Regional Transit Coordination (RTC) Subcommittee Houston-Galveston Area Council Online Meeting/Conference Call Thursday October 13, 2022 9:30-11:00 AM

Agenda

- 1. Introductions and Certification of Quorum (9) Ruthanne Haut, The Woodlands Township, Chair
- 2. Public Comments
- 3. Action Items:
 - 3.1 Approval of RTC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2022
- 4. Information Items: (10 minutes or less each)
 - 4.1 Coordinated Planning
 - 4.1a RCTP Priority Recommendations Progress Report Sandy Klanfer, H-GAC
 - 4.1b Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Workgroup Update Sandy Klanfer, H-GAC
 - 4.1c Regional Transit Connectivity Update Sandy Klanfer, H-GAC
 - 4.2 Other Efforts
 - 4.2a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans Alan Rodenstein, H-GAC
 - 4.2b Liberty County Mobility Study Thomas Gray, H-GAC
- 5. Agency Reports (5 minutes or less each)

Next RTC Subcommittee Meeting (Special Call): November 17, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 14, 2022 – 9:30-11:00am Houston-Galveston Area Council Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Perri D'Armond – Fort Bend County Transit (Chair) Monique Johnson – City of Sugar Land Sharon Moses-Burnside – City of Houston Jildardo Arias – City of Friendswood Ken Fickes – Harris County Transit De'Andre Guin – City of Conroe Shain Eversly – METRO Ruthanne Haut – The Woodlands Township Taslima Khandaker – Brazos Transit District James Oliver – Island Transit

OTHERS PRESENT

Travis Madison – TxDOT Arnold Vowles – TxDOT Brenda Bustillos – TxDOT Paula Polk - TxDOT Denise Wendler – METRO Karen Hart – Gulf Coast Transit District Kimberly Judge – City of Dayton Plus other unidentified listeners

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Jim Thompson – The Center for Pursuit Huey German-Wilson – Trinity-Houston Gardens Super Neighborhood Sasha Marshall – Houston Housing Authority Vernon Chambers – Harris County Transit Shawn Johnson – City of Conroe Sarah Coulter – Fort Bend County Rachel Die – METRO Jo Marlow – Brazos Transit District

H-GAC STAFF PRESENT

Jamila Owens Thomas Gray Alan Rodenstein Chris Whaley Shirley Li Mike Burns James Garland Pramod Sambidi Lucinda Martinez

BRIEFING

Overview

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the need to maintain social distance, RTCS Members and Alternates met virtually by teleconference. This meeting saw the election of a new Chair and Vice-Chair and featured updates to a variety of planning and coordination efforts both within H-GAC, including the RCTP Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Workgroup, the Regional Transit Connectivity project, and the Regional Transportation Plan Visioning Survey. Presentations regarding the Subcommittee's purpose and duties and Web Mapping Tools provided by H-GAC's Data Analytics and Research Department were also provided to the Subcommittee.

INTRODUCTIONS AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

ITEM 1 – Ms. Perri D'Armond, Chair, Fort Bend County Transit, convened the meeting at 9:32 AM. Roll was called by H-GAC staff and quorum was certified.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEM 2 – There were no public comments presented to the Subcommittee.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 3.1 – Approval of RTC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2022

Ms. D'Armond requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022 Subcommittee meeting.

Action Item Motion: moved by Jildardo Arias, seconded by De'Andre Guin. Action Item approved.

ITEM 3.2 – Election of Subcommittee Officers

Ms. D'Armond presented her slate of suggested Subcommittee Officers, which included nominations of Ruthanne Haut for Chair and Sharon Moses-Burnside for Vice-Chair. Ms. D'Armond asked for either a motion on her slate or nomination of alternative candidates.

Action Item Motion: moved by De'Andre Guin to accept Ms. D'Armond's slate and elect Perri D'Armond as Chair and Sharon Moses-Burnside as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Monique Johnson. Action Item approved.

