

# Transportation and Older Adults Workshop



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“I don’t get around. I can’t go anywhere. It’s stressful to be alone too much” --71 year old Montgomery County woman with multiple health challenges

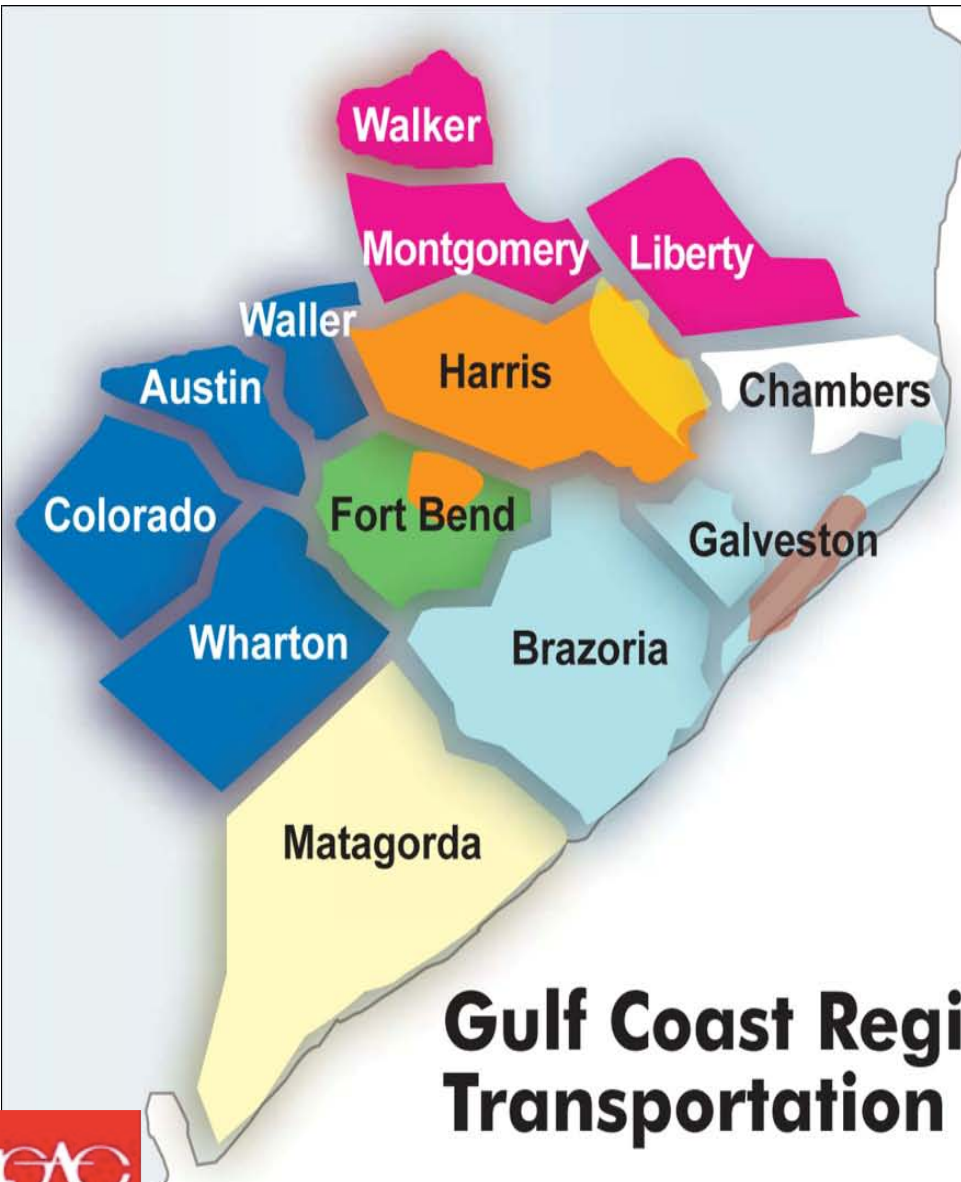
“It’s like living out in the wilderness. It’s in Houston but it’s in another world” --East Houston Woman over age 60



# H-GAC Overview

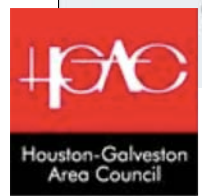
- Voluntary Association of Local Governments.
- Forum for Regional Problem Solving.
- Pass -Through Agency.
- Umbrella Organization
  - Area Agency on Aging (outer counties).
  - Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Workforce Board, Cooperative Purchasing





-  Brazos Transit
-  METRO
-  HC RIDES
-  Fort Bend
-  Connect Transit
-  Island Transit
-  RTransit
-  Colorado Valley Transit

# Gulf Coast Regional Transportation Area



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# Area Agency on Aging

- Demand Response Transportation
- To/From Senior Centers
- Essential Shopping
- Non-Emergency Medical



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# Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Responsible for Transportation Planning.

- 2035 Regional Transportation Plan
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Unified Planning Work Program
- Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan



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# Transportation Grants

- Job Access Reverse Commute
  - Low income, jobs, training.
  - Commuters to suburban work centers.
- New Freedom
  - Disabled.
  - Beyond ADA.

Approximately \$ 5.7 million currently available.



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# Eligible Applicants

- Private non-profit organizations.
- State or local governmental authority.
- Operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services.



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# Previously Funded Projects

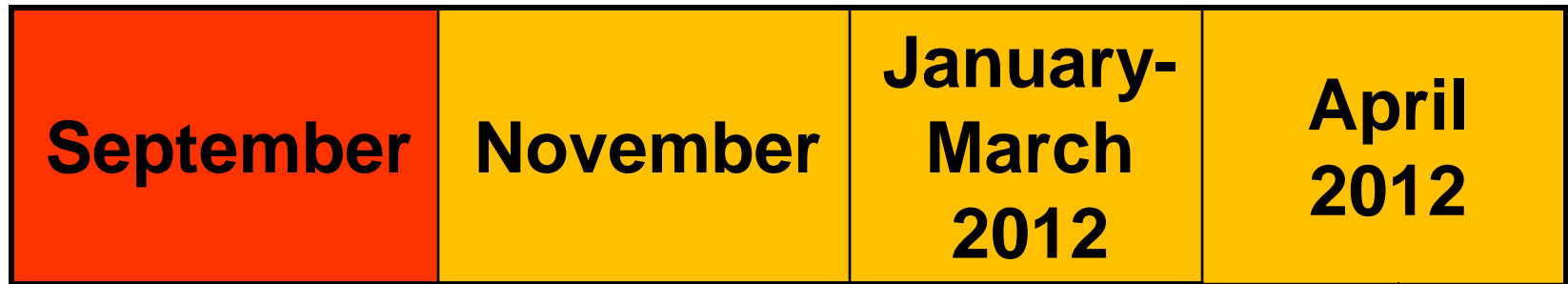
- Fort Bend County Transit – New Services
- Harris County Transit RIDES +
- Taxi Cabs – wheelchair access 24/7/365
- Family Services – Ways to Work
- Regional Vanpool Program
- Eldridge Crosstown Bus Route



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# Fall 2011 JARC and New Freedom Program Milestones



Call for Projects  
Application  
Workshop  
9-27-11

Project  
Proposals  
Due  
11-16-11

Public  
Comments,  
METRO Board,  
TAC/TPC  
Approvals

Spring 2012  
Review  
Cycle

