



**TO:** H-GAC Board of Directors  
**SUBJECT:** Board Report  
**FROM:** Chuck Wemple   
**DATE:** March 9, 2021

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at our virtual Board of Directors Meeting next week. The cancellation of our February Board Meeting due to the winter storm has resulted in a relatively large number of items on the March agenda as we catch up on February business and take up new business for March. A summary of the March Board packet is included below.

**Consent Agenda** – The consent agenda includes eleven items that are routine, continuation of ongoing activities, and/or opportunities to expand our service to the region. The combined items represent over \$3.7 million in contracts.

Our Human Services department has received additional funding to deliver nutrition, transportation, and a range of family support services to help older adults and individuals with disabilities live independent and healthy lives. Total contract amendments not to exceed \$1,469,769.

Each year, we designate April as Fair Housing Month and seek to raise awareness about the rights provided under the National Fair Housing Act. The Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of race or color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability. We are requesting adoption of a resolution recognizing April as Fair Housing Month for the H-GAC region.

Our Livable Centers program provides cities, counties, and management districts with technical assistance and planning services to improve quality of life and create more walkable and vibrant communities. The next Livable Centers study ready to begin in the Brays Oaks Management District; amount not to exceed \$242,500.

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve traffic safety and reduce accidents, injury, and fatalities on our roadways, we will be conducting safety audits on 51 of the most dangerous intersections in our region. Amount not to exceed \$750,000.

Our projections for regional growth indicate freight and goods movement will substantially increase over the next several years. H-GAC is preparing to update our 2013 freight and goods movement plan and identify projects and strategies that can accommodate growth while reducing traffic delays and accidents. Contract amount not to exceed \$900,000.

We are seeking to continue our 10-year partnership with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to provide technical assistance, data collection, and analysis on specific air quality improvement projects. Total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000.

The consent agenda also includes approval of the January 2021 Board Meeting minutes, continuation of two HGACBuy product lines, licensing renewal of our residential and business database, and an amendment with TCEQ to cover administrative costs associated with our air quality improvement non-profit.

**Legislative Committee** – will meet at **8:30 a.m.** to receive an update on the 87th Legislative Session. Members of the committee will receive a committee agenda and meeting notice, in addition to the general Board meeting packet.

**Finance and Budget Committee** – will meet at **9:15 a.m.** to consider the monthly financial reports for January and February; the 4th quarter investment report for 2020; and finance-related items on the Board agenda. Members of the committee will receive a committee agenda and meeting notice, in addition to the general Board packet.

**Human Services** – The Gulf Coast Workforce Board has completed the stakeholder and public input sessions for the Workforce System 2021-24 Local Plan. The plan is a guiding document for workforce development and training efforts and influences regional and local funding decisions for our largest program. We are requesting approval of the plan by the H-GAC Board.

**Transportation** – Fort Bend Transit, in partnership with the Houston Downtown Management District, seeks to develop a pilot commuter bus service to downtown Houston from the I-69 corridor in Fort Bend County. Two-year contract amount not to exceed \$3,384,252.

**Community and Environmental Planning** – has two items this month. We are requesting a resolution supporting our Regional Conservation Framework. The framework identifies strategies to support local governments with the voluntarily conservation of natural landscapes in the 13-county region.

We have an opportunity to apply for \$3,576,100 in CARES Act funding and become a regional provider of the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program. The program is designed to reduce mortgage foreclosures and homelessness resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Corporation for Regional Excellence** – is our non-profit corporation that serves as a repository for tax exempt contributions that support local government projects that improve quality of life within the H-GAC region. We are requesting approval of nominations for the Corporation for Regional Excellence Board of Directors. They will meet immediately following the Board meeting and will receive a separate agenda and meeting notice, in addition to the general Board packet.

**Spotlight** – Our spotlight this month will focus on our solid waste management program.

**Executive Director's Report** – I will provide an overview of H-GAC's work to assist our region in navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, as well other current and upcoming activities.

I appreciate your engagement and deliberation on the important action items before us. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the agenda items.



**AGENDA**  
**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA**  
**COUNCIL**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**March 16, 2021 10:00 AM**  
**Webinar:**  
**[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/  
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1. INVOCATION
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC COMMENT - Members of the public may participate by sending comments to [BoardPublicComments@h-gac.com](mailto:BoardPublicComments@h-gac.com); by joining online via our website; or by dialing 1-877-853-5247 or 1-888-788-0099 (Meeting ID 946 1099 7943; Participant ID 386201; Passcode 314537)
4. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

**ACTION**

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed are of a routine nature and may be acted on in a single motion unless requested otherwise by a member of the Board.

- a. H-GAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 19, 2021  
Request approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2021 H-GAC Board Meeting. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)
- b. HGACBUY – LAW ENFORCEMENT SPEED DETECTION AND VIDEO EQUIPMENT  
Request authorization of contracts with respondents for law enforcement speed detection and video equipment. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)
- c. HGACBUY – CURRENT MODEL CARS AND LIGHT TRUCKS  
Request authorization to negotiate a contract with the respondent listed in the Contract Award Recommendation Table for Current Model Cars and Light Trucks. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)
- d. RENEWAL OF BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL DATA  
Request approval to purchase Data Axle’s business and residential databases on behalf of contributing members of Geographic Data Workgroup; amount not to exceed \$51,450. (Staff Contact: Tanya Nguyen)
- e. AGING SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENTS  
Request approval of the aging services contract amendments; amount not to exceed \$1,469,769. (Staff Contact: Mike Temple)
- f. FAIR HOUSING MONTH  
Request adoption of resolution recognizing April as Fair Housing Month for the H-GAC region. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)
- g. BRAYS OAKS LIVABLE CENTERS STUDY  
Request authorization to contract with firms in order ranked to conduct Livable

Centers Study for the Brays Oaks Management District; amount not to exceed \$242,500. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

h. INTERSECTION SAFETY AUDITS

Request authorization to contract with firms in ranked order to assist with conducting traffic intersection safety audits; total amount not to exceed \$750,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

i. UPDATE OF THE REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN

Request authorization to negotiate a consulting contract with firms in order ranked to update the Regional Goods Movement Plan; amount not to exceed \$900,000 . (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

j. AREA EMISSION REDUCTION CREDIT ORGANIZATION

Request authorization to amend the Supplemental Environment Project Agreement between the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization to include an additional \$58,959 in the budget; amended total not to exceed \$5,547,759. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

k. AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Request authorization to execute an agreement with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; amount not to exceed \$250,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

6. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Report on activities and Committee recommendations.

a. INVESTMENT REPORT - 4TH QUARTER 2020

Request approval of the fourth quarter investment report ending December 31, 2020. (Staff Contact: Nancy Haussler)

b. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - JANUARY 2021

Request approval of monthly financial report ending January 31, 2021. (Staff Contact: Nancy Haussler)

c. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2021

Request approval of monthly financial report ending February 28, 2021. (Staff Contact: Nancy Haussler)

7. HUMAN SERVICES

a. WORKFORCE SYSTEM 2021-24 LOCAL PLAN

Request approval of the Workforce Board's Local Plan for 2021-2024. (Staff Contact: Mike Temple)

8. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

a. FORT BEND COUNTY COMMUTER BUS SERVICES PILOT PROJECT

Request authorization to enter into an agreement with Fort Bend Transit for up to two years for the Fort Bend County-Downtown Houston Commuter Express Bus Service; amount not to exceed \$3,384,252. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

9. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

- a. REGIONAL CONSERVATION FRAMEWORK  
Request Board adoption of the resolution supporting the Regional Conservation Framework. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)
  - b. TEXAS EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
Request authorization to submit application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program; amount not to exceed \$3,576,100. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)
10. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
- a. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE  
Report from Legislative Committee. No action necessary. (Contact: Chair, Judge Nate McDonald)
11. H-GAC BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
- a. CORPORATION FOR REGIONAL EXCELLENCE - APPOINTMENTS  
Request approval of nominations for Corporation for Regional Excellence Board of Directors. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

## **INFORMATION**

12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- a. H-GAC SPOTLIGHT – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE  
No action requested. Information only. (Staff Contact: Erin Livingston)
  - b. CURRENT AND UPCOMING H-GAC ACTIVITIES  
Report on current and upcoming H-GAC activities. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)
13. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, H-GAC will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending H-GAC functions. Requests should be received by H-GAC 24 hours prior to the function.

## **H-GAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 19, 2021**

### **Background**

The H-GAC Board of Directors convenes on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Meeting minutes are prepared following each Board meeting to summarize any action taken and document the attendance of Board members.

### **Current Situation**

A summary of the January 19 meeting of the H-GAC Board of Directors is attached and recommended for approval.