Ms. D'Armond yielded direction of the Subcommittee meeting to Ms. Haut.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Resources and Support

ITEM 4.1a – Review of Subcommittee Purpose and Duties – Jamila Owens, H-GAC

Ms. Jamila Owens welcomed new members and briefly explained the purpose and duties of the Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee, which included duties common to all TAC Subcommittees as well as duties specific to the RTCS.

Huey German-Wilson asked how she could join Subcommittee workgroups. Ms. Owens responded by saying people could express their interest now or send her an email following the meeting. Huey German-Wilson asked to join the Regional Transit Connectivity workgroup; De'Andre Guin expressed interest in joining the Mobility Management workgroup. Staff noted these requests and will follow up with these members.

ITEM 4.1b – Data Analytics and Research Department Introduction and Resources – Pramod Sambidi, H-GAC

Mr. Pramod Sambidi, of H-GAC's Data Analytics and Research Department, provided the Subcommittee with an introduction to his department's functions as well as the resources it provides. Mr. Sambidi discussed the Interactive Web Mapping Applications available to the public on H-GAC's website and gave a demonstration of one such tool, the Regional Equity Tool.

Thomas Gray explained that H-GAC staff chose to present the Regional Equity Tool because it was thought to be of interest to the Subcommittee, but that members should find all of the Interactive Web Mapping Tools to be of use. Perri D'Armond thanked Pramod for the presentation and remarked how far things have progressed in terms of data availability. Sharon Moses-Burnside asked how to receive shapefiles if she needed maps. Pramod said his staff could provide data to Subcommittee members if it is requested.

4.2 Coordinated Planning

ITEM 4.2a – RCTP Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Workgroup Update – Sandy Klanfer, H-GAC

Ms. Jamila Owens, presenting on Sandy Klanfer's behalf, provided an update on the Paratransit and Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Advisory Committee, which was a recommendation of the Regional Coordinated Transportation Plan (RCTP) and which met for the first time on July 7th. Ms. Owens discussed the advisory committee's purpose and membership, and mentioned that member recruitment is still ongoing.

There were no questions or comments.

ITEM 4.2b – Regional Transit Connectivity Update – Sandy Klanfer, H-GAC

Ms. Jamila Owens, presenting on Sandy Klanfer's behalf, provided an update on the status of the Regional Transit Connectivity project, including the status of agency assessments being performed by METRO's consultant and guidance received from the Federal Highway Administration regarding the inclusion of funding to allow the Brazos Transit District and Colorado Valley Transit District to participate in the project.

There were no questions or comments.

4.3 Other Efforts

ITEM 4.3a – Regional Transit Plan (RTP) Visioning Survey – Mike Burns, H-GAC

Mr. Mike Burns provided the Subcommittee with an overview of the Regional Transportation Plan Update, its schedule, and the strategy for soliciting public input. This includes an online visioning survey. Mr. Burns provided the web address for the online survey and encouraged Subcommittee members to take the survey as well as distribute it within their agencies.

There were no questions or comments.

AGENCY REPORTS

ITEM 5 – Ms. Haut invited Subcommittee members to briefly give updates on their agency efforts. She began by announcing that The Woodlands Township had been awarded a Route Planning Restoration Program grant from the FTA, which will be used to evaluate ways to improve post-pandemic ridership and service levels.

Perri D'Armond noted that Fort Bend County Transit expected to break ground on the Westpark Park and Ride in late 2022. D'Armond said that ridership on FBCT's demand response services had recovered to pre-pandemic levels but that ridership on commuter routes was recovering more slowly. Delays in the delivery of new buses and difficulties in hiring experienced drivers continue to pose problems for FBCT.

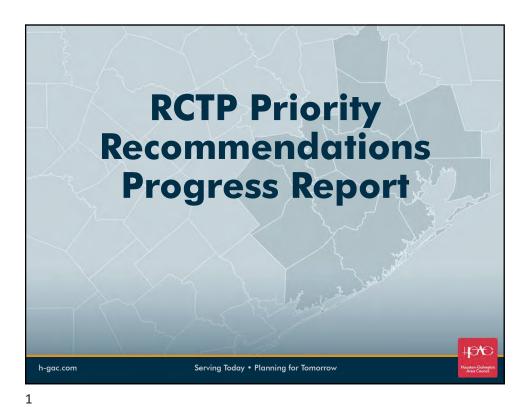
Travis Madison reminded members that TxDOT was holding a transit provider meeting to discuss Commission actions.

