FUNDING CHANGES TO IH 635 EAST AND PROPOSITION 1 PROJECTS

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2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAMS

The Programs include:
  Federal/Local Funding Exchanges
  Automated Vehicle Program
  Strategic Partnerships
  Planning and Other Studies
10 Year Plan/Proposition 1 Adjustments
  Sustainable Development Phase 4: Turnback Program,
  Context Sensitive, Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
  Projects
  Transit Program
  Assessment Policy Program(s)/Project(s)
  Local Bond Program Partnerships
  Safety, Innovative Construction, and Emergency Projects
  Management and Operations (M&O), NCTCOG-
  Implemented, and Regional/Air Quality Programs
This action is the first phase of the 10-Year Plan and Proposition 1 Adjustments program. These changes are needed early for inclusion in the 2018 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). The second phase of this program will be brought back and will include:

- Year-of-Expenditure/Total Project Cost updates
- Adjustments due to revised construction costs
- Adjustments due to changes in funding allocations
PROPOSITION 1 FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS

In 2015, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved Proposition 1 funding for Fiscal Years 2015-2019. Since that time, revenue projections have been reduced. As projects have let or have been implemented, there are cost overruns and underruns. Funding adjustments are needed on several projects.
PROPOSED PROPOSITION 1 FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds ($81,942,307) are being requested for eligible expenses. All projects will remain funded. Several projects will be pushed to FY 2027 temporarily.
IH 635 EAST PROJECT

The Texas Legislature declined to approve a bill that would have authorized IH 635 East to be funded through a Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA). The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the RTC must develop a new funding partnership in order to implement this project. If the whole project is not funded, the project will be built from West to East.

Initial focus is on Phase 1 of the IH 635 East Project, from US 75 to Royal/Miller Road (i.e., contingency). Project includes tolled managed lanes.
PROJECT LOCATION

Project Limits: US 75 to IH 30

Project Length: 11 miles

Source: Texas Department of Transportation
PROPOSED IH 635 EAST PROJECT FUNDING CHANGES

Reallocate existing toll-eligible funding (i.e., Category 2) from the 10-Year Plan to IH 635 East Phase 1.

Proposed action moves Category 2 funds from later phases of IH 635 East and 4 projects in Collin County to IH 635 East, Phase 1 (i.e., trading funding sources).

The funds from those four projects were replaced with Category 4 and 12 funds from later phases of IH 635 East.

The total funding in each county remains the same.

All four Collin County projects were made whole.

Funding temporarily reduced on later phases of IH 635 East.
POSSIBLE FUNDING SOLUTIONS FOR FUTURE PHASES OF IH 635 EAST

Phase 1 would be fully funded with $469 million of Category 2 funds (Skillman/Audelia and IH 635 East built together). The rest of the project would still have $293.7 million in Category 4 and 12 funds. Later phases would receive 100% of toll revenue from Phase 1 until fully funded.

IH 635 East is a candidate to receive the $300 million in Dallas County contingency funds set aside in the Regional 10-Year Plan.

There are potential proprietary agreements with private sector partners that may include a TIFIA loan.

Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) review of the UTP is pending.

A potential federal funding initiative could be utilized (e.g., national infrastructure programs).

There is the option of tolling the entire corridor.
REQUESTED ACTION

RTC Approval of:

Funding changes to the affected Proposition 1 projects as summarized in Reference Item 6.1
Funding changes to fully fund the IH 635 East Phase 1 project as summarized in Reference Item 6.2
Reviewing options to build IH 635 East as a single project.
Administratively amending the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes.
QUESTIONS?

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