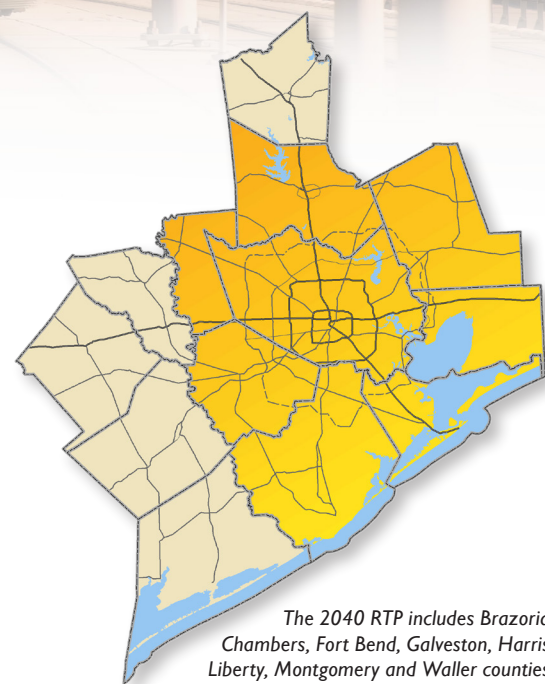


# 2040 RTP

THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN



Today the Houston-Galveston region is enjoying a dynamic metropolitan economy—leading the State of Texas in recovery, growth and development. Rapid economic growth is not new to this region. Since 1980, about one million new residents were added every decade. Most recent estimates suggest population growth of over 120,000 new residents each year. The future outlook anticipates this region will continue its economic development:



The 2040 RTP includes Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller counties.

- **4<sup>th</sup>** in the nation in regional GDP, the Houston region's economy grew more than any other in 2013<sup>1</sup>
- **1.5** million additional jobs will be added by 2040 for a total of almost 4 million
- **60%** increase in vehicular travel and double the movement of freight over the next 25 years<sup>2</sup>
- **2%** annual population growth, adding almost 4 million persons by 2040

Growth has not been commensurate with revenues for investment in state and regional transportation infrastructure, challenging the sustainability of our future economic prosperity. Therefore, establishing regional priorities for the investment of available transportation funding is essential.

The 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) provides a responsible guide for maintaining and improving the current transportation system and identifies priority transportation investments. The 2040 RTP is the latest update to a continuous planning process involving the eight central

## VISION

*In the year 2040, our region will have a multimodal transportation system through coordinated investments that supports a desirable quality of life, enhanced economic vitality and increased safety, access and mobility.*

## GOALS

- **Improve Safety**
- **Manage and Mitigate Congestion**
- **Ensure Strong Asset Management and Operations**
- **Strengthen Regional Economic Competitiveness**
- **Conserve and Protect Natural and Cultural Resources**

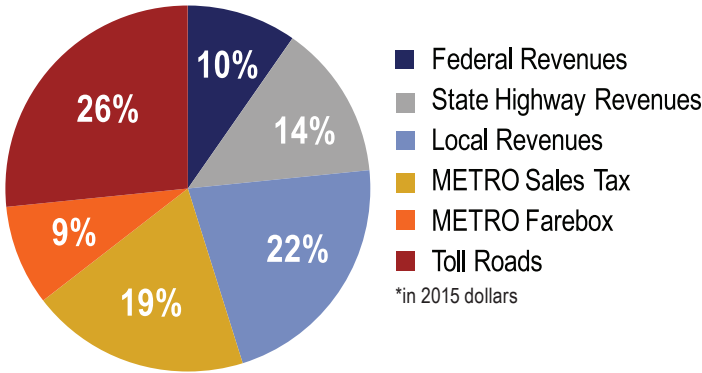
<sup>1</sup>[www.houston.org/pdf/research/quickview/economy\\_at\\_a\\_glance.pdf](http://www.houston.org/pdf/research/quickview/economy_at_a_glance.pdf)