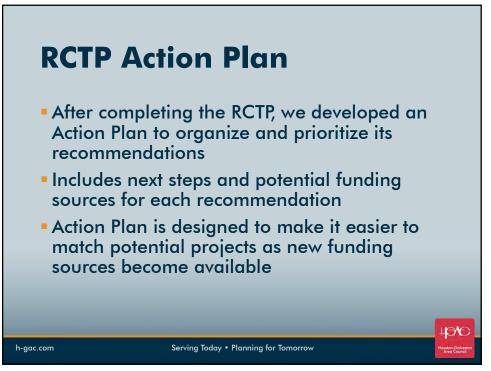
Brenda Bustillos provided a brief ConnectSmart update; the application's "full launch" event is scheduled for September.

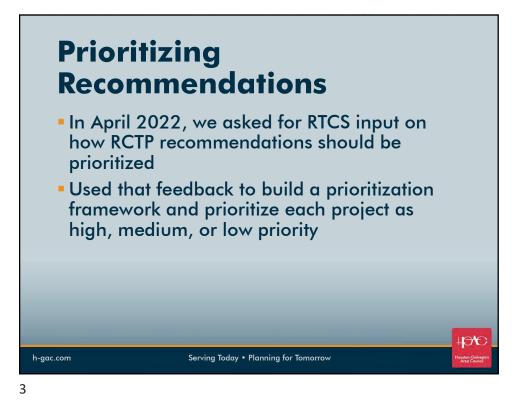
ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Haut adjourned the meeting at 10:46 AM.

