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H-GAC AWARDED \$4 MILLION SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT TO DEVELOP REGIONAL SAFETY PLAN, SAFETY ACTION PLANS FOR 11 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

HOUSTON – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) has been awarded \$4 million in federal funding by the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. The funding will support the development of a Regional Safety Action Plan with the goal of eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries in the Houston-Galveston region. It will also support H-GAC in leading development of localized Safety Action Plans for 11 local governments and agencies.

“Roadway fatalities and injuries continue to trend upward despite efforts at the state and local levels to reverse the trend. Last year, our eight-county metropolitan planning region suffered 809 roadway fatalities and nearly 4,000 serious injuries. Additionally, fatalities in our region have increased more than 30% over the past five years,” said Craig Raborn, director of transportation at H-GAC. “In developing these Safety Action Plans, H-GAC will identify holistic, well-defined strategies to prevent these tragedies on our region’s roadways.”

H-GAC plans to develop the Regional Safety Action Plan and the local Safety Action Plans using the emerging Safe Systems Approach, which emphasizes the importance of reducing fatalities and serious injuries instead of merely focusing on reducing overall crashes. The plans will consider all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators.

Local governments and other agencies that will develop Safety Action Plans with the grant are:

- Waller County
- METRO

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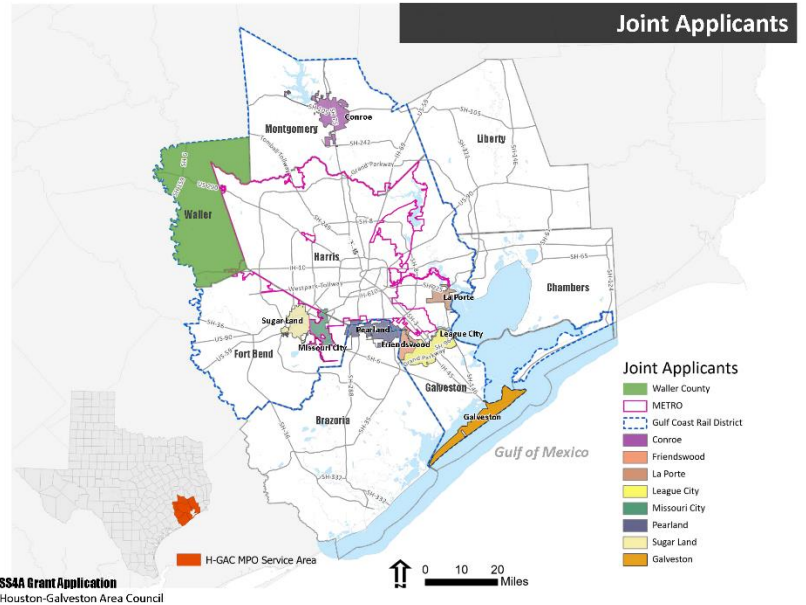
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- City of La Marque
- City of League City
- City of Missouri City
- City of Pearland
- City of Sugar Land
- City of Galveston

Additionally, H-GAC will partner with several local agencies, which also supported the grant H-GAC received, to develop the Regional Safety Action Plan and some local plans for their service areas. These entities include BayTran, Harris County, the city of Houston, and the East End Management District.



Map depicting H-GAC's SS4A grant application partners and the areas their Safety Action Plans will cover. Click to view a PDF version.

Safe Streets and Roads for All is a discretionary grant program established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law with the goal of improving roadway safety by reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through Safety Action Plans that address all transportation users. Five other local governments and agencies in the region were awarded Safe Streets and Roads for All grants:

- East End Management District received a \$600,000 planning grant to develop a Safety Action Plan.
- City of Rosenberg received a \$200,000 planning grant to develop a Safety Action Plan.
- City of Galveston received a \$320,000 planning grant to develop an island-wide Safety Action Plan.
- Port of Galveston received a \$340,000 planning grant to develop a Safety Action Plan.
- City of Houston received a \$28.8 million implementation grant for its Bissonnet Corridor Safe Streets Project.

As the metropolitan planning organization for the eight-county region, H-GAC will provide planning support for these agencies as they work to develop their plans and implement projects.

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“H-GAC is extremely grateful to the U.S. Department of Transportation to receive this award,” said Raborn. “We look forward to collaborating with our local government and agency leaders, community representatives, and other key stakeholders in making our region’s roadways safe, accessible, and reliable to all who use them.”

For information about H-GAC’s transportation planning programs and activities, visit the H-GAC website at h-gac.com and click the Mobility button on the home page.

Residents and stakeholders can also stay up to date on H-GAC events and happenings by viewing our online calendar of events at h-gac.com/calendar.

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