-045

In accordance with 23 CFR Section 771.119 and Section 771.121, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that reconstructing and widening SH 31 will not have a significant impact on the human or natural environment.

This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Preferred Alternative is based on the final Environmental Assessment (EA) dated October 2020, and the entire project record. This decision documents the selection of The Build Alternative, presented in the final EA as the Preferred Alternative, which is described as:

> Widen to a four-lane divided roadway between Tyler and Kilgore with flush, raised and/or depressed medians; with curb-and-gutter in the urban areas to enhance public safety and accommodate expected traffic growth.

A Notice of Availability of the draft EA was issued on July 26, 2020.

A Notice Affording Opportunity for a Public Hearing was published on July 26, 2020.

No changes to the draft EA were made as a result of comments received on the draft EA during the posted comment period.

Public Hearing Opportunity Documentation has been prepared and is available for review, upon request.

The final EA, and reports contained in the file of record have been independently evaluated by TxDOT and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, purpose, alternatives, environmental issues, impacts of the proposed project, and appropriate mitigation measures. These documents provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. These documents are incorporated by reference into this decisional document.

Based upon TxDOT's review and consideration of the analysis and evaluation contained in the EA for this project, and after careful consideration of all social, economic, and environmental factors, including input from the public involvement process, TxDOT hereby issues this Finding of No Significant Impact for the SH 31 widening project from Loop 323 in Tyler, to FM 1639 in Gregg County.

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TxDOT will ensure adherence and completion of all project commitments described in the final EA October 2020, Section 8.0. TxDOT will ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and conditions are met and otherwise complied with.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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10/15/2020

TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division Director

Date

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Tyler Area 2045

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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Plan of Projects

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8. Staged Improvement Plan

This section includes maps and tables that illustrate the plan of projects in the Tyler Area 2045 MTP. The fiscally constrained projects have been grouped into four periods/stages based on related transportation improvement programming and planning documents and staging of revenue forecasts discussed in Chapter 7. The first stage, Implementation, was set up to accommodate and coincide with projects in the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The following stage, the Near-Term stage includes projects occurring within the newly adopted 2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). The years covered by the stages of this plan are separated as following:

- 2020-2023 Implementation
- 2024-2029 Near-Term
- 2030-2035 Medium-Term
- 2036-2045 Long-Term

In addition to fiscally constrained project lists and locations, this chapter includes a listing of unconstrained projects. These projects reflect possible future transportation needs that fall outside of reasonable expectations of infrastructure funding over the next twenty-five years.

Fiscally Constrained Program of Projects

The following maps (Figure 8-1 through Figure 8-4) show the locations of the fiscally constrained projects in the Tyler Metropolitan Planning Area by the four project periods/stages, while Figure 8-5 shows the unfunded needs or fiscally unconstrained projects. Table 8-1 shows the fiscally constrained project list with associated estimated year of expenditure costs. Though the development of these estimated costs has been discussed in greater detail in Chapter 7, estimated costs are still shown in this chapter for transparency and communication with the public. Table 8-2 shows the unconstrained project list for the Tyler Area MPO. The fiscal constraint and ranking of these projects is the result of a continuous, comprehensive and collaborative process between TxDOT Tyler District, MPO staff, and the MPO committees.

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Figure 8-2: Near-Term Stage Project Locations