Next RTCS Meeting – October 13, 2022, 9:30 AM

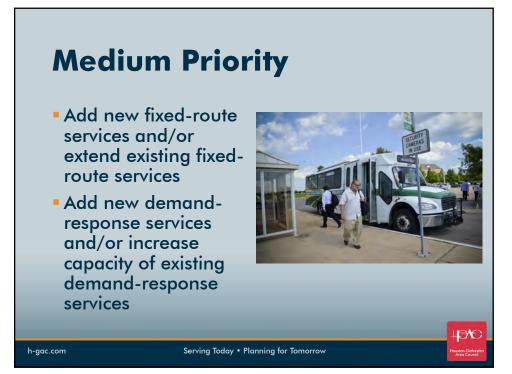


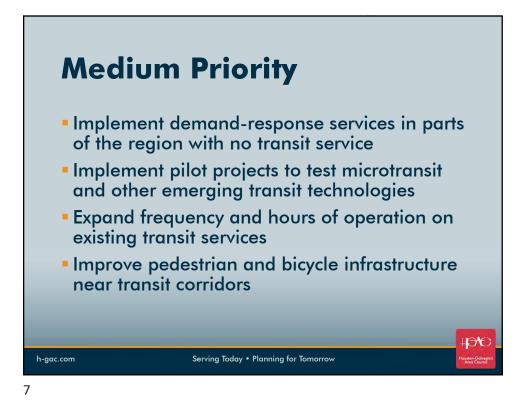




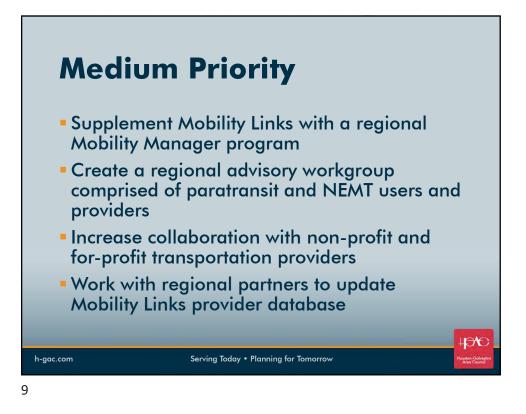








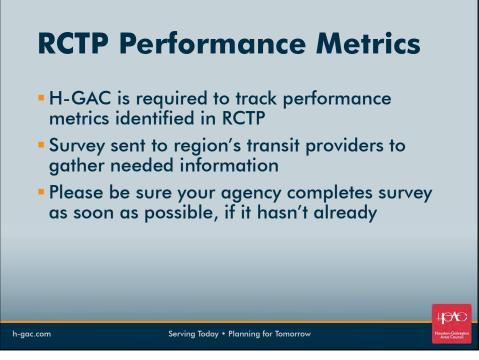


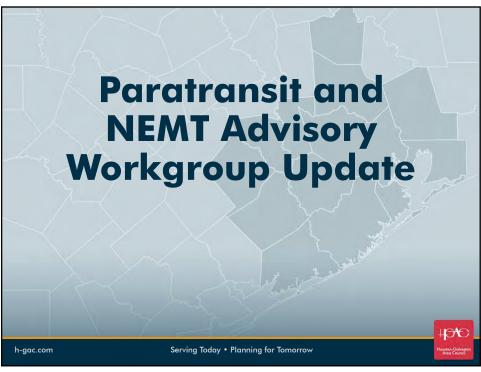


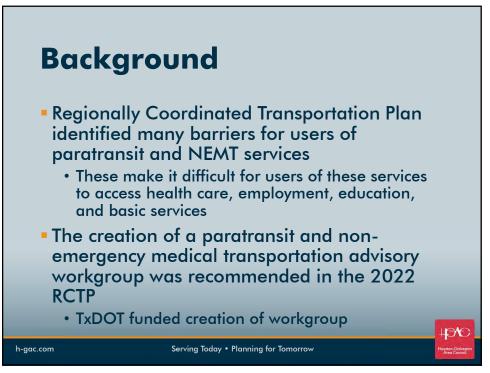




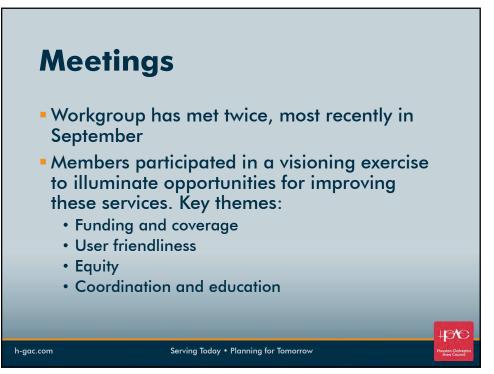


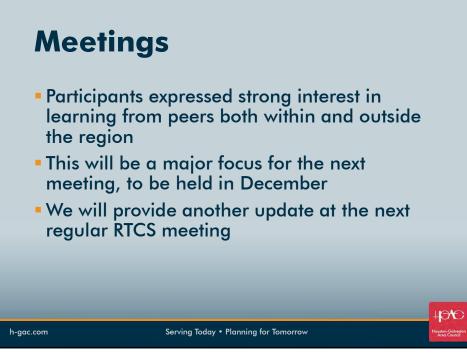






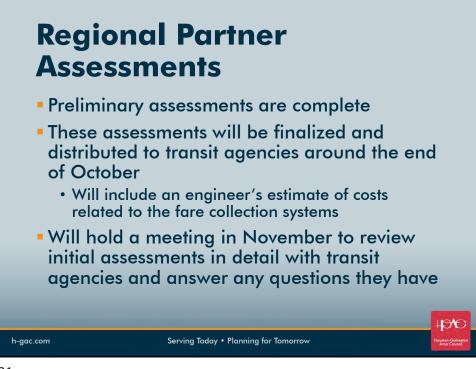


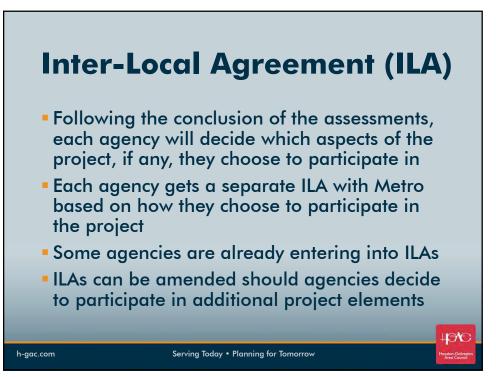


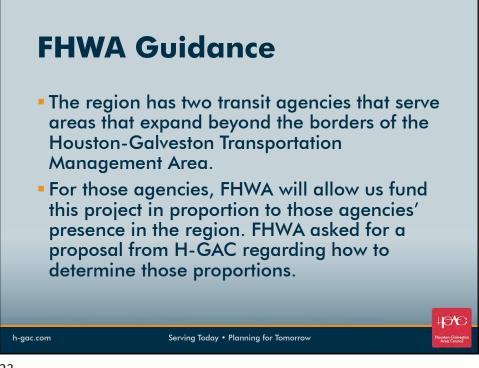




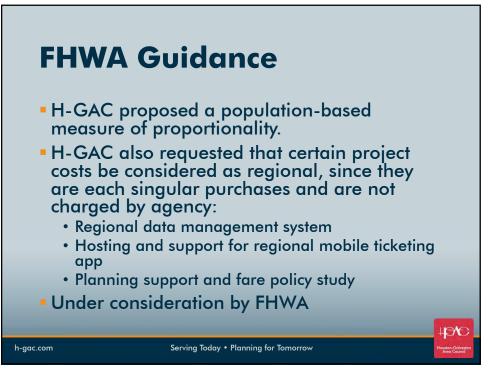




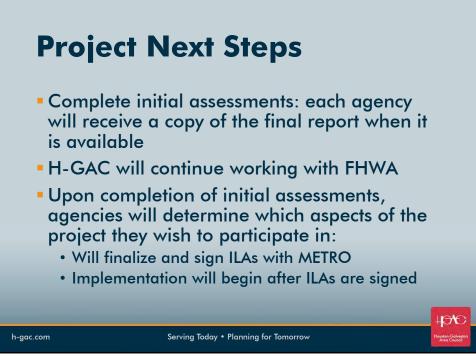