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

Request approval of the minutes of the January 19, 2021 H-GAC Board Meeting. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- ▢ Board Meeting Minutes - January 19 2021                      Cover Memo

**MEETING MINUTES  
H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
January 19, 2021**

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**ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

The following members of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) attended all or a portion of the January 19, 2021 Board meeting, via webinar and/or teleconference:

Austin County Judge Tim Lapham	City of Lake Jackson Mayor Gerald Roznovsky
Brazoria County Commissioner Stacy Adams	City of League City Council Member Larry Millican
Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers	City of Missouri City Council Member Jeffrey Boney
Galveston County Commissioner Ken Clark	City of Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole
Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia	City of Sugar Land Mayor Joe Zimmerman
Liberty County Judge Jay Knight	<i>Home Rule Cities (Less than 25,000):</i>
Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald	City of Dickinson Councilmember William King III
Waller County Judge Trey Duhon	City of Seabrook Mayor Pro Tem Natalie Picha
Wharton County Judge Phillip Spenrath	<i>General Law Cities:</i>
City of Conroe Mayor Pro Tem Raymond McDonald	City of Waller Council Member Nancy Arnold
City of Deer Park Councilman Bill Patterson	City of Pattison Mayor Joe Garcia
City of Friendswood Councilmember Sally Branson	
City of Houston Council Member Sallie Alcorn	
City of Huntsville Mayor Andy Brauning	
City of La Porte Councilmember Bill Bentley (Alternate)	

The following Board members were not marked in attendance at the January 19, 2021 Board meeting:

Chambers County Commissioner Mark Tice	City of Galveston Mayor Dr. Craig Brown
Colorado County Judge Ty Prause	City of Houston Council Member Letitia Plummer
Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo	City of Pasadena Councilmember Cary Bass
Montgomery County Commissioner Charlie Riley	City of Rosenberg Mayor William Benton
Walker County Commissioner Jimmy Henry	City of Texas City Commissioner Jami Clark
City of Baytown Council Member Charles Johnson	Huntsville ISD Trustee Rissie Owens

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Chair, City of Waller Council Member Nancy Arnold, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 via Webinar and Teleconference at 1-877-853-5247.

## **ROLL CALL**

Chair Arnold asked Rick Guerrero, Houston-Galveston Area Council Director of Intergovernmental Relations, to conduct the Board of Directors Roll Call. Mr. Guerrero conducted the Roll Call and announced that a quorum was present. Mr. Guerrero then welcomed several special guests, including Melissa Washington and Brooke Bacuetes from the General Land Office; Jay Guerrero from Senator Cornyn's office; Jason Fuller from Senator Cruz's office; and the Executive Director of the Texas Association of Regional Councils, Ginny Lewis Ford. Several of our H-GAC Board Alternates were also present: City of Bunker Hill Village, Councilmember Susan Schwartz, representing General Law cities; and City of Kemah Council Member Teresa Vazquez-Evans, also representing General Law cities.

### **1. INVOCATION**

City of Dickinson Councilman William King III, H-GAC Board of Directors Vice Chair, gave the invocation.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City of Sugar Land Mayor Joe Zimmerman led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Arnold recognized City of Missouri City Council Member Floyd Emery, former H-GAC Board Member and Chair. Council Member Emery introduced the new members of the H-GAC Board of Directors representing the City of Missouri City: Council Member Jeffrey Boney as Member and Council Member Lynn Clouser as Alternate.

Chair Arnold then invited comments from any members of the public who wished to participate during the call and asked Mr. Guerrero if any public comments had been received via email prior to the meeting. Mr. Guerrero stated that we had not received any public comments via the email address posted publicly. He then opened the floor for public comments to those who had joined the meeting via webinar or teleconference. Mr. Guerrero announced if there was anyone on the line who would like to make a public comment, they could do so now by stating their name and they will have three minutes to make a public comment. He asked them to unmute their microphones at this time. There were no additional public comments.

### **4. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Chair Arnold called for any Board member with a conflict of interest to declare it at that time. There being none, Chair Arnold proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Arnold called for the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, she entertained motions from the floor for approval of the five items on the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Zimmerman moved to approve the consent agenda. Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia seconded the motion. Chair Arnold then called for a vote which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

The following items were acted on by approval of the consent agenda:

- a. **H-GAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES – December 15, 2020** – approved the minutes of the December 15, 2020 H-GAC Board Meeting.
- b. **HGACBUY – FLEET SERVICES EQUIPMENT** – authorized contracts with respondents for Fleet Services Equipment.
- c. **PERSONNEL POLICY – AMENDMENT** – approved proposed revisions to H-GAC personnel policy.
- d. **AGING SERVICES CONTRACTS** – authorized contract with Texas Southern University for evidence-based health education and promotion instruction services for older adults; amount not to exceed \$70,000.
- e. **INVESTMENT POLICY** – approved H-GAC’s Investment Policy.

**6. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**a. Monthly Financial Report – December 2020**

Vice Chair King announced that the Finance and Budget Committee convened earlier in the morning, with a quorum present, to hear the details of this month’s financial matters. Vice Chair King then recognized Nancy Haussler, H-GAC Chief Financial Officer, to present the Financial Report for December. Ms. Haussler stated that we are still closing the books for December, hence this is a preliminary report of the end-of-year activities. She also stated that we have good news to report: we have exceeded the expectations for the change in our fund balance. The Gulf Coast Regional 911 and the Enterprise Fund have both increased materially.

Ms. Haussler also reported that variances from previous months continue for our HGAC Energy Purchasing Corporation, interest income, federal grants revenue, and several other line items which did not meet the projections.

Ms. Haussler asked if there were any questions on the Financial Report. There being none, City of Friendswood Councilmember Sally Branson moved to approve and Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion. Chair Arnold called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

**7. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

**a. Clean Vehicles Program - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funding Agreement**

Chair Arnold recognized Patrick Mandapaka, H-GAC Assistant Director of Transportation. Mr. Mandapaka requested authorization to enter into a Local Project Advance Funding Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for the receipt of Congestion

Management and Air Quality funding for the Clean Vehicles Program; amount not to exceed \$8,000,000. He stated that the main goal of this program is to reduce air pollution and improve air quality in our region. Mr. Mandapaka explained that the program provides grant incentives to government and public entities to replace heavy-duty diesel vehicles with cleaner vehicles, including school buses. Since its inception in 1995, the program has funded over 5,000 engine/vehicle replacements, helped to develop 15 alternative fueling stations, and distributed over \$125 million in financial aid to various organizations. One requirement for this program is the Buy America Challenge which mandates that 100% of the iron and steel components must be domestically sourced, as well as the final assembly completed in the United States.

Mr. Mandapaka asked if there were any questions from the floor. There being none, he requested approval of this item. Commissioner Garcia so moved and Mayor Zimmerman seconded the motion. Chair Arnold called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

## **8. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

### **a. Legislative Principles - 87th Session of the Texas Legislature**

Chair Arnold recognized Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald, Chair of the Legislative Committee. Judge McDonald reported that the Legislative Committee convened earlier in the morning with a quorum present to hear the details of the standing legislative agenda from Mr. Guerrero as well as possible additional items from Mr. Guerrero and Mr. Wemple. Mr. Wemple stated that two additional topics were discussed for inclusion in the legislative principles list that H-GAC would actively support: regionally significant transportation projects – including a portion of the Grand Parkway for example; and water resources, especially flood mitigation. He also stated that Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers, Chair of the H-GAC Water Resources Committee, will provide additional language with regards to flooding. Mr. Wemple then requested Mr. Guerrero to report on the legislative principles. Mr. Guerrero added that the specific request is to support projects of regional significance approved by the Transportation Policy Council, in addition to the proposed principles, that would enhance the region's ability to meet its mobility challenges through a variety of transportation modes and funding streams. Commissioner Meyers stated the Water Resources Committee is concerned with the equity of the federal grants; specifically, the guidelines are not very favorable to the smaller counties and cities. Mr. Wemple also mentioned that there were discussions several months ago regarding the usage of utility companies right of ways for the conveyance of flood waters. Commissioner Meyers concurred and added that the proposal was to modify legislation to allow utility companies liability protection from lawsuits related to utilizing their right of way for flood water conveyance.

Judge McDonald moved for approval of the recommended legislative principles, as amended. Vice Chair King seconded the motion. Chair Arnold called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

## **9. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING**

### **a. Parks and Natural Areas Awards Resolution**

Chair Arnold recognized Jeff Taebel, H-GAC Director of Community and Environmental Planning, to present this item. Mr. Taebel announced that this is the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the awards program, during which time we have honored over 200 local parks. He also noted that we have such a broad range of creative projects, from a major trail expansion on Buffalo Bayou through the Fifth Ward and through East End, to reclaiming vacant lots in underinvested communities and creating play opportunities outside of apartment complexes. There will be a virtual awards ceremony via Zoom on February 5 at 9:00 a.m., which will also include the presentation of the water quality awards. Additional information can be found on the H-GAC website along with photos of all the winners for the last 15 years. (<https://www.h-gac.com/parks-and-natural-areas/awards>)

Mr. Taebel requested adoption of the resolution recognizing January as Parks and Natural Areas Month in support of the Parks and Natural Areas Awards program. Councilmember Branson moved to approve and Liberty County Judge Jay Knight seconded the motion. Chair Arnold called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

## **10. RESOLUTIONS HONORING SERVICE TO OUR REGION**

### **a. Resolution Honoring Retiring Board Member**

Chair Arnold requested approval of a Resolution honoring the service to H-GAC and the region of City of Missouri City Council Member Dr. Cheryl Sterling.