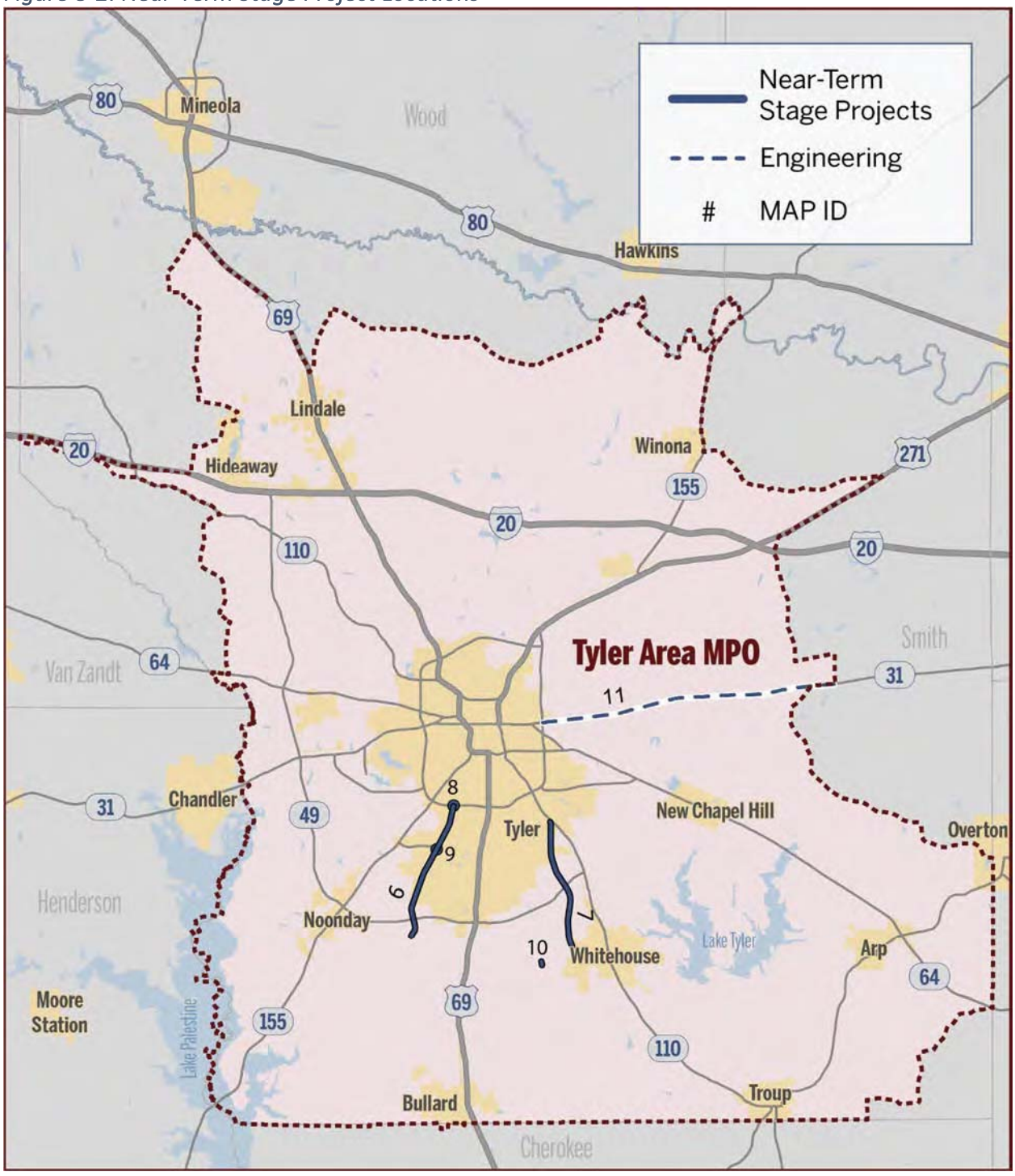

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Figure 8-3: Medium-term Stage Project Locations