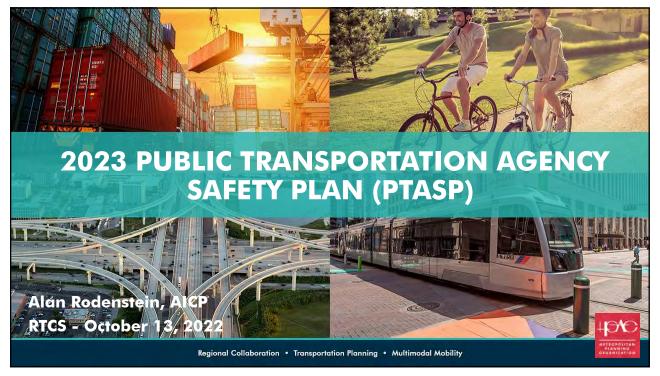












Public Transit Agency Safety Process (PTASP)

- Transit agencies are required by Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to develop safety plans by December 31, 2022
- H-GAC staff needs plans by October 31, 2022, to tie into our regional timeline
- H-GAC is required to develop regional targets by April 2023 that tie into the approval of the updated Regional Transportation Plan (2045 RTP)

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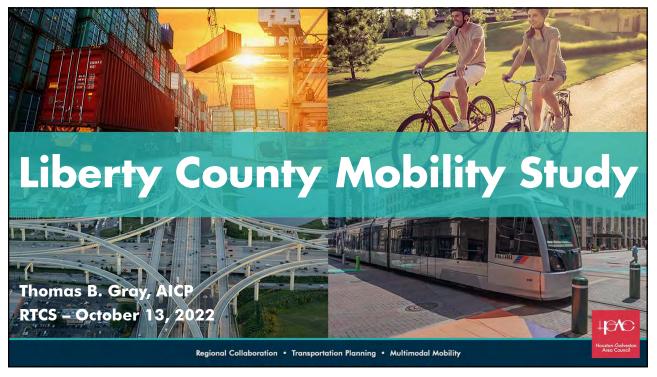
Tier 1 – METRO and Island Transit

