

## **REGIONAL AVIATION SYSTEM PLAN (RASP) UPDATE**

### **Background**

H-GAC received a system planning grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to update the 1991 Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP). H-GAC completed its first RASP in 1973, with updates in 1981, 1986 and 1991. The system plan provides a framework for the integrated planning, operation, and development of the region's aviation assets consistent with regional and state transportation goals. The current RASP includes 23 airports in the 13-county H-GAC region.

The RASP update will proceed in two phases, with each phase taking approximately one-year. Phase I requires developing a study design, extensive data collection and evaluation of the current airport system. Phase II includes the detailed planning and analysis tasks to develop the aviation system plan.

### **Current Situation**

The consultant team of Quadrant Consultants (Lead), URS, Vesta Rea & Associates and TransSolutions completed Phase I and is finishing the Draft RASP for Phase II. Phase I includes an inventory of the regional aviation system, identification of regional issues, goals and performance measures. The Draft RASP includes the Phase I elements and the recommended system airports, aviation forecasts, airport capacity analysis, airport development scenarios and recommended changes to the Texas Airport System Plan (TASP) and National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

Public meetings will be held during October in Houston, Sugar Land and Conroe to present the Draft RASP. Following the public comment period, Staff will present the RASP to the TPC for adoption in November and the H-GAC Board in December.

### **Action Requested**

For information only