

SUBREGIONAL PLANNING INITIATIVE: EAST PORT PLAN

Background

The Subregional Planning Initiative is one of the implementation strategies of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The subregional planning process is intended to foster coordination of planning and land use/development strategies among local communities thereby improving the local and subregional transportation system's mobility, connectivity, and access. H-GAC staff conducted a call for participants and received applications from local governments throughout the 8-county Transportation Management Area. The first round of subregional planning has been completed for the East Port Subregion.

Current Situation

The East Port Subregion includes the cities of Baytown, Clear Lake Shores, Deer Park, Galena Park, Jacinto City, Kemah, La Porte, League City, Morgan's Point, Pasadena, Seabrook, Shoreacres, South Houston, Webster, and portions of unincorporated Harris and Chambers Counties. The scope of study focused on enhancing coordination of transportation, land use, and economic development planning in the East Port Subregion.

The study identifies strategic investments and policies in the transportation and land use realms that will improve connectivity, provide multimodal travel options, facilitate freight movement, leverage waterfront assets, and strengthening intergovernmental coordination.

There is also an implementation plan for the proposed recommendations that includes priorities, potential funding sources, cost estimates, and as well as next steps for each community. An online planning toolbox of best practices in transportation and land use coordination was also created as part of this planning process that is available for all interested local governments at www.h-gac.com/go/subregional.

Action Requested

For information only.