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	 Bus including commuter and park and ride Rail (will include bus rapid transit starting in 2020) Demand Response including ADA Complementary Paratransit 	
	Three modes to measure accidents and safety	
	Interacts with a high number of pedestrians and cyclists	
	Serves extensively most congested roadways	
	Island Transit is a regional service with fixed route trolleys	
	Approximately 95% plus of vehicle revenue miles in the region	
	Over 1 million population in Houston Urbanized Area (UZA)	

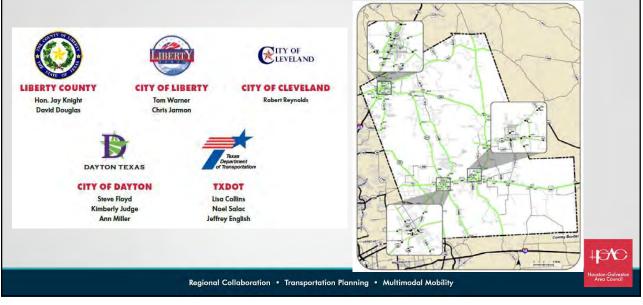
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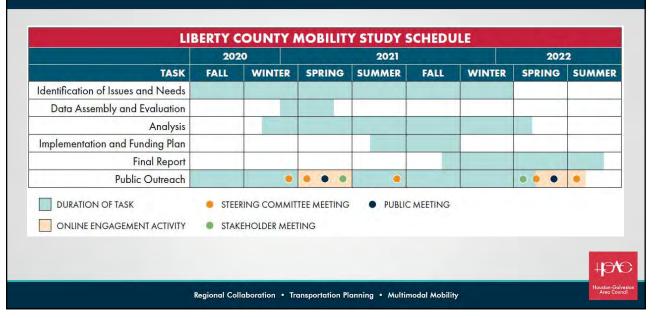




Steering Committee and Study Area



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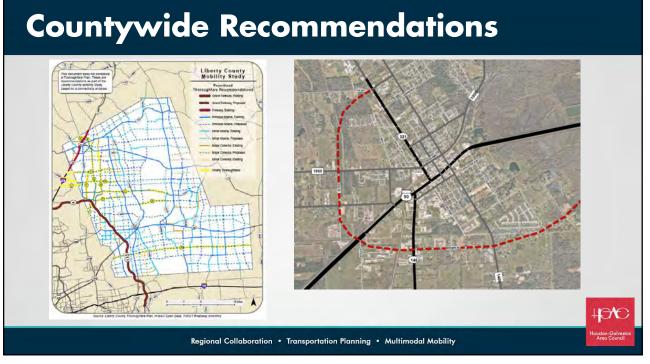
Recommendations

- Countywide
 - Identification of Priority Corridors
 - Liberty County should update its thoroughfare plan
 - Policy updates: plat submittal, subdivision regulations, etc.
- Local Improvements (Cleveland, Liberty, Dayton)
 - Intersection and corridor improvements (short- and long-term)

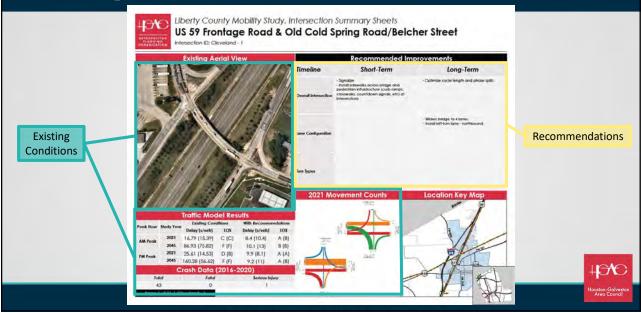
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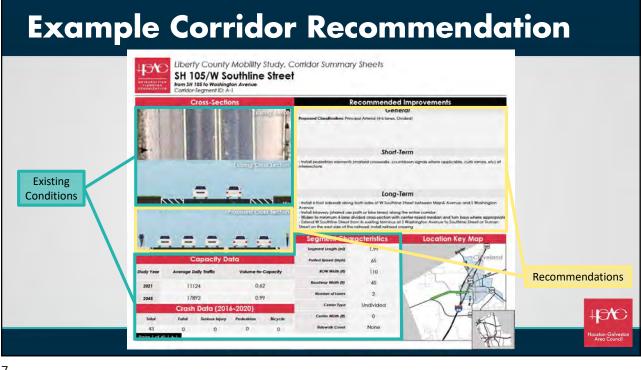
- Bypass around Dayton
- Active Transportation
- Transit

