

## **H-GAC 2018 Regional Thoroughfare Plan Update**

### **Background**

H-GAC has been updating the H-GAC Regional Thoroughfare Plan over the past year. The Plan will serve as a guide that anticipates future transportation needs in the eight-county planning area and responds to those potential needs by identifying conceptual options for maintaining a well-coordinated, efficient, and effective street network.

The advantage of a regional thoroughfare plan is that it indicates where a county/region should preserve roadway right-of-way (ROW) so that as development occurs or as traffic increases, the County will be able to develop appropriate transportation facilities. The Plan also supports orderly and predictable development as private development occurs and minimizes disruption and displacement of people and businesses by providing a long-range, predictable plan.

Updating the thoroughfare data has allowed H-GAC to identify which Counties need to develop or update a thoroughfare plan as well as the need for workshops to educate all entities on the purpose and benefits of a thoroughfare plan.

### **Action Requested**

For information only

# H-GAC Regional Thoroughfare Plan



**H**-GAC's 2018 Regional Thoroughfare Plan is a guide that anticipates future transportation needs in the eight-county planning area. The plan designates a system of major roadways throughout the planning area intended to provide adequate access and mobility. It includes freeways, arterials (high-capacity urban roads), and major collectors.

## A Thoroughfare Plan is:

- Long range (50+ years)
- Identifies type and general location of future roadways
- Preserves transportation corridors (i.e. right-of-way)
- Guides future development
- Promotes connectivity and design uniformity
- Informs public of future roadway needs
- Requires, through the platting approval process of cities and counties, appropriate dedication of rights-of-way and construction of identified thoroughfares by private land owners

## A Thoroughfare Plan is NOT:

- List of construction projects
- Commitment by local governments to build specific roads
- Survey, design or engineering study showing the exact alignments
- Ranking or prioritization of roadway improvements
- Set timeframe for when a project should be complete
- Financial plan or funding mechanism

