



“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

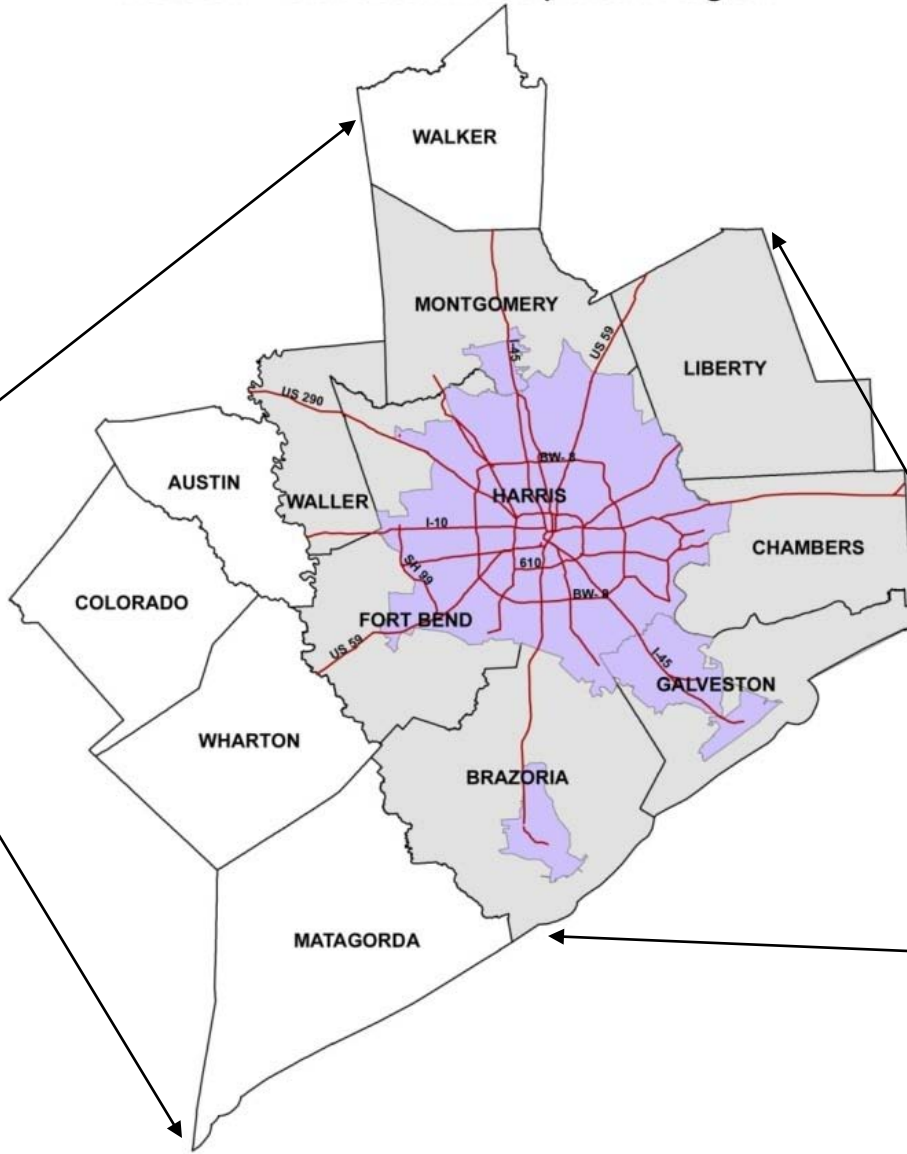


Presentation Overview

- A Work in Progress
 - Preview Draft January 2011
 - Presentation with Updates April 2011
 - Revised DRAFT June 2011
 - Updates for Census 2010 (or ACS)
 - Added Anecdotal Information
 - Transit Needs Index (TNI)
 - Transit Accessibility Analyses
- Next Steps- Public Review and Comment