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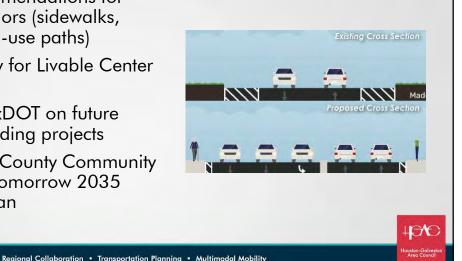
Example Intersection Recommendation





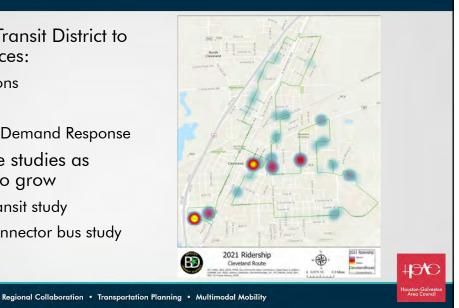
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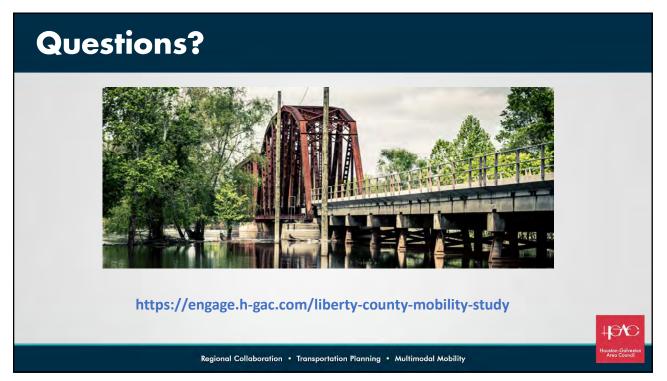
- Site-specific recommendations for intersections corridors (sidewalks, crosswalks, shared-use paths)
- Cities should apply for Livable Center Studies
- Coordinate with TxDOT on future widening or upgrading projects
- Implement Liberty County Community Plan and Dayton Tomorrow 2035 Comprehensive Plan



Transit Recommendations

- Work with Brazos Transit District to consider new services:
 - Flex Zone operations
 - Park-and-Rides
 - Countywide Rural Demand Response
- Participate in future studies as County continues to grow
 - Dayton-specific transit study
 - Future regional connector bus study





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We asked, and you answered! The Houston-Galveston Area Council is one step closer to updating the long-range transportation vision for the region.

Attend a public meeting and drive the conversation to illuminate what the priorities are for your community that will make getting around safer, more reliable, and more resilient for future generations.

Chambers County

Thursday, October 13, 2022 6 – 7:30 p.m. 2525 S FM 565 Rd., Baytown, TX 77523

Brazoria & Galveston County

Thursday, November 3, 2022 6 – 7:30 p.m. 416 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX 77546

Liberty County

Thursday, October 20, 2022 7 – 8:30 p.m. 801 S Cleveland St., Suite B Dayton, TX 77535

Fort Bend County

Monday, November 14, 2022 6 – 7:30 p.m. 2700 Town Center Blvd. North, Sugar Land, TX 77479

Montgomery County

Thursday, December 1, 2022 6 – 7:30 p.m. 11659 FM 1488 Magnolia, TX 77354

Waller County

Thursday, October 27, 2022 6 – 7:30 p.m. 3602 North St., Pattison, TX 77423

Harris County

Thursday, November 17, 2022 6 – 7:30 p.m. 3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor, Houston, TX 77027

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