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve and Commissioner Meyers seconded the motion. Chair Arnold called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

### **b. Resolution Honoring Service to our Region**

Chair Arnold requested approval of a Resolution honoring the service to our region of Mr. David Leyendecker Jr., a professional engineer and real estate broker for several local governments in our region.

Chair Arnold moved to approve and Mayor Garcia seconded the motion. Chair Arnold called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

## **11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **a. Response to COVID-19 Pandemic**

Chair Arnold once again yielded the floor to Mr. Wemple. Mr. Wemple stated that most of the agency remains in remote work status; since March 2020. A very small crew comes to the office on a rotating business for facilities management, mailroom, and IT services. We are watching the COVID-19 numbers across our region, especially in Harris County where our office is located. We are also waiting to see how the vaccine rolls out, consulting legal experts and peers, and discussing hybrid meetings. Mr. Wemple also mentioned that we need to reactivate our Health Care Committee to specifically look at the capacity of beds in our region's hospitals, as many who have needed help during COVID-19 have not been able to get the help they needed. Mr. Wemple noted that Curtis Cooper, H-GAC Senior Manager of the Area Agency on Aging, and his cohorts at the state level have suggested giving COVID-19 vaccinations in conjunction with their meals and other services to the elderly.

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**b. H-GAC Spotlight – Economic Development Update**

Mr. Wemple recognized Jillian Donatto, H-GAC Senior Planner in the Community and Environmental Planning department and lead staff administrator for the Gulf Coast Economic Development District. Ms. Donatto explained that the mission of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District is to bolster and enhance our region’s economic local developers ability to grow jobs, generate private investment, and expand trade as well as enhance quality of life for the talented workers that fuel the economic growth across our region.

In 2020, the Gulf Coast Economic Development District completed the regional strategic plan and action plan, published the *Regional High-Speed Internet Strategy* to help members build capacity for expanding internet and telecommunications infrastructure in their localities, provided technical assistance for 25 projects that support ongoing expansion and reinvestment in water, wastewater, storm water, and transportation infrastructure projects. The third focus was on workforce development efforts – to grow local skills tied to high growth occupations in the regions key industries. Ms. Donatto also announced that technical assistance was provided for the Economic Development Administration’s investment in facilities improvements for the San Jacinto College Edge Center, an aviation and aerospace training center at Ellington Field.

Looking ahead for 2021, Ms. Donatto stated that they will continue to deliver the core products and services, as well as recovery work and ensuring that they remain proactive and relevant. She also reported that they began to work on the Starter Hubs Initiative, which will support small businesses to help build regional entrepreneurial initiatives.

**c. Current and Upcoming H-GAC Activities**

Mr. Wemple took the floor once again to report on upcoming H-GAC activities. Mr. Wemple welcomed the new Board members and announced that they will receive a proper orientation to H-GAC soon, but they should feel free to reach out to him and team members with any questions or concerns. He also commended City of Seabrook Mayor Pro Tem Natalie Picha, Mayor Zimmerman, City of League City Council Member Larry Millican, Galveston County Commissioner Ken Clark, and Chair Arnold for their work on the Transportation Policy Council nominating committee.

Mr. Wemple also thanked Huntsville I.S.D. Trustee Rissie Owens for coordinating with Region 6 I.S.D.’s to increase participation in H-GAC of independent school districts. Mr. Wemple stated that H-GAC can help the I.S.D.s with workforce and students with a variety of career options; and provide various skilled workers such as bus drivers, electricians, plumbers, and the like. The HGACBuy division can also partner in a reciprocity agreement with the I.S.D.s cooperative purchasing program. Another meeting will be held in the spring to discuss these partnerships further.

Mr. Wemple stated that the Census data will be forthcoming in the next few weeks and the Board composition may change as a result. For instance, the City of Alvin may gain a seat on the Board since they are projected to exceed 25,000 population. Also, Fort Bend County and Montgomery County may have also grown enough to warrant another seat on the Board. Our region has grown and the Board composition should reflect that growth. We may form an ad hoc committee to explore these matters.

Mr. Wemple stated that this spring we will also be developing the method of distribution, or the allocation formula, for the Hurricane Harvey mitigation funds. For the first round that was completed, H-GAC had over \$200 million to equitably allocate among the 13 counties and 110 cities region, excepting Harris County and the City of Houston who each received their own direct allocation from the state. This time, there are no direct allocations hence Harris County and the City of Houston will be included. In the Water Resources Committee, we started to a preliminary formula based on similar previous approaches from Hurricane Rita, Hurricane Ike, and other disasters. Additional factors included housing, personal property damage, population in the flood plains, low-to-moderate income households. We will place that information on our website as a discussion item; no action has been taken. We are waiting on the final guidance from the General Land Office, which may change the approach as well. The information is anticipated to be finalized in the late February-March timeframe with applications being accepted later in the year.

Mr. Wemple announced that the Annual Meeting will be held on January 29 at 9:00 a.m. and will be virtual this year. The annual report and service video will be unveiled at that time.

Mr. Wemple also announced changes to the FEMA Homeland Security grants allocation and prioritization process whereby applications will now compete at the national level. At this point, only \$4.2 million is allocated for the entire state.

Mr. Wemple announced that H-GAC has hired Craig Raborn as the new Director of Transportation to replace Alan Clark who retired in 2020 after more than 30 years with H-GAC. Mr. Wemple also thanked Mr. Mandapaka for his fantastic work as assistant director during the interim.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Arnold adjourned the January Meeting of the H-GAC Board of Directors at 11:18 a.m.

## HGACBUY – LAW ENFORCEMENT SPEED DETECTION AND VIDEO EQUIPMENT

### Background

The H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGACBuy) establishes contracts for a variety of products and services through competitive solicitations. Member governments are able to use the contracts to make purchases. HGACBuy received and opened fourteen bids for Law Enforcement Speed Detection and Video Equipment on December 7, 2020. The following companies submitted bids:

Applied Concepts, Inc. dba Stalker Radar	Richardson, TX
COBAN Technologies, Inc.	Houston, TX
Digital Ally, Inc.	Lenexa, KS
Kustom Signals, Inc.	Lenexa, KS
Laser Technology, Inc.	Centennial, CO
Monitor Systems	Dallas, TX
Portable Computer Systems, Inc. dba PCS Mobile	Denver, CO
Safety Vision, LLC	Houston, TX
Securewatch24, LLC	New York, NY
SF Mobile Vision, Inc. dba Safe Fleet Law Enforcement	Houston, TX
Turn-Key Mobile, Inc.	Jefferson City, MO
Vetted Security Solutions, LLC	St. Petersburg, FL
Vigilant Solutions, LLC	Livermore, CA
WatchGuard Video, Inc.	Allen, TX

### Current Situation

This contract is a continuation of an existing contract in our portfolio, consisting of speed detection instruments/systems (fixed vehicle-mounted detectors and hand-held designs); unmanned speed radar displays (free standing signs and trailers); and in-vehicle video recording systems and other related equipment. Three new brands have been added, covering speed detection, car video, body-worn camera, and mobile computing. All bid responses have been evaluated by H-GAC staff. Twelve bids are being recommended for award. The response from Portable Computer Systems, Inc. dba PCS Mobile was deemed non-compliant due to omission of required documentation.

