

**CITY OF WALLER
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 Livable Centers Study for the Downtown Waller focuses on strategies to enhance the walkability of Downtown Waller, including how to integrate the existing street network and development with potential future commuter rail along BR290.

The Livable Center's 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 within Downtown Waller. Recommendations to improve pedestrian safety, parking options, and streetscaping are also included in the study. Other major recommendations and conceptual design work include potential station area developments for future commuter rail.

The implementation plan for the proposed recommendations includes a fiscal analysis that outlines the proposed funding sources, cost estimates, and priority level. These projects include pedestrian improvements such as sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping along the streets in the downtown area.

Action Requested

For information only