

## **Report from the High Capacity Transit Task Force**

### **Background**

The Transportation Policy Council (TPC) created the High Capacity Transit Task Force in March 2017 to investigate the opportunity and need for high capacity transit in the Houston-Galveston region. Building on previous planning work performed by H-GAC, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO), the Gulf Coast Rail District and others, this committee was charged with addressing the following questions:

1. What is the importance of high capacity transit to the region's future? How will it support regional mobility, growth and quality of life?
2. What current and future travel corridors would benefit most from new high capacity transit services?
3. What are the opportunities to obtain additional federal, state or other funds that could be used to develop and sustain high capacity transit projects?
4. Develop recommendations regarding high capacity transit recommendations for the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan as well as coordinate with regional transit authorities on long range planning efforts and funding opportunities.

The High Capacity Transit Task Force includes TPC members, transit providers and other key stakeholders.

### **Current Situation**

Staff will summarize the work completed by the Task Force and its findings. The potential benefits and costs of the Task Force "Vision Network" will be described. Recommendations for the Regional Transportation Plan, including high capacity transit services recommended for its financially constrained element, will be provided at the March 2019 meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

### **Requested Action**

For information and discussion.