### Funding Source

Participating local government purchasers

### Budgeted

N/A

### Action Requested

Request authorization of contracts with respondents for law enforcement speed detection and video equipment. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

▫ EF04-21: Award Recommendation Table

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**EF04-21: Award Recommendation Table**

<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Product Code</b>	<b>Bidder</b>
<b>A: Speed Detection</b>		
Decatur Electronics	EF21A2-EF21A3	Securewatch24, LLC
Digital Ally, Inc.	EF21A4	Digital Ally, Inc.
Kustom Signals, Inc.	EF21A8-EF21A17	Kustom Signals, Inc.
LTI	EF21A20-EF21A23	Laser Technology, Inc.
Monitor Systems	EF21A25-EF21A27	Monitor Systems
Stalker	EF21A35- EF21A37	Applied Concepts, Inc. dba Stalker Radar
Tru-Speed	EF21A38	Laser Technology, Inc.
<b>B: Video Equipment</b>		
Coban	EF21B4-EF21B5	COBAN Technologies, Inc.
Digital Ally, Inc.	EF21B11-EF21B12	Digital Ally, Inc.
Getac	EF21B16-EF21B17	Securewatch24, LLC
Panasonic	EF21B24-EF21B25	Turn-Key Mobile, Inc.
Kustom Signals, Inc.	EF21B26-EF21B29	Kustom Signals, Inc.
Safety Vision	EF21B30-EF21B34	Safety Vision, LLC
SF Mobile-Vision	EF21B35, EF21B37	SF Mobile Vision, Inc. dba Safe Fleet Law Enforcement
Stalker	EF21B39	Applied Concepts, Inc. dba Stalker Radar
TruCam	EF21B40	Laser Technology, Inc.
Vigilant Solutions	EF21B41, EF21B47-EF21B56	Vigilant Solutions, LLC
WatchGuard Video	EF21B42-EF21B43	WatchGuard Video, Inc.
<b>C: Miscellaneous (System Software, Mobile computing, Docking/mounting Solutions and other related equipment)</b>		
CradlePoint	EF21C3	Turn-Key Mobile, Inc.
Decatur Electronics	EF21C4	Securewatch24, LLC
Gamber Johnson	EF21C5	Turn-Key Mobile, Inc.
Genetec	EF21C6-EF21C8	Turn-Key Mobile, Inc.
Getac	EF21C9	Securewatch24, LLC
Havis	EF21C10	Turn-Key Mobile, Inc.
Panasonic	EF21C12	Turn-Key Mobile, Inc.
Vigilant Solutions	EF21C21- EF21C23	Vigilant Solutions, LLC
Watch Guard Video	EF21C24-EF21C25	WatchGuard Video, Inc.

## HGACBUY – CURRENT MODEL CARS AND LIGHT TRUCKS

### Background

The H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGACBuy) establishes contracts for a variety of products and services through competitive solicitations. Member governments are able to use the contracts to make purchases. HGACBuy received and opened two bids for Current Model Cars and Light Trucks on January 07, 2021. The following companies submitted bids:

Ed Morse, LLC dba Freedom Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram by Ed Morse	Duncanville, TX
Johnson-Grayson Automotive, Inc. dba Holiday Chevrolet	Whitesboro, TX

### Current Situation

This contract is a continuation of an existing contract in our portfolio, consisting of current model cars and light trucks. All bid responses have been evaluated by H-GAC staff. One bid is being recommended for award.

### Funding Source

Participating local government purchases

### Budgeted

N/A

### Action Requested

Request authorization to negotiate a contract with the respondent listed in the Contract Award Recommendation Table for Current Model Cars and Light Trucks. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)

### ATTACHMENTS:

- VE11-20A Contract Award Recommendation Table      Cover Memo

**VE11-20A Contract Award Recommendation Table**

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Product Category</b>
Dodge	
Ed Morse LLC dba Freedom Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram by Ed Morse	Full Size Patrol Sedan
	VE20ACA01-VE20AC02
	Patrol Utility
	VE20AC03-VE20AC04
	Special Service Vehicle - Utility
VE20AC05-VE20AC06	

## **RENEWAL OF BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL DATA**

### **Background**

H-GAC and members of the Geographic Data Workgroup (GDW) rely on business and residential data for various mapping activities. For several years, H-GAC has relied on Data Axle (formerly known as Infogroup; now rebranded as Data Axle) as the most reliable resource, in terms of location accuracy of business and address classifications. In addition, individual residential data has been a resource relied on by the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network and the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District for address verifications.

### **Current Situation**

On behalf of contributing members of GDW, H-GAC has negotiated to renew the license agreement of Data Axle's 2021 Business and Residential database. The renewed license agreement will allow H-GAC and contributing members of GDW to obtain the Data Axle 2021 Business and Residential database containing approximately 1,524,650 business records and 6,358,775 residential records, as well as continue to use past year's licensed databases. Cost of the renewal would be \$51,450, borne collectively through elective cost-sharing contributions which have already been committed.

### **Funding Source**

Funds committed by participating cost-share organizations

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request approval to purchase Data Axle's business and residential databases on behalf of contributing members of Geographic Data Workgroup; amount not to exceed \$51,450. (Staff Contact: Tanya Nguyen)

## **AGING SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENTS**

### **Background**

As the Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center for 12 counties in the region, H-GAC contracts with community organizations and direct service providers to deliver nutrition, transportation, and a range of family support services to help older adults and individuals with disabilities live independent and healthy lives.

### **Current Situation**

We have received additional funds to increase the numbers of curbside and home-delivered meals we deliver for older adults through our community providers. We also have additional funds to increase respite care services we offer through direct service providers for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

The Aging and Disability Advisory Committee met on March 11 and its recommendations to amend existing contracts are shown in the attachment.

### **Funding Source**

Texas Health and Human Services Commission

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request approval of the aging services contract amendments; amount not to exceed \$1,469,769.  
(Staff Contact: Mike Temple)

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Aging Services Contract Amendments                      Backup Material

**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL / AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL / AREA AGENCY ON AGING  
FY 2021**

**Attachment A  
Funding Amendment #1 by Contractor**

<b>Contractor Name</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Board Approved</b>	<b>Proposed Home Delivered Meals Funding</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Nutrition and Transportation Services</b>				
ActionS, Inc. of Brazoria County	Brazoria	\$ 560,829	\$ 165,509	\$ 726,338
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston	Fort Bend	\$ 195,935	\$ 50,479	\$ 246,414
Cleveland Senior Citizens Organization	Liberty	\$ 131,139	\$ 59,390	\$ 190,529
Colorado Valley Transit, Inc.	Austin Waller	\$ 88,494	\$ -	\$ 88,494
Economic Action Committee of the Gulf Coast	Matagorda	\$ 107,519	\$ 60,311	\$ 167,830
Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels & Much Much More, Inc	Fort Bend	\$ 961,970	\$ 253,593	\$ 1,215,563
Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels & Much Much More, Inc - Waller County Sr. Citizens	Waller	\$ 69,341	\$ 55,963	\$ 125,304
Galveston County	Galveston	\$ 399,376	\$ 102,421	\$ 501,797
G.R.A.C.E. Initiative of South Liberty County	Liberty	\$ 42,125	\$ 16,177	\$ 58,302
HOA Inc. of Austin County	Austin	\$ 67,866	\$ 55,529	\$ 123,395
Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston	Galveston	\$ 215,049	\$ 75,526	\$ 290,575
Meals on Wheels Montgomery County	Montgomery	\$ 787,516	\$ 218,116	\$ 1,005,632
Senior Center of Walker County	Walker	\$ 119,369	\$ 63,060	\$ 182,429
Senior Citizen Project of Chambers County	Chambers	\$ 73,802	\$ 55,156	\$ 128,958
Colorado County Senior Citizens - Wharton County Jr. College	Colorado	\$ 84,144	\$ 54,886	\$ 139,030
Wharton County Senior Citizens - Wharton County Jr. College	Wharton	\$ 121,923	\$ 63,653	\$ 185,576
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,026,397</b>	<b>\$ 1,349,769</b>	<b>\$ 5,376,166</b>
<b>In-Direct Services</b>				
<b>Contractor Name</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Board Approved</b>	<b>Proposed CARES Respite Care Funding</b>	<b>Total</b>
Aegis Senior Care Group, LLC	12 County Region	50,000	15,000	65,000
American Primary Home Care, LLC	12 County Region	\$ 55,000	15,000	\$ 70,000
Consider the Lilies Home Care, Inc	12 County Region	\$ 50,000	15,000	\$ 65,000
Haselden HomeCare LLC dba Synergy HomeCare of Katy	12 County Region	\$ 70,000	15,000	\$ 85,000
Kristen Cares, Inc dba Right at Home Greater Galveston	12 County Region	\$ 60,000	15,000	\$ 75,000
MiMac Health Services, Inc	12 County Region	\$ 100,000	15,000	\$ 115,000
Crystal Beach Ventures, LLC dba Synergy HomeCare Galveston	12 County Region	\$ 50,000	15,000	\$ 65,000
Mosher Initiatives Inc. dba Synergy HomeCare	12 County Region	\$ 50,000	15,000	\$ 65,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 485,000</b>	<b>\$ 120,000</b>	<b>\$ 605,000</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ 4,511,397</b>	<b>\$ 1,469,769</b>	<b>\$ 5,981,166</b>

## **FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

### **Background**

The Houston-Galveston Area Council has been administering the Texas Community Development Program since 1983. This year marks the 53rd anniversary of the National Fair Housing Act of 1968. The Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of race or color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability. The Act also applies to rental properties and properties for sale, as well as mortgage lending. Sellers or landlords may not make the home unavailable, refuse to negotiate price, or provide different services to anyone protected by the act; and also requires each grantee to perform a well-publicized activity to further fair housing opportunities within its region such as resolutions, workshops, public service announcements, and the preparation of a community-wide housing analysis to determine impediments to fair housing and implement actions to eliminate these impediments along with other approved activities.

