The current process to choose and fund studies lacks structure.

- It's difficult to predict available funding because it is outside of the TIP Selection Process.
- No clear guidelines on what constitutes a study.

Current Process
- Each Spring the MPO asks the mayors if they have any ideas for transportation studies.
- Staff also suggests ideas to the Regional Planning Committee.
Define what a transportation study is - must be regional in nature including:

- Regional Trail, pedestrian, and bike plans
- Congestion relief studies
- Interchange or freeway studies
- Major corridor studies
- Regional traffic model development
- Regional ITS plans
- Transit network development
- Air quality planning
- Transportation Area Plans (not a local transportation plan)
Proposed Process

Integrate Transportation Studies application into biennial TIP Selection Process

Use TIP modification process if study is warranted outside TIP Selection schedule

Review studies along with other projects as part of the Project Idea Process

Project Idea Approval from MPO TAC Committee is forwarded to MPO Regional Planning Committee for review and final action

Studies are managed by UDOT, UTA, or the MPO - MPO studies are placed in the Work Program; others in the TIP

Project Idea Form satisfies study application, no full Concept Report will be required