Houston - Galveston Metropolitan Region

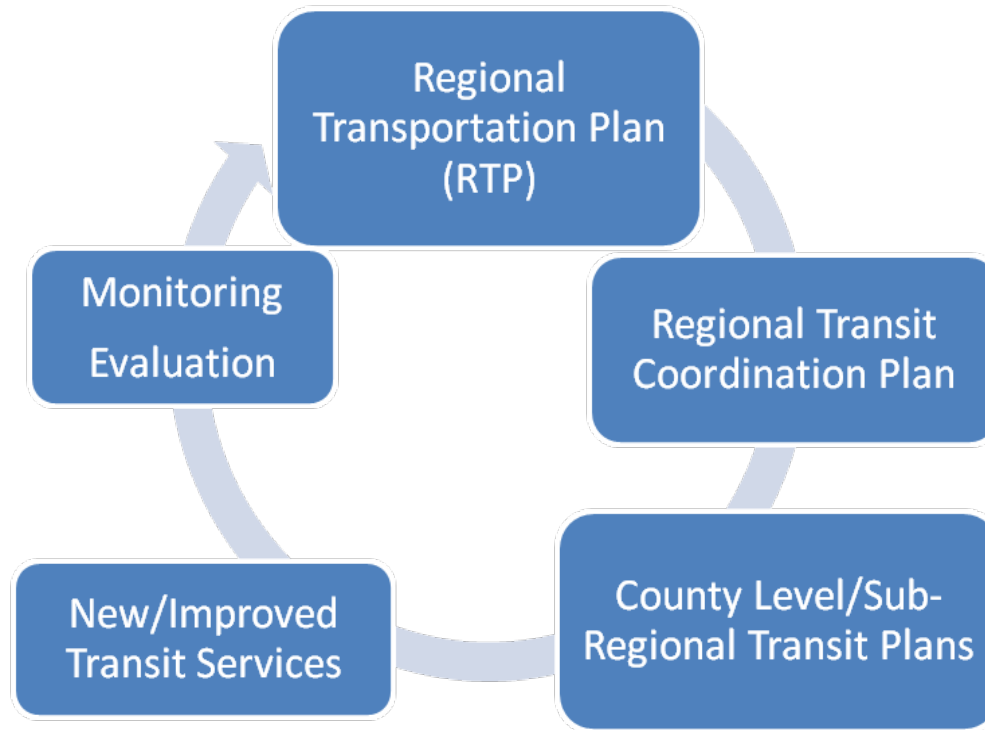


Rural Counties (5)

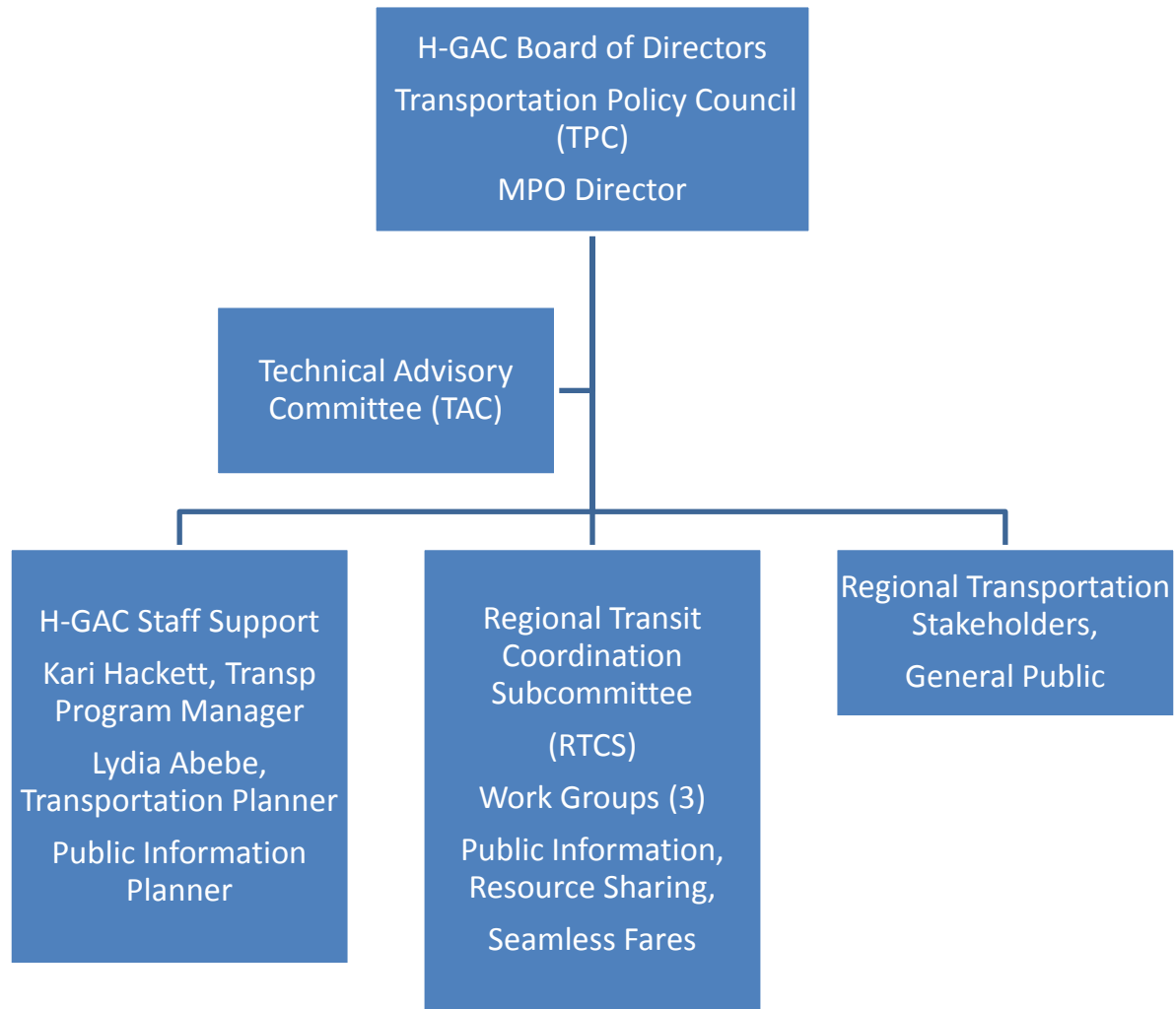
Transportation Management Area (TMA) 8 counties.