<sup>2</sup>2012 H-GAC Regional Goods Movement Study

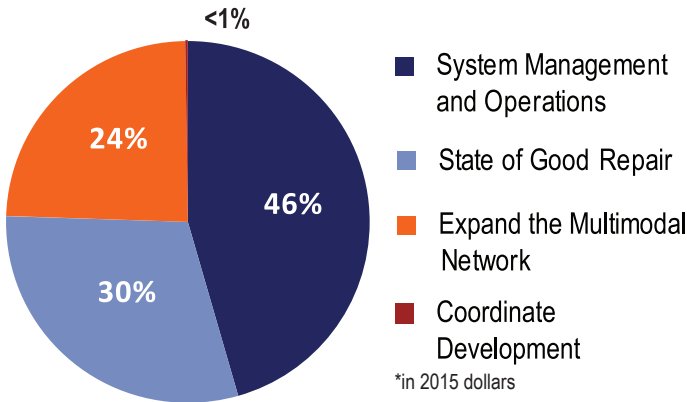
counties of the thirteen-county Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) region. The recommended investments in this plan total approximately \$88 billion (in 2015 dollars).

The investment priorities in the 2040 RTP are based conservative estimates of revenues available over the next 25 years. These investments are key steps toward realization of the vision plan, and will mostly go to maintaining and increasing the efficiency of current transportation facilities.

**2040 RTP Revenue by Source**  
Total: \$124 Billion\*

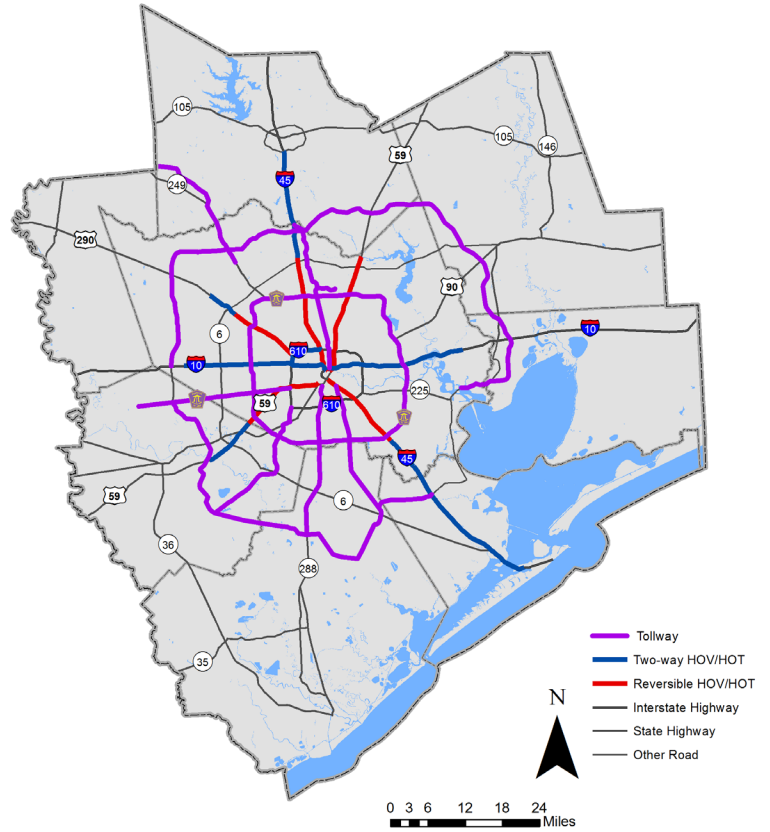


**2040 RTP Expenditures**  
Total: \$88 Billion\*



As the region continues to grow, strategic investments across all modes of transportation and with input from all types of travelers will be necessary in all areas. H-GAC looks forward to its continued service as the regional forum for this improved transportation future and welcomes input on this important plan.

**2040 Freeway, Tollway, HOV/HOT System**



**2040 High-Capacity Transit System**

