

8. CHAMBERS COUNTY THOROUGHFARE PLAN

BACKGROUND

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) established a partnership with Chambers County to update the County’s thoroughfare plan. A Thoroughfare Plan is a transportation planning tool which provides guidance on configuring the transportation system to support the County’s future needs. This is a long-range plan (50+ years) and ensures the preservation of adequate rights-of-way on appropriate alignments to allow the orderly and efficient expansion and improvement of the thoroughfare system to serve existing and future transportation needs. Coordination with adjacent counties occurred to ensure that the transportation network and roadway design is complementary and consistent across county boundaries and throughout the region.

The 2025 Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan ensures that the County transportation network was analyzed holistically, rather than by individual roadway segments, and considered existing and planned developments and trends. This Plan provides the County with an updated planning tool that can be used by the County to enforce right-of-way to not only manage and design a transportation network, but also to guide where new development and growth should occur throughout the County.

The Texas Local Government Code, Section 232.102, states the Commissioners Court may (1) require right-of-way on a street or road that functions as a major thoroughfare of a width of not more than 120 feet; or (2) require a right-of-way on a street or road that functions as a major thoroughfare of a width of more than 120 feet, if such requirement is consistent with a transportation plan adopted by the metropolitan planning organization of the region. The 2025 Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan consists of major arterials (thoroughfares with a minimum right-of-way width of 180 feet), minor arterials (thoroughfares with a minimum right-of-way width of 120 feet), and collectors with a minimum right-of-way width of 80 feet.

CURRENT SITUATION

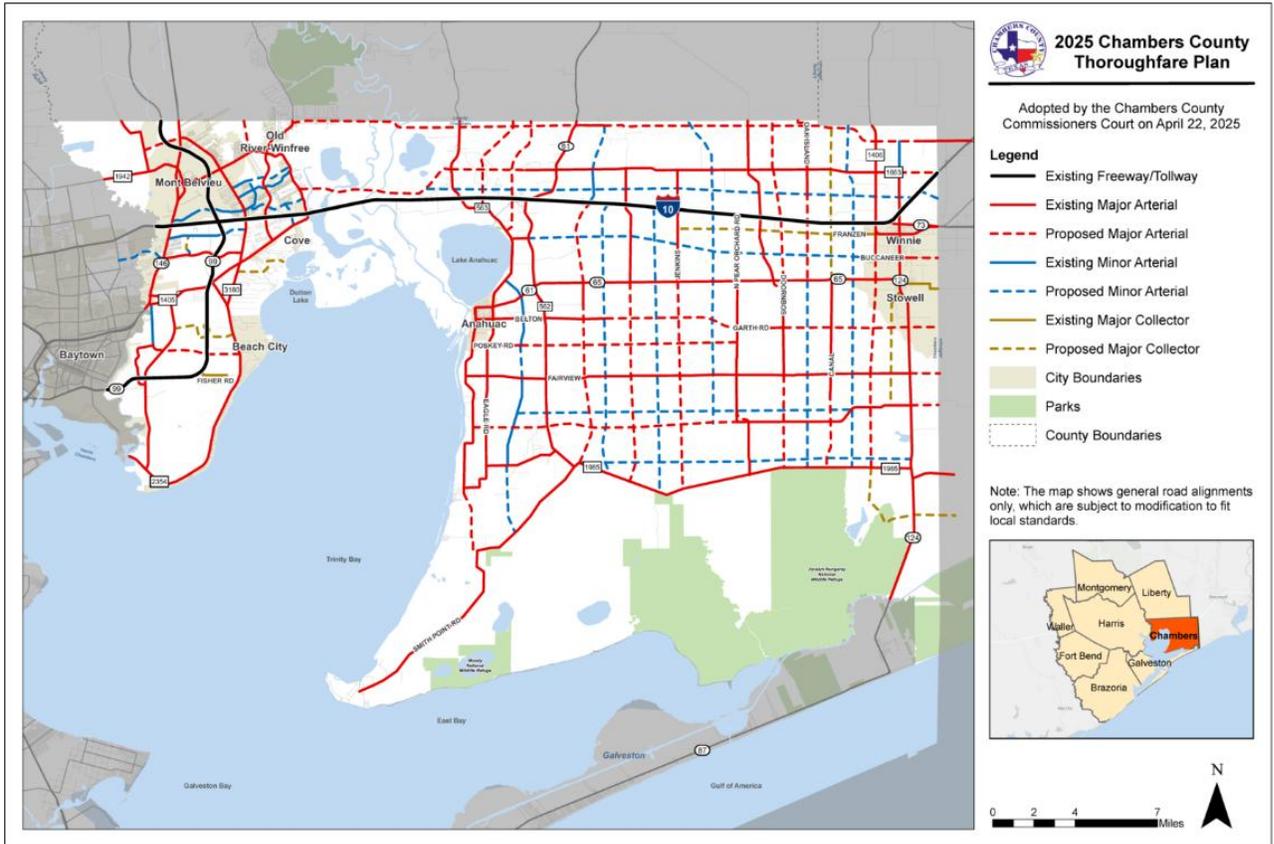
The 2025 Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan, attached as Figure 1 below, was adopted by Chambers County Commissioners Court on April 22, 2025. The Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan report is available online at <https://www.h-gac.com/subregional-planning> under “Local Thoroughfare Plans (prepared by H-GAC).”

The 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes thoroughfare plan updates for several counties, including Liberty County, Waller County, and Galveston County. These thoroughfare plans will be presented to TPC for adoption as they are completed to ensure alignment with the Texas Local Government Code. Additionally, these thoroughfare plans will inform updates to the Regional Thoroughfare Plan, which will be presented to the TPC for adoption at a future date.

ACTION REQUESTED

Discussion only.

Figure 1: Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan Map





Resolution

No. 2026-06

A RESOLUTION TO ADD THE 2025 CHAMBERS COUNTY THOROUGHFARE PLAN TO THE H-GAC REGIONAL THOROUGHFARE PLAN.

WHEREAS, Chambers County Commissioners Court, in preparation for continued population and employment growth, adopted the 2025 Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan on April 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan was cooperatively developed with the cities of Chambers County and will serve as a guide for development of roadways in Chambers County consistent with future development and mobility needs;

WHEREAS, the 2025 Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan consists of major arterials of 180 feet and minor arterials of 120 feet;

WHEREAS, per the Texas Local Government Code, Section 232.102, the commissioners court may (1) require right-of-way on a street or road that functions as a major thoroughfare of a width of not more than 120 feet; or (2) require a right-of-way on a street or road that functions as a major thoroughfare of a width of more than 120 feet, if such requirement is consistent with a transportation plan adopted by the metropolitan planning organization of the region; and

WHEREAS, H-GAC is replacing the 1970 Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan with the adopted 2025 Chambers County Thoroughfare Plan in the H-GAC Regional Thoroughfare Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL OF THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL THAT IT SUPPORTS THE 2025 CHAMBERS COUNTY THOROUGHFARE PLAN AND:

1. UPDATES THE H-GAC REGIONAL THOROUGHFARE PLAN TO INCLUDE THE 2025 CHAMBERS COUNTY THOROUGHFARE PLAN; AND
2. CONCURS WITH RIGHTS-OF-WAY REQUIREMENT OF 120 FEET AND GREATER AS IDENTIFIED IN THE CHAMBERS COUNTY THOROUGHFARE PLAN AND AS SHOWN IN ATTACHMENT 1 OF THIS RESOLUTION.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 27th day of March 2026, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council for the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Justin Beckendorff, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

Lesley Briones, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council