H-GAC promotes Fair Housing activities at various times during the year via electronic newsletter and newspaper advertisements and makes this information available to its cities and counties within the region. H-GAC's April 27, 2021 Bringing Back Main Street Roundtable will focus on how to further fair housing in the region.

### **Current Situation**

The adoption of this resolution recognizes April as Fair Housing Month for the Gulf Coast State Planning Region and complies with the requirements set by the Office of Rural Affairs – Texas Department of Agriculture. The resolution is part of H-GAC's community development program, which also provides technical assistance to local governments for community development activities.

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

Request adoption of resolution recognizing April as Fair Housing Month for the H-GAC region.  
(Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

## **BRAYS OAKS LIVABLE CENTERS STUDY**

### **Background**

Establishing “Livable Centers” is one of the implementation strategies of H-GAC’s 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. The aim of this strategy is to create more walkable, mixed-use places that reduce reliance on single-vehicle occupancy. A total of thirty-one have been completed in our region.

### **Current Situation**

The next Livable Centers study is ready to begin in the Brays Oaks Management District. The overall goal of the study is to create a Livable Centers plan that will lead to a healthy, sustainable, context-sensitive, multi-modal environment and address the needs of residents, property owners, business owners and visitors for shopping, dining, recreation, entertainment, learning, wellness and more. A committee of representatives from H-GAC, TxDOT, and the Brays Oaks District evaluated six proposals submitted by firms on January 19, 2021. Based on the committee’s scoring and evaluation of the proposals and interviews, the recommendation and ranking are shown below:

1. Lionheart Places, LLC
2. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
3. Design Workshop

### **Funding Source**

Federal and Local

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

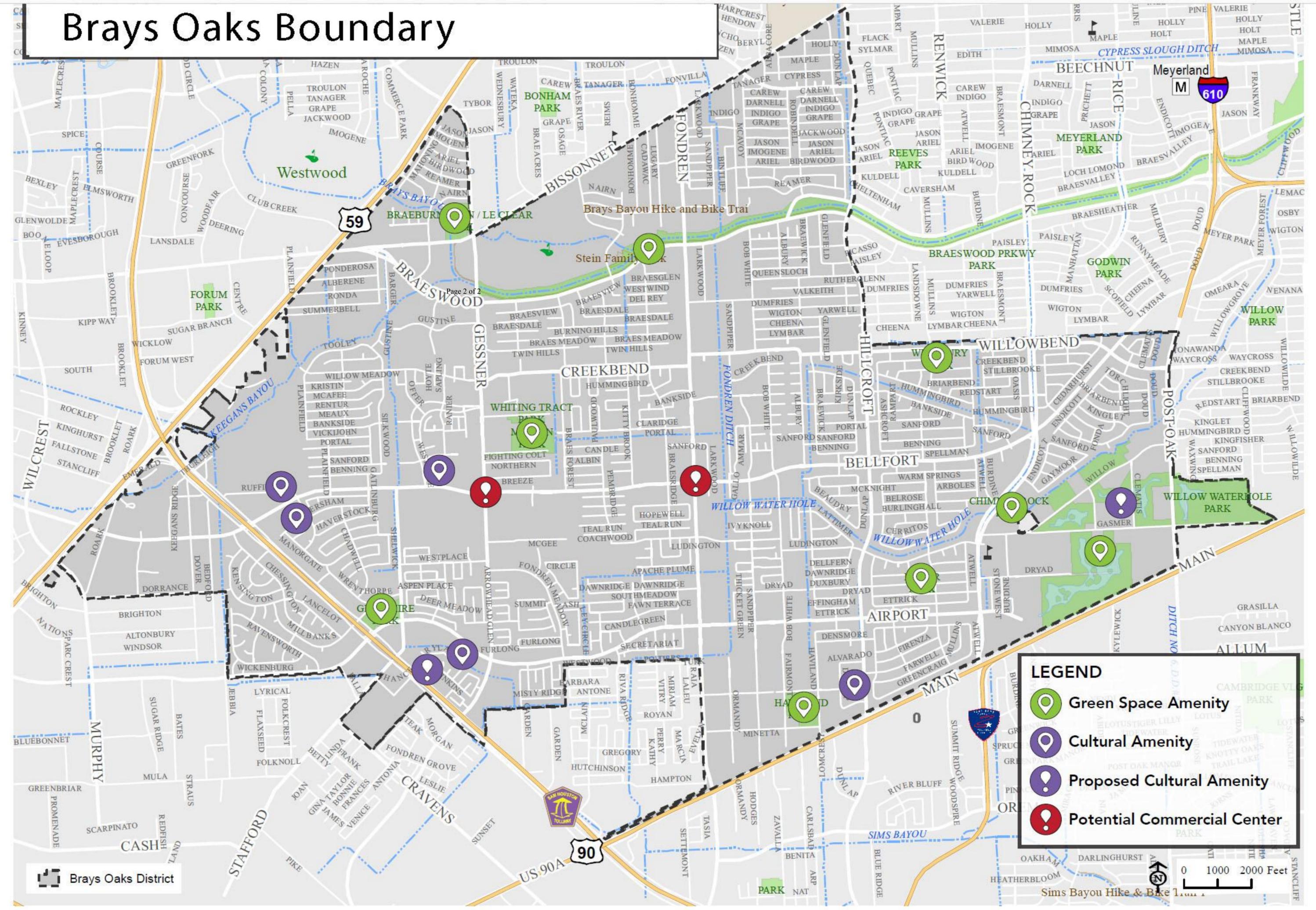
Request authorization to contract with firms in order ranked to conduct Livable Centers Study for the Brays Oaks Management District; amount not to exceed \$242,500. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

▫ Brays Oaks Study Boundary

Cover Memo

# Brays Oaks Boundary



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**LEGEND**

-  Green Space Amenity
-  Cultural Amenity
-  Proposed Cultural Amenity
-  Potential Commercial Center

 Brays Oaks District

0 1000 2000 Feet

Sims Bayou Hike & Bike Trail

## INTERSECTION SAFETY AUDITS

### Background

Approximately 40 percent of all traffic crashes in the Region occur at roadway intersections. These crashes result in loss of life and serious injuries, and contribute to traffic congestion and travel delays. The Transportation Policy Council adopted the 2018 Regional Safety Plan in August 2018. The Plan identified five focus areas that represented the most pressing traffic crash types in the region, including intersection crashes. The Transportation Policy Council also adopted a Vision Zero policy in November 2020 to end traffic fatalities in the region by 2050.

Houston-Galveston Area Council staff analyzed crash data and worked with local jurisdictions to identify traffic intersections in need of improvement based on several safety criteria and/or local preference. The criteria utilized to select intersections was at least one fatality or serious injury crash in the last three years and an intersection crash rate greater than 1 fatality/serious injury crash per 1 million vehicles entering the intersection. 126 intersections were identified.

### Current Situation

H-GAC issued a Request for Qualifications for a consultant to assist staff in performing traffic safety analysis on regional traffic intersections identified by staff and regional partners. A committee of representatives from the H-GAC and the Texas Department of Transportation evaluated the proposals and the committee's recommendation and ranking are listed below:

1. KimleyHorn and Associates
2. WSP
3. Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering
4. Gradient Group
5. TJKM
6. Gunda Corporation
7. EHRA Engineering

The proposed contract authorization will fund 51 intersection safety audits across the region.

### Funding Source

Texas Department of Transportation - Federal Funds

### Budgeted

Yes

### Action Requested

Request authorization to contract with firms in ranked order to assist with conducting traffic intersection safety audits; total amount not to exceed \$750,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

## **UPDATE OF THE REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN**

### **Background**

The Houston-Galveston region is served by an intermodal network of road, rail, water, air, and pipeline facilities through which goods are transported. H-GAC developed a Regional Goods Movement Plan in 2013. The purpose of the Regional Goods Movement Plan is to examine trucking, railroad, marine, pipeline, and air freight movement to develop strategies and projects to decrease congestion and improve freight mobility and safety in the eight-county region. H-GAC is preparing to conduct a planning effort to update this plan. H-GAC also completed a Ports Area Mobility Study in 2020 that analyzed supply chains linking the four deep-water ports in the region and identified port related mobility recommendations.

In May 2020, the Board of Directors provided authorization to execute an Advanced Funding Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation to update H-GAC's Regional Goods Movement Plan. This agreement included \$1,000,892 in federal funds for the planning project.

