

## **H-GAC LIVABLE CENTERS PROGRAM UPDATE**

### **Background**

In 2008, the Transportation Policy Council committed \$1.5 million to fund Livable Centers studies in the region. The goal of H-GAC's Livable Centers program is to help local governments 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**

To date, Livable Centers studies have been completed for the East End and Midtown communities in the City of Houston, the City of Waller and the City of Tomball. Studies are underway in Houston's Fourth Ward, Upper Kirby, Northside, and Energy Corridor communities. These studies will be complete by early fall 2010.

An additional \$1.5 million to continue funding of the Livable Centers program has been committed in the 2008-2011 TIP.

Committed partners for the future round of studies include:

- City of Clear Lake Shores
- League City
- City of Houston – Washington Corridor
- City of Pearland
- Near Northwest Management District

It is anticipated that this second round of Livable Centers studies will begin in September 2010.

### **Action Requested**

For information only