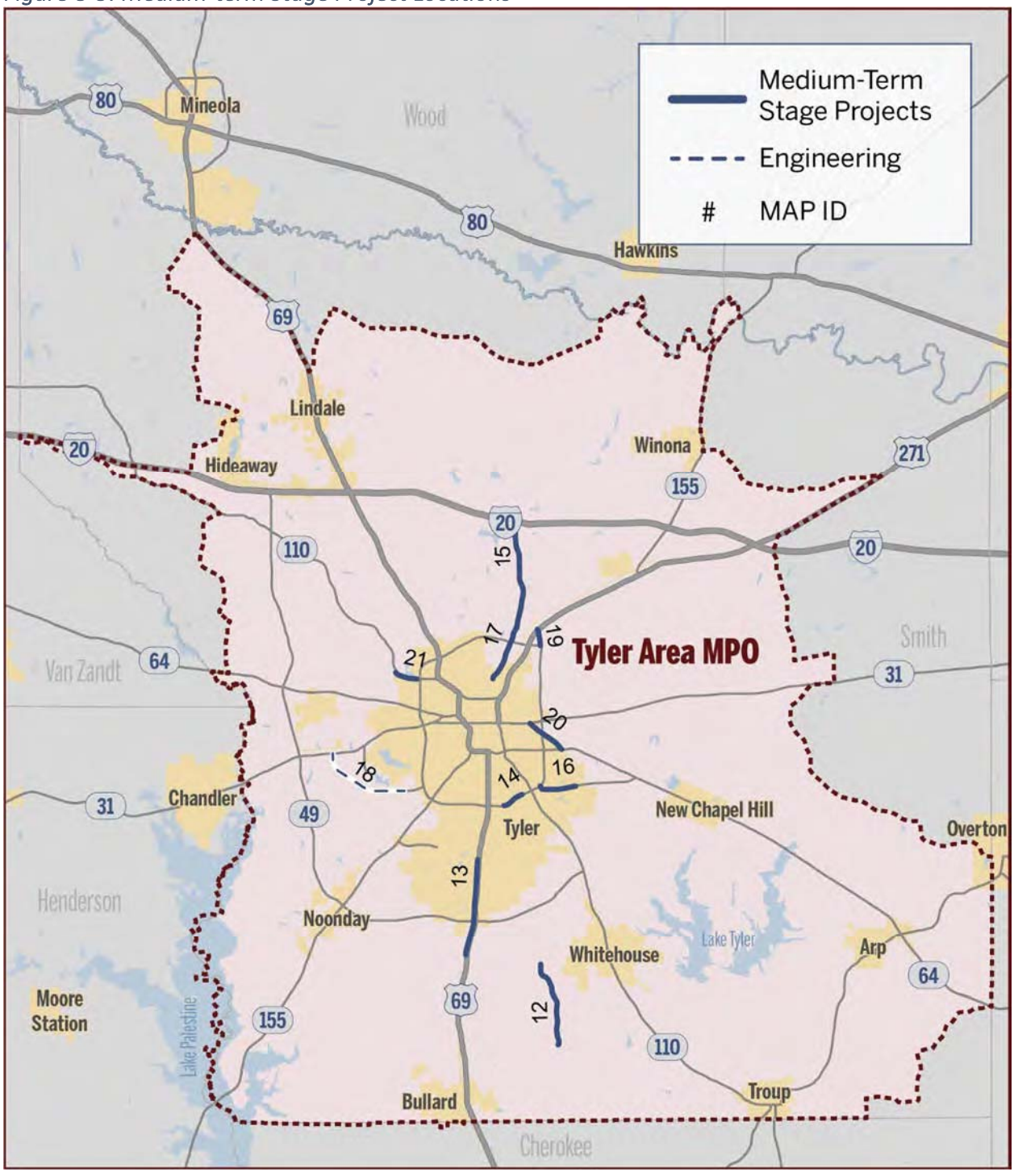

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Figure 8-4: Long-Term Stage Project Locations