### **Current Situation**

The Houston-Galveston Area Council issued a Request for Proposals in October 2020 to procure a consultant to assist with the update of the Regional Goods Movement Plan. H-GAC received two proposals and the Proposal Evaluation Committee recommended the consultant proposals in the ranked order below:

1. HDR Engineering, Inc.
2. Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

### **Funding Source**

Federal Funds - Texas Department of Transportation

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request authorization to negotiate a consulting contract with firms in order ranked to update the Regional Goods Movement Plan; amount not to exceed \$900,000 . (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

## **AREA EMISSION REDUCTION CREDIT ORGANIZATION**

### **Background**

The Houston-Galveston Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization (AERCO) is a non-profit corporation established to promote regional air quality improvement and economic development. The H-GAC board appoints the AERCO board and H-GAC serves as the fiscal agent for AERCO.

AERCO receives and disburses grant funds from local supplemental environmental projects, donations and court ordered consent decrees resulting from air quality environmental settlements. These funds are primarily disbursed to school districts to replace high-emissions diesel school buses with newer, low-emissions buses.

Houston-Galveston Area Council – AERCO has an estimated program budget of \$5,488,800 in the current Supplemental Environmental Project Agreement (Number 2011-25) with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. That amount reflects the estimated contributions that may be received over the term of the agreement, but did not include administrative expenses.

### **Current Situation**

H-GAC staff are proposing an amendment to the Supplemental Environmental Project Agreement between Houston-Galveston Area Council AERCO and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to include an administrative budget of \$58,959.97 to help cover H-GAC administration expenses. The amendment will also update some reporting provisions in the current agreement.

### **Funding Source**

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – State funds

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request authorization to amend the Supplemental Environment Project Agreement between the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization to include an additional \$58,959 in the budget; amended total not to exceed \$5,547,759. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

## **AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

### **Background**

In 2011, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) entered into an agreement with H-GAC to provide funding to H-GAC to provide technical assistance to TCEQ on specific air quality improvement projects in relation to attainment of federal air quality standards for ground level ozone.

### **Current Situation**

The agreement provides funding to H-GAC on a reimbursement basis for technical tasks when requested by TCEQ to be performed by H-GAC staff. Potential projects under the agreement may include:

- Air quality modeling and support
- Development of and assistance with emissions inventories
- Atmospheric chemistry research
- Analysis of existing TCEQ emission reduction projects
- Analysis of mobile technical support projects
- Coordination with local officials regarding potential amendments to the State Implementation Plan to meet air quality requirements.

TCEQ has requested to renew this agreement with H-GAC, as it expired on August 31, 2020. TCEQ has not requested any work tasks after August 2020. The renewal of this agreement will be through August 31, 2026. The maximum authorized reimbursement amount in the agreement is \$250,000.

### **Funding Source**

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request authorization to execute an agreement with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; amount not to exceed \$250,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

## INVESTMENT REPORT - 4TH QUARTER 2020

### **Background**

N/A

### **Current Situation**

N/A

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

Request approval of the fourth quarter investment report ending December 31, 2020. (Staff Contact: Nancy Haussler)

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

▢ 4th Quarter Investment Report

PDF

**Houston Galveston Area Council  
Investment Report  
For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2020**

	Book Value	Market Value	Percent of Portfolio	
<b>Beginning Balance 12/31/2019</b>				<b>\$ 8,435,008.75</b>
Certificate of Deposit (Maturity 6/11/2021) Yield 0.08% Chase Bank	1,044,734.36	1,044,734.36	12.30%	
Certificate of Deposit (Maturity 05/10/2021) Yield 0.08% Chase Bank	3,106,379.34	3,106,379.34	36.57%	
Money Market Fund Yield 0.049% BOA Balance as of December 31, 2020	4,344,260.06	4,344,260.06	51.14%	
	<b>\$ 8,495,373.76</b>	<b>\$ 8,495,373.76</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 8,495,373.76</b>
Total Investment Income Y-T-D	<b>\$ 60,365.01</b>			

The above securities are in compliance with PFIA and the investment objectives stated within the H-GAC Investment Policy.

  
 Jean Mahood  
 Investment Officer

  
 Nancy Hausler  
 Chief Financial Officer

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - JANUARY 2021**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Monthly Financial Report - January 2021 PDF

**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT  
For the One Month Ended January 2021**

	Budget Year to date	Actual Year to date	Variance Dollar	%
<b>Combined Revenues and Expenditures</b>				
Revenues	\$ 32,646,331	\$ 14,030,212	\$ (18,616,119)	-57%
Expenditures	(32,237,467)	(14,041,949)	18,195,518	-56%
<b>Change in Combined Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 408,864</b>	<b>\$ (11,737)</b>	<b>\$ (420,601)</b>	

Change in Fund Balance by Fund Type				
Change in fund balance - General Fund	\$ 60,364	\$ 153,252	\$ 92,888	
Change in fund balance - Gulf Coast Regional 911	671,632	26,058	(645,574)	
Change in fund balance - Enterprise Fund	183,933	(191,046)	(374,979)	
<b>Total Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 915,929</b>	<b>\$ (11,737)</b>	<b>\$ (927,665)</b>	

**Variance Analysis**

The presentation of the change in fund balance by fund type is intended to highlight the effects of revenue and expenditure transactions by fund. The General Fund (GF) consists of those funds not associated with grant programs or enterprise activities. The Special Revenue Fund (SRF) consists of those funds that are restricted for a specific purpose. HGAC's grant programs are in this fund. The Enterprise Fund is used to track activities of the Cooperative Purchasing program and the Energy Purchasing Corporation. The variances of specific revenues and expenditures are explained on the second page of this report.

The enterprise fund is reflecting a negative fund balance as explained on page 2 of this report.

**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT  
For the One Month Ended January 2021**

	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Dollar	%
<b>Revenues</b>					
<b>General and Enterprise Fund</b>					
Membership dues	\$ 395,538	\$ 395,538	\$ 105,361	\$ (290,177)	-73%
HGAC Energy Purchasing Corporation	130,000	7,500	9,460	1,960	26%
Cooperative Purchasing fees	5,500,000	458,333	82,605	(375,728)	-82%
Gulf Coast Regional 911 fees	4,036,797	336,400	206,814	(129,586)	-39%
Interest Income	35,000	2,917	-	(2,917)	-100%
Other	3,981,468	331,789	161,561	(170,228)	-51%
<b>Total General and Enterprise Fund revenues</b>	<b>\$ 14,078,803</b>	<b>\$ 1,532,477</b>	<b>\$ 565,801</b>	<b>\$ (966,675)</b>	<b>-63%</b>
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>					
Federal Grant	\$ 3,556,065	\$ 296,339	\$ 23,280	\$ (273,059)	-92%
State Grants	369,810,185	30,817,515	13,441,131	(17,376,384)	-56%
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund revenues</b>	<b>\$ 373,366,250</b>	<b>\$ 31,113,854</b>	<b>\$ 13,464,411</b>	<b>\$ (17,649,443)</b>	<b>-57%</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 387,445,053</b>	<b>\$ 32,646,331</b>	<b>\$ 14,030,212</b>	<b>\$ (18,616,119)</b>	<b>-57%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Personnel	\$ 27,608,829	\$ 2,300,736	\$ 1,739,883	\$ (560,853)	-24%
Pass-through funds - grant	341,090,281	28,424,190	11,647,946	(16,776,244)	-59%
Consultant and contract services	11,480,098	956,675	146,291	(810,384)	-85%
Lease of office space	1,791,142	149,262	149,120	(142)	0%
Equipment	1,677,448	139,787	17,577	(122,210)	-87%
Travel	327,205	27,267	738	(26,529)	-97%
Other expense	2,874,595	239,550	340,394	100,844	42%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 386,849,598</b>	<b>\$ 32,237,467</b>	<b>\$ 14,041,949</b>	<b>\$ (18,195,518)</b>	<b>-56%</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues over(under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 595,455</b>	<b>\$ 408,864</b>	<b>\$ (11,737)</b>	<b>\$ (420,601)</b>	

**Variances:**

The January financial report shows large variances in virtually every revenue and expense line. Most of the activity in January is booked to the month of December which is the last month of the fiscal year. Consequently, the generation of revenue and expense for January 2021 will be reported on the February report. This pattern repeats each fiscal year. These variances are not abnormal and will become more indicative of financial operations by the second quarter of the fiscal year.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2021**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Monthly Financial Report - February 2021      PDF

**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT  
For the One Month Ended February 2021**

	Budget Year to date	Actual Year to date	Variance Dollar	%
<b>Combined Revenues and Expenditures</b>				
Revenues	\$ 64,897,124	\$ 45,071,873	\$ (19,825,251)	-31%
Expenditures	(64,474,933)	(44,736,762)	19,738,171	-31%
<b>Change in Combined Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 422,191</b>	<b>\$ 335,110</b>	<b>\$ (87,080)</b>	

<b>Change in Fund Balance by Fund Type</b>				
Change in fund balance - General Fund	\$ 60,364	\$ 119,246	\$ 58,882	
Change in fund balance - Gulf Coast Regional 911	671,632	378,613	(293,019)	
Change in fund balance - Enterprise Fund	183,933	(162,749)	(346,682)	
<b>Total Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 915,929</b>	<b>\$ 335,110</b>	<b>\$ (580,818)</b>	

**Variance Analysis**

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\*\*\* The Cooperative Purchasing program has contributed (\$164,089) a decrease toward the Enterprise fund balance YTD, and the Energy Purchasing Corporation is reflecting a \$1,340 an increase to the Enterprise fund balance.