Conceptual Framework Transit Planning and Coordination



Gulf Coast Organizational Structure



Coordination Plan Update

- 2006 Action Plan
 - Resource Sharing
 - Public Information
 - Seamless Fares
 - County Level Transit Plans
- New Transit Projects
 - Austin County JARC
 - Montgomery County
 - East Harris County
 - Galveston, Brazoria counties



Coordination Plan Update

- PT Inventory Survey
 - FTA Direct Recipients
 - Non-Direct Recipients
 - Vehicles, contract data
 - Opportunities for coordination
- Local Resources
 - United Way
 - Municipal Governments
 - Non-Profit Organizations
 - Sales Tax, TDC's
- Federal, State Resources
 - AARA--2
 - CDBG, SSBG



Coordination Plan Update

- Transit Related Needs
 - Transit Needs Index (TNI)
 - Environmental Justice
 - Deficiencies, needs
 - Survey data
 - 2007 Onboard Survey
 - Care for Elders
 - Regional Transit Framework
- Performance Measures
 - Access to transit
 - Walk access to local bus
 - Travel time bands
 - JARC and New Freedom measures

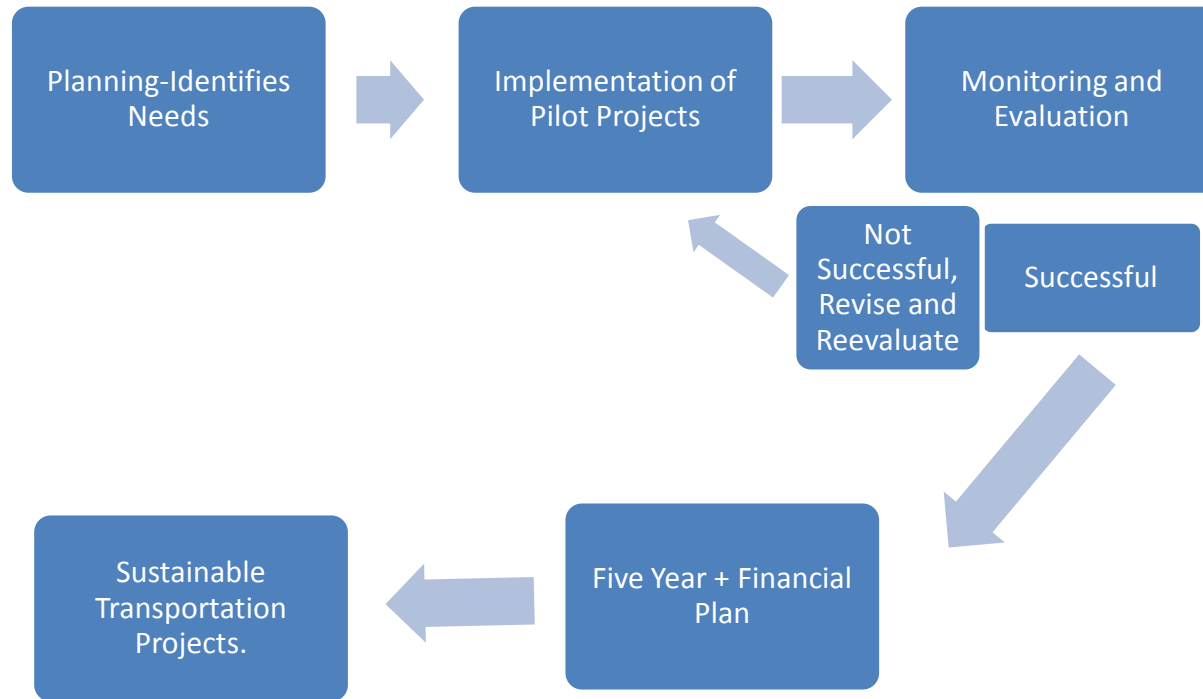


Opportunities for Regional Transit Coordination

- Medical Transportation Program
- Commuter Van Pools
- Access and Mobility
 - Outside METRO service area
 - Pockets inside METRO service area
 - Seamless fare policy
 - Resource sharing, trainingElderly, disabled, low/no income, choice riders.



Sustainable Pilot Projects



Next Steps

- Public Review and Comment
- Updated coordination plan due by August 2011
- 2011-2012 Coordination Action Plan
 - Prioritize Pilot Projects for regional coordination
- Ongoing Updates.