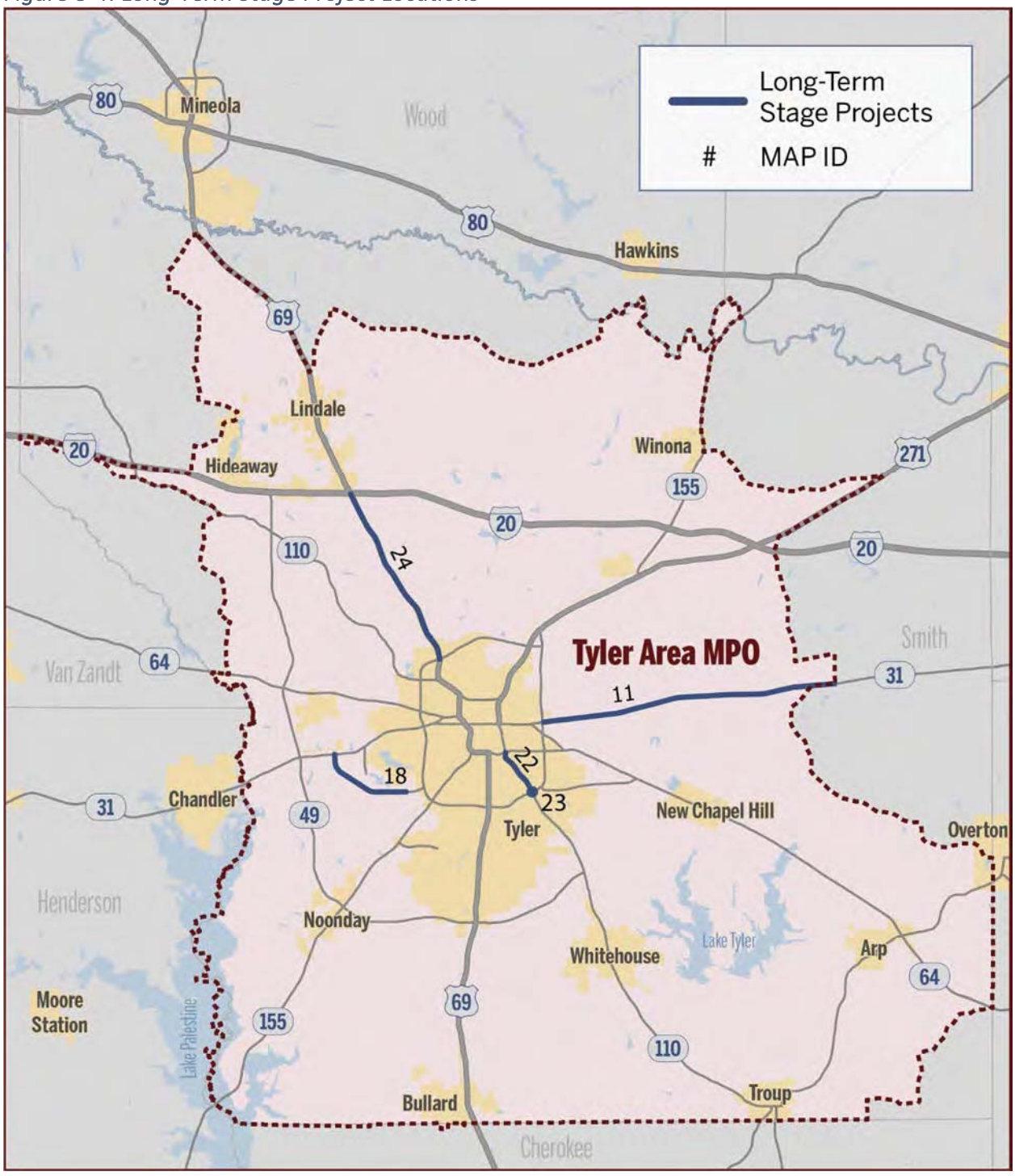

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Figure 8-5: Unconstrained Project Locations