**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT  
For the One Month Ended February 2021**

	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Dollar	%
<b>Revenues</b>					
<b>General and Enterprise Fund</b>					
Membership dues (a)	\$ 395,538	\$ 395,538	\$ 110,678	\$ (284,860)	-72%
HGAC Energy Purchasing Corporation	130,000	15,000	16,932	1,932	13%
Cooperative Purchasing fees (b)	5,500,000	916,667	476,068	(440,599)	-48%
Gulf Coast Regional 911 fees	4,036,797	672,800	779,810	107,011	16%
Interest Income	35,000	5,833	200	(5,633)	-97%
Other (c)	3,981,468	663,578	501,554	(162,024)	-24%
<b>Total General and Enterprise Fund revenues</b>	<b>\$ 14,078,803</b>	<b>\$ 2,669,416</b>	<b>\$ 1,885,242</b>	<b>\$ (784,173)</b>	<b>-29%</b>
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>					
Federal Grant (d)	\$ 3,556,065	\$ 592,678	\$ 45,432	\$ (547,245)	-92%
State Grants (d)	369,810,185	61,635,031	43,141,197	(18,493,834)	-30%
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund revenues</b>	<b>\$ 373,366,250</b>	<b>\$ 62,227,708</b>	<b>\$ 43,186,629</b>	<b>\$ (19,041,080)</b>	<b>-31%</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 387,445,053</b>	<b>\$ 64,897,124</b>	<b>\$ 45,071,871</b>	<b>\$ (19,825,253)</b>	<b>-31%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Personnel (e)	\$ 27,608,829	\$ 4,601,472	\$ 3,790,802	\$ (810,670)	-18%
Pass-through funds - grant (d)	341,090,281	56,848,380	39,349,311	(17,499,069)	-31%
Consultant and contract services (d)	11,480,098	1,913,350	729,964	(1,183,386)	-62%
Lease of office space	1,791,142	298,524	302,829	4,305	1%
Equipment (f)	1,677,448	279,575	20,600	(258,975)	-93%
Travel	327,205	54,534	4,618	(49,916)	-92%
Other expense	2,874,595	479,099	538,637	59,538	12%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 386,849,598</b>	<b>\$ 64,474,933</b>	<b>\$ 44,736,761</b>	<b>\$ (19,738,172)</b>	<b>-31%</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues over(under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 595,455</b>	<b>\$ 422,191</b>	<b>\$ 335,110</b>	<b>\$ (87,081)</b>	

**Variations:**

- a) Membership dues are beginning to be received. We will be sending reminder notices within the next 30 days for those dues still outstanding
- b) While Cooperative Purchasing appears to be behind expectations, the first month of the year is largely attributable to the prior year. This revenue is on track with last year and we believe the program has adequate volume in orders to meet our projections at this time.
- c) Other revenue is behind because it includes receipt of tenant improvement funds that have not been utilized yet. We will be using these funds later in the year.
- d) Federal and State grant activity usually lags by about 30 days. This activity is reflective, in large measure, of the grant activity in January.
- e) Personnel costs are less than expectations because half of the first pay period of the year was recorded as a December expense.
- f) Equipment expenses are associated with the renovation that is scheduled for later in the year.

## WORKFORCE SYSTEM 2021-24 LOCAL PLAN

### Background

To fulfill our obligations for state and federal funders, the Gulf Coast Workforce Board develops a local, data-driven compliance plan that shows how we will meet employers' needs for skilled workers and develop our region's pool of human talent. The Local Plan examines our estimated economic needs through 2024, describes our local service delivery system, and lays out how we comply with state and federal requirements. The complete plan document is online at [www.wrksolutions.com/localplan](http://www.wrksolutions.com/localplan).

### Current Situation

At its February 2 meeting, the Workforce Board approved the Local Plan 2021-2024, including the public comments we received on the plan.

Through its 2021-2024 Local Plan, the Board:

- Projects labor market conditions and identifies the needs for skilled workers
- Sets the strategic direction for Workforce Solutions and the Board's investments to meet the region's needs for an educated and skilled workforce
- Describes how Workforce Solutions is organized to deliver high-quality, valued service for the region's employers and people
- Ensures the public workforce system is open and accessible to its customers and accountable to funders, local elected officials and stakeholders

Workforce Solutions is most effective when it can rely on the participation of all stakeholders in the regional economy. This means that we work closely with the business community, organized labor, schools and colleges, non-profits, city and county governments, and social service providers to bring people together and focus on our shared economic needs.

We invited the public to make comment on the Local Plan by publishing the plan, asking for written comments, and sponsoring an online public meeting. We invited over 5,300 individuals representing regional stakeholder organizations to the online meeting held on January 15, 2021.

We received comments asking for clarification or expressing support for the lists of targeted industries and high-skill, high-growth occupations.

### Funding Source

N/A

### Budgeted

N/A

### Action Requested

Request approval of the Workforce Board's Local Plan for 2021-2024. (Staff Contact: Mike



## **FORT BEND COUNTY COMMUTER BUS SERVICES PILOT PROJECT**

### **Background**

Fort Bend Transit, in partnership with the Houston Downtown Management District, seeks to develop pilot commuter bus service to downtown from the I-69 corridor in Fort Bend County, and has submitted a proposal to H-GAC for two years of Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funding to support this Commuter and Transit Pilot Project.

This new service would close a significant gap in the commuter transit system between the most populous suburban county and the largest employment center in the Houston-Galveston region. Studies conducted in 2014 and 2017 by the Texas Transit Institute show strong demand for transit services in this corridor. Under guidelines established by the Transportation Policy Council, H-GAC evaluated this proposal on factors such as service, fare, and ridership, reduced emissions, sustainability, and transportation needs.

### **Current Situation**

Fort Bend Transit anticipates beginning this service in early 2022, and plans to run 28 revenue vehicles with 8-minute frequency of service in AM peaks and PM peaks. They also propose limited midday service and will provide a Guaranteed Ride Home service to fully assure riders of reliable transportation. The \$4 one-way fare charged for this service is competitive to attract robust ridership.

Net operating expenses for this service to Downtown Houston are estimated to be \$3,384,252 over two years. (\$1,792,083 for Year 1; \$1,592,169 for Year 2) The proposed agreement will provide up to \$2,000,000 of federal (Congestion Management and Air Quality) funds to for this project. Remaining funds will be provided by Fort Bend Transit as the project sponsor. H-GAC staff will review the agreement after one year of service and can make a recommendation for the second year.

### **Funding Source**

Total: \$3,384,252

Federal: \$2,000,000

Project Sponsor: \$1,384,252

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request authorization to enter into an agreement with Fort Bend Transit for up to two years for the Fort Bend County-Downtown Houston Commuter Express Bus Service; amount not to exceed \$3,384,252. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

## REGIONAL CONSERVATION FRAMEWORK

### Background

The Houston-Galveston region boasts unparalleled natural areas that help improve air quality, mitigate flooding, and make the region a more attractive place to live, work, and visit. Conserving these resources will be an increasing challenge as the region adds an expected 4 million people and 120 square miles of new development over the next 25 years.

Over the past year, H-GAC worked with local governments and other stakeholders to create a Regional Conservation Framework to identify:

- Shared conservation priorities and challenges
- Funding mechanisms
- Opportunities for collaboration and partnerships

### Current Situation

Using input gained from 10 listening sessions with local governments and two rounds of stakeholder surveys, the Regional Conservation Framework identifies strategies H-GAC can use to support local governments with the voluntarily preservation of natural landscapes and the expansion of local conservation efforts underway in the 13-county region.

The framework presents an overall vision for the region with the following components:

- Healthy treescape
- Regional greenways
- Signature conservation project in each of H-GAC's counties

Strategies include:

- Leveraging existing H-GAC plans and programs
- Supporting local efforts through partnerships, information and messaging
- Funding conservation projects through grants matching making and other innovative tools

We anticipate additional funding from the Houston Endowment to begin implementation of the strategies in this framework.

