

H-GAC REGIONAL THOROUGHFARE PLAN UPDATE

Background

In 2009, H-GAC set out to update an aged thoroughfare plan GIS data set. The first step was to hold collaborative workshops in each of the MPO counties with staff members from each county and city of more than 10,000, to ascertain the best quality data possible. The second step in this process was to hold a regional workshop in spring of 2010 at H-GAC to smooth the progress of regional planning and cooperation among staff planners, GIS analyst, engineers, and others, from throughout the MPO area. The overall goal is to increase the safety and mobility of the region by identifying discrepancies in the network and fostering an environment whereas county and city staff can interact with neighboring staff to identify priorities and roadway needs.

Current Situation

To date, the H-GAC Regional Thoroughfare Plan has collected data at a macro level including:

- Existing freeways
- Existing arterials
- Proposed arterials

A complete set of wall maps will be placed on the H-GAC website for each county and also at a regional level in September. The dataset will also be made available to regional use at that time.

H-GAC staff looks forward to improve upon the dataset and enhance opportunities for this collaboration and create best practices in addition to a process for a regional update of the thoroughfare plan on an annual basis.

Action Requested

For information only