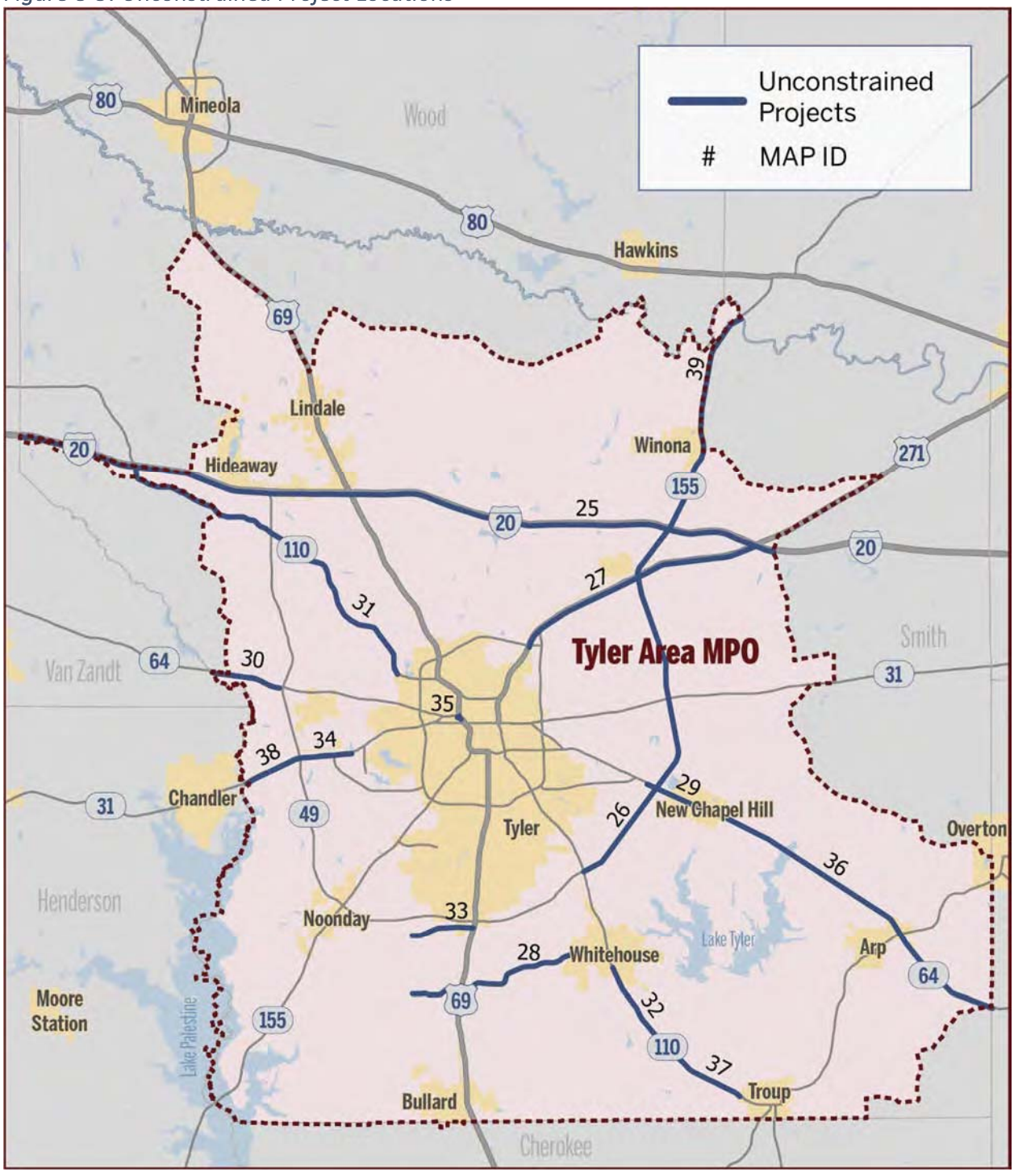

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Table 8-1: Fiscally Constrained, Staged Program of Projects

