

**GREATER EAST END MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
LIVABLE CENTERS STUDY**

**Background**

In the 2008-2011 TIP, the Transportation Policy Council committed \$1.5 million to fund Livable Center studies in the region. The goal of H-GAC's Livable Centers Program is to help create walkable, mixed-use places that provide multi-modal transportation options, improve environmental quality, and promote economic development. Livable Centers studies apply these program goals to a specified study area. Project outcomes may include proposed future land uses, transportation facilities, street design and pedestrian improvements and parking plans.

**Current Situation**

The Greater East End Management Study is the first study completed under this program. The area's proximity to Downtown Houston and the future Harrisburg light rail line, high amount of growth, and pedestrian connectivity challenges made it an ideal location for the first study.

The study identifies strategic investments and policies in the transportation and land use realms that will improve the safety and feasibility of using alternative modes of transportation, increase the sense of identity, and leverage private investment in the study area.

The study's recommendations and conceptual design work focus on improving the pedestrian realm, including improving pedestrian connectivity to existing and future transit. Recommendations to improve pedestrian safety, with particular attention paid to minimizing the effects of through truck traffic, are also included in the study. Other major recommendations and conceptual design work include improvements to Guadalupe Park and Plaza as a community focal point linking cultural, residential, and commercial uses.

The implementation plan for the proposed recommendations includes a fiscal analysis that outlines the proposed funding sources, cost estimates, and priority level. Short term priority projects (Phase 1 of the implementation plan) are currently on the H-GAC contingency list for AARA funding. These projects include pedestrian improvements such as sidewalks and lighting along Navigation, York, and Sampson streets.

**Action Requested**

For information only.