

METROMAX CONCEPT

Summary

The METROMAX concept is a means to reimagine METRO's Park and Ride service into a regional transit express service network. Using significant reverse commute services, METROMAX would substantially enhance the connectivity of METRO's Park and Ride Services, including in underserved residential and employment locations.

The proposed MAX lanes (which METROMAX seeks to leverage) would replace High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and High Occupancy Toll Lanes (HOT) with two-way managed lanes that would operate 24/7 along major Houston freeways. Using these lanes would provide the means to effectively operate the METROMAX service.

METROMAX's goals are to:

- Create an express network that connects activity centers and residential hubs with fast, reliable trips
- Make the service as easy to understand as possible and highly attractive to customers
- Make the service as consistent as possible and increase service availability
- Serve multiple activity centers and enable reverse commuters.
- Serve a variety of work schedules with early morning, midday, evening and weekend service
- Service non-work trips, including trips to leisure destinations like museums, parks and sports venues
- Integrate local and commuter trips to provide regional mobility to existing and new transit riders

Action Requested

For information only