Stage	CSJ	Project/Roadway	From	To	Project Description	2020-2023	2024-2029	2030-2035	2036-2045	Map ID
Implementation	0910-16-144	Various City Streets			Stripe Various City Streets for Bicycle Lanes	$1,175,658				N/A
	0495-04-069	IH 20	1 mi E. of Toll 49	US 69	Ramp Reversal & One-Way Frontage Roads	$17,400,000				1
	0522-04-032	FM 16	4 mi. W. of FM 849	US 69	Widen 2 Lanes to 4 Lanes W/Flush Median, US69 to Toll 49 Extension	$24,740,000				2
	0191-03-083	FM 2493	FM 346	0.3 mi. S. of FM 344	Widen From 2 Lanes to 4 Lanes with Flush Median	$32,650,000				3
	0606-01-007	PR 16	Park Maintenance. Rd.	Cedar Point Camping Area	Construct Entrance & Parking That Is Further Back from FM 14 For New Headquarters Building	$905,036				4
	0492-04-034	FM 756	Jeff Davis Dr.	FM346	Widen 2 Ln Road to 4 Lane Divided Roadway W/Flush Median	$23,720,000				5
Near Term	0191-03-084	FM 2493	SL 323 in Tyler, S	FM 2813	Widen From 4 Lanes to 6 Lanes with Flush Median		$60,674,049			6
	3021-01-0009	FM 2964	SH 110 in Tyler S	FM 346	Widen Rhones Quarter Rd. From 2 Lanes to 4 Lanes		$29,002,891			7
	2075-02-066	SL 323	at FM 2493		Construct Interchange		$63,393,180			8
		FM 2493	at Grande		Construct Interchange		$34,821,346			9
	0889-05-009	FM 756	at FM 346		Construct Interchange		$42,262,120			10
	0424-01-054	*SH 31	SL 323 in Tyler, E	CR236, MPO BNDRY,1.6 mi. E of FM757	Widen 2 To 4 Lanes				$195,101,655	11
Medium Term		FM 756	AT FM 346	FM 344	Widen Paluxy from 2 Lanes To 4 Lanes W/Flush Median			$29,153,472		12
	0191-01-089	US 69	Southtown Dr.	1 mi. S OF FM 2813	Widen 4 To 6 Lanes			$133,687,661		13
		SL 323	At Donnybrook, Copeland	Paluxy Dr.	Intersection Improvements			$11,982,740		14
		FM 14	IH 20	SL 323	Widen 2 to 4 Lanes			$47,933,110		15
		SS 248	SL 323	Old Omen Rd.	Medians, Landscape, pedestrian bridge at Old Omen			$16,001,963		16
		FM 14	Loop 323	MLK Jr, Blvd	Widen to 4-lane minor arterial with Center Turn Lane			$16,353,721		17
		**SS 364	SH 31 / SW OF CR1162 (RR BRG) Tanya, E	Scenic Dr / N of Greenbriar E of Scenic Dr	Widen 2 To 4 Lanes / Widen for Center Turn Lane In 2-Lane Sections				$67,278,802	18
		Loop 323 Extension	Loop 323 NE	US 271	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes			$6,452,942		19
		SL 142	SH 31	SH 64	Widen 2 To 4 Lanes & Improve SH 64 Intersection			$17,366,542		20
		SH 110	Old New Harmony Rd.	SL 323	Widen 2 to 4 Lanes			$7,265,625		21
Long Term		SH 110. South	5th Street	Golden Road	Widen to A 6-Lane Divided Principal Arterial				$34,353,362	22
		SL 323	AT SH 110		Construct Interchange				$100,026,474	23
		US 69	IH 20	SL 323	Widen 4 To 6 Lanes				$102,005,817	24

** Map ID 11, the project to widen State Highway 31 from SL 323 in Tyler to CR236 at the MPO boundary, 1.6 mi. E. of FM 757, is shown in the Near-Term stage, with construction costs shown in the Long-Term stage. Due to the project's priority advance work, such as design and engineering may be done by TxDOT staff in the years within the Near-Term.*

***Map ID 18, a project to improve South Spur 364 has been shown in the Medium-Term stage with construction costs in the Long-Term stage for similar considerations.*

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Table 8-2: Unconstrained Projects List

Project/ Roadway	From	To	Project Description	Est Project Cost (2020)	MAP ID
IH 20	Van Zandt C/L	E OF US 271	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes and upgrade to design standards	$538,627,305	25
Toll 49 Expansion E	HWY 110	HWY 271	New 2 Lane Tollway	$280,714,765	26
US 271	Loop 323	IH 20, East	Widen from 4 to 6-lane divided principal arterial	$91,699,971	27
FM 346	FM 2493	FM2964	Widen to 4 lanes	$35,718,997	28
SH 64	CR 220	YANCY, N OF FM 3226	Widen 2 to 4 lanes	$22,442,727	29
SH 64, West	FM 2661	County Line	Widen to a 4-lane divided principal arterial	$22,237,035	30
SH 110	IH 20	Old New Harmony Rd.	Super 2	$15,373,430	31
SH 110	Hagan Rd	FM 344	Widen to 4 lanes	$23,776,949	32
FM 2813	FM 2493	US 69	Widen 2 to 4 lanes	$12,663,437	33
SH 31, West	FM 206	FM 2661	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes	$31,830,462	34
US 69	AT SH64/Erwin		Improve intersection	$7,412,345	35
SH 64, East	FM 3226	County Line	Widen to a 4-lane divided principal arterial	$56,852,685	36
SH 110	FM 344	Troup CL/Blackjack Rd	Super 2	$4,567,389	37
SH 31, West	FM 2661	County Line	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes	$8,242,527	38
SH 155	Upshur C/L	US 271	Super 2	$12,341,206	39

Public Transportation Projects

According to the funding presented in the Financial Plan - Chapter 7, approximately $83,315,230 will be available for operating and capital expenditures over the life of this MTP. Table 8-3 represents the transit funding source breakdown through 2045 by stage.

Table 8-3: Tyler 2045 MTP Public Transportation

Transit Source Breakdown	Implementation (2020-2023)	Near Term (2024-2029)]	Medium Term (2030-2035)	Long Term (2036-2045)
Tyler Transit Federal	$6,924,578	$13,513,681	$15,421,371	$18,390,295
Tyler Transit State	$1,528,800	$2,513,930	$2,868,815	$3,421,120
Tyler Transit Local	$2,115,410	$4,745,025	$5,414,867	$6,457,338
Total	$10,568,788	$20,772,636	$23,705,053	$28,268,753

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Local Illustrative

Local Illustrative projects represent off system projects with regional impacts that either are completely funded locally or do not yet have funding identified. Projects shown in are not the entirety of all municipal capital improvements within the MPA. Rather the listing is intended to illustrate the local commitment to improving and maintaining the transportation system beyond what is funded by Federal and State tax dollars.

Project/ Roadway	From	To	Project Description	Location
Cambridge Road	South Broadway Ave	Jeff Davis Dr	Widen to 2-lane major collector with CTL	Tyler
Crow Rd	Old Noonday Rd	Old Jacksonville Hwy	Widen to 2-lane major collector with CTL	Tyler
Cumberland Rd	South Broadway Ave	Paluxy Dr	Widen to 4-lane minor arterial with CTL	Tyler
Donnybrook Ave	Shiloh Rd	East Rieck Rd	Extend road and widen to 2-lane major collector	Tyler
Earl Campbell Pkwy	South Southwest Loop 323	Chandler Hwy	Extend road as a 4-lane divided minor arterial	Tyler
New Copeland Rd	East Grande Blvd	Jeff Davis Dr	Construct new 4-lane minor arterial	Tyler
North Broadway Ave	Blackfork Creek	North Loop 323	Widen to 4-lane minor arterial with CTL	Tyler
Shiloh Rd	Walmart Driveway	Old Omen Rd	Extend road as a 4-lane minor arterial with CTL	Tyler
South Fleishel Ave	East Houston St	East Front St	Widen to 2-lane major collector with CTL	Tyler
South Porter Ave	East Front St	Devine St	Widen to 2-lane major collector with CTL	Tyler
CR 1113 (Lake Placid Rd)	SH 155	CR 1141	Widen to 2-lane major collector	County
CR 1139 (Indian Creek Rd)	Spur 364	CR 1113 (Lake Placid Rd)	Extend road and widen to 2-lane collector	County
CR 1261 (Big Eddy Rd)	FM 2868	SH 155	Upgrade east portion to a minor arterial	County
CR 2133	FM 346 East	Southpoint Rd	Widen to 2-lane major collector	County
CR 2174 (Wildwood Dr)	FM 756	CR 2171 (Willingham Rd)	Extend road as a 2-lane minor arterial with CTL	County
CR 2175 (Fowler Rd)/CR 2134 (Dudley Rd)"	CR 2171 (Willingham Rd)	CR 2138 (Concession Rd)	Widen to a 2-lane minor arterial with CTL	County
CR 431 (Jim Hogg Rd)	IH 20	FM 16	Widen to a 4-lane minor arterial	County

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FY 2017-2020

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

TYLER AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Prepared by: Tyler Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

In Cooperation with: Texas Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration

Adopted: June 23, 2016

Amended: January 26, 2017

Amended: July 27, 2017

Amended: January 25, 2018

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STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
TIP FY 2017-2020
GROUPED PROJECTS
TYLER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FY 2017

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
10-TYLER	SMITH	0191-03-083	FM 2493	E			$ 1,694,335

LIMITS FROM: FM 346 IN FLINT, S
LIMITS TO: 0.3 MI S OF FM 344 (CHEROKEE C/L)
PROJECT DESC: WIDEN FROM 2 LANES TO 4 LANES WITH FLUSH MEDIAN
REMARKS:
P7:
REVISION DATE: 02/2017
MPO PROJ NUM:
FUNDING CAT(S): 2U,1
PROJECT HISTORY: GROUPED FOR PE ONLY IN 2017-2020 STIP
GROUPED FOR PE ONLY FOR THE MAY 2015 STIP REVISION

TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION

PRELIM ENG:	$ 842,012	
ROW PURCHASE:		COST OF APPROVED PHASES:
CONST COST:	$ 17,183,925	
CONST ENG:	$ 852,323	
CONTING:	$ 341,960	$ 1,694,335
IND COSTS:	$ -	
BND FINANCING:	$ -	
TOTAL PRJ COST:	$ 19,220,220	

AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE

	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
1-PRVNT	$ 160,000	$ 40,000			$ 200,000 *
2U-URBAN CRDR	$ 13,088,000	$ 3,272,000			$ 16,360,000
TOTAL	$ 13,248,000	$ 3,312,000	$ -	$ -	$ 16,560,000

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
10 - TYLER	SMITH	0424-01-054	SH 31	E			$ 13,232,045

LIMITS FROM: SL 323, IN TYLER, E
LIMITS TO: 0.9 MI W OF FM 2767 (GREGG C/L)
PROJECT DESC: WIDEN 2 LN ROAD TO 4 LN DIVIDED HWY WITH DEPRESSED MEDIAN
REMARKS: LIMITS WITHIN MPO BOUNDARY FROM SL 323 TO CR 236
P7:
REVISION DATE:
MPO PROJ NUM:
FUNDING CAT(S): DDA
PROJECT HISTORY:

TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION

PRELIM ENG:	$ 6,575,763	
ROW PURCHASE:	$ -	COST OF APPROVED PHASES:
CONST COST:	$ 134,199,236	
CONST ENG:	$ 6,656,282	
CONTING:	$ 2,670,565	$ 13,232,045
IND COSTS:	$ 7,703,036	
BND FINANCING:	$ -	
TOTAL PRJ COST:	$ 157,804,882	

AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE

	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
DIST DEV AUTH	$ 80,000,000	$ 20,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ 100,000,000
			$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL	$ 80,000,000	$ 20,000,000	$ -	$ -	$ 100,000,000

DISTRICT	COUNTY	CSJ	HWY	PHASE	CITY	PROJECT SPONSOR	YOE COST
10-TYLER	SMITH	0522-04-032	FM 16	E	LINDALE		$ 2,464,613

LIMITS FROM: 4 MI W OF FM 849 (CR481-E), E
LIMITS TO: US 69 IN LINDALE
PROJECT DESC: WIDEN 2 LNS TO 4 LNS W/FLUSH MEDIAN,US69 TO TOLL 49 EXTNSN, THEN CONSTRUCT CENTER TURN LANE FOR REST OF THE 2 LN SECTN
REMARKS:
P7:
REVISION DATE: 02/2017
MPO PROJ NUM:
FUNDING CAT(S): 1,2U,11
PROJECT HISTORY: GROUPED FOR PE ONLY IN THE MAY 2015 STIP REVISION
GROUPED FOR PE ONLY IN THE 2017-2020 STIP
FEB 2017 REV FOR DESCRIP CHANGE

TOTAL PROJECT COST INFORMATION

PRELIM ENG:	$ 1,224,808	
ROW PURCHASE:		COST OF APPROVED PHASES:
CONST COST:	$ 24,996,079	
CONST ENG:	$ 1,239,805	
CONTING:	$ 497,422	$ 2,464,613
IND COSTS:		
BND FINANCING:	$ -	
TOTAL PRJ COST:	$ 27,958,114	

AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY CATEGORY/SHARE

	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	LC	TOTAL
1-PRVNT	$ 208,000	$ 52,000			$ 260,000
2U-URBAN CRDR	$ 12,024,000	$ 3,006,000			$ 15,030,000
11-DIST DIS	$ 5,704,000	$ 1,426,000	$ -	$ -	$ 7,130,000
TOTAL	$ 17,936,000	$ 4,484,000	$ -	$ -	$ 22,420,000

PHASE: C=CONSTRUCTION, E=ENGINEERING, R=ROW, T=TRANSFER

*FUNDING NOT FIXED