### Funding Source

Houston Endowment

### Budgeted

Yes

### Action Requested

Request Board adoption of the resolution supporting the Regional Conservation Framework. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

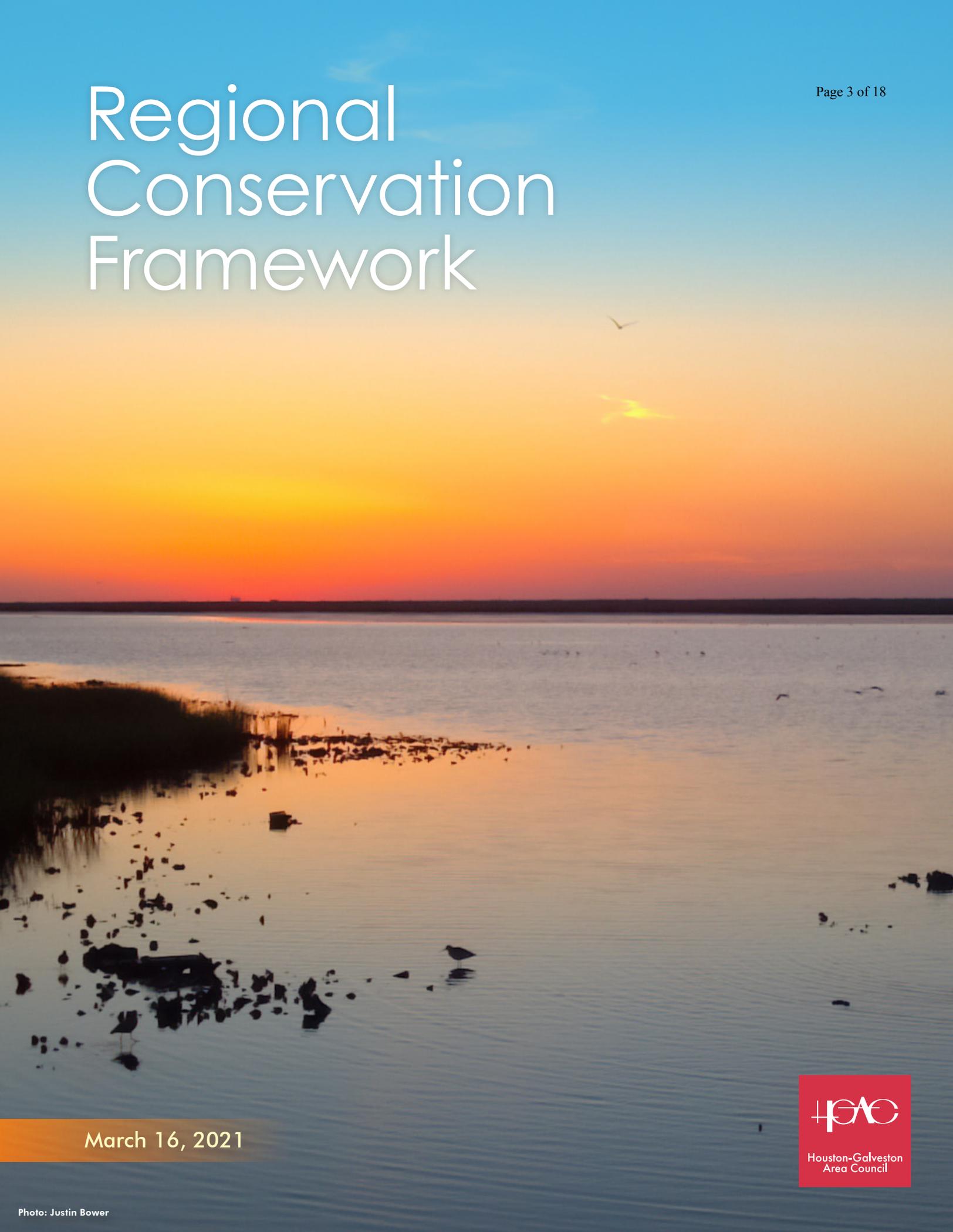
**ATTACHMENTS:**

▫ Regional Conservation Framework

Backup Material

# Regional Conservation Framework

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Area Council



**F**rom the mixed pine-hardwood forests of the Sam Houston National Forest to the coastal plains of Matagorda Bay, the Houston-Galveston region has an unparalleled natural heritage. Visitors to natural areas and open spaces like these are the tourism industry's fastest growing sector.<sup>1</sup> Hikers, anglers, hunters, and birders flock to our abundant forests, native prairies, and over 16,000 miles of bayous, rivers, and coastline to appreciate the beauty and bounty within the region.

Conserving these resources as we add an expected 4 million more residents over the next 25 years will be a challenge.<sup>2</sup> We anticipate this growth will add over 120 square miles of development to our landscape. Without a strategy to deal with the impacts of this growth, the Houston-Galveston region could experience increased flooding, worsening air quality, and a loss of open space, fundamentally altering the character of our region.

The good news is that by working together now, we can expand the impact of voluntary local conservation efforts, big and small, to realize significant regional benefits.



Photo: Justin Bower

<sup>1</sup>Galveston Bay Estuary Program. (2018). The Galveston Bay Plan, 2nd Edition. Retrieved from [https://gbep.texas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/CCMP\\_2ndEdition\\_FINAL-TCEQ-Approved-DRAFT.pdf](https://gbep.texas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/CCMP_2ndEdition_FINAL-TCEQ-Approved-DRAFT.pdf).

<sup>2</sup>Houston-Galveston Area Council. (2018). Regional Growth Forecast - Current Release: 2018. Retrieved from <https://www.h-gac.com/regional-growth-forecast>.

# SECTION 1: BENEFITS OF A REGIONAL CONSERVATION FRAMEWORK

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) worked with local governments to develop this Regional Conservation Framework. Its aim is to support regional conservation projects and identify ways H-GAC can support local governments in their own conservation efforts.

## WHAT IS CONSERVATION?

For the purpose of this framework, H-GAC defines conservation as: the protection of natural areas where human and environmental needs are considered and balanced. Within this broad definition, there are three main types of conservation practices:

**PRESERVATION** – Protecting areas in their natural state.

**RESTORATION** – Returning natural ecological elements to an area.

**ENHANCEMENT** – Creating or expanding natural elements within a developed area.

Natural areas and open spaces in the Houston-Galveston region include public and private land in urban, suburban, and rural settings. They may be specific places like parks, nature preserves, and working lands – such as farms and ranches or broader natural systems like the region’s tree canopy or the vegetated areas adjacent to waterways. Natural features and systems are also increasingly being incorporated into the built environment. One of these design techniques, known as “low impact development,” can be a cost-effective alternative to traditional infrastructure that also creates community amenities.

With such a broad spectrum of conservation opportunities, there is no “one size fits all” conservation solution for our region. Instead, the Regional Conservation Framework focuses on common needs shared by communities across the

Photo: Justin Bower

## WHAT ARE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES?

Ecosystem services are community benefits supplied by nature. These services include cleaning the air, filtering water, storing nutrients, conserving and generating soils, pollinating crops and other plants, regulating climate, sequestering carbon, protecting areas against storm and flood damage, and maintaining water supplies.<sup>3</sup> Learn more about specific ecosystem services and associated benefits on page 14.

region to magnify the impacts of the many local conservation efforts and produce benefits that can be reaped by all. These include:

**FLOOD MITIGATION** – Strategically conserving natural areas and open spaces can be a significant tool for mitigating the impact of flood events.

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS** – Natural areas and open spaces provide tangible economic benefits, such as tourism dollars, productive fisheries, and reduced air and water pollution. Learn more about these benefits on page 14.

**QUALITY OF LIFE** – Natural areas and open spaces make our communities more desirable places to live. These amenities are important assets in attracting residents and businesses to our region. In addition, time spent in natural areas and open spaces can help individuals fight against mental health issues like depression, anxiety, and stress.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup>The Conservation Fund. (2013). Houston-Galveston Green Infrastructure and Ecosystem Services Assessment. Retrieved from [https://www.conservationfund.org/images/projects/files/Houston\\_Galveston\\_Report.pdf](https://www.conservationfund.org/images/projects/files/Houston_Galveston_Report.pdf).

<sup>4</sup>National Recreation and Park Association. (2020). Parks and Improved Mental Health and Quality of Life. Retrieved from <https://www.nrpa.org/our-work/Three-Pillars/health-wellness/ParksandHealth/fact-sheets/parks-improved-mental-health-quality-life/>.

Photo: Cheryl Mergo



## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: PALACIOS PRAIRIE WETLANDS

**LOCATION:** City of Palacios

**SIZE:** 27 acres

**FUNDING:** Funded in part by the Trull Foundation and Matagorda County, with grant support from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Impact Assistance Program.

**NOTABLE FEATURES:** Ecotourism; Community-driven



Photo: Cheryl Mergo

For several years, community members in Palacios talked about a parcel of property on the edge of town that held the potential to serve as a visual gateway to the city along Highway 35. In 2009, a group of citizens formed the Palacios Prairie Wetlands, Inc., a nonprofit organization, and negotiated with the owners to acquire the property. Using Coastal Impact Assistance Program funds provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Matagorda County, and with support from the Trull Foundation, Palacios Prairie Wetlands, Inc., was able to clean up the site. Today, the Palacios Prairie Wetlands is a 27-acre upland prairie and coastal marsh area with around 700 feet of trails, a pier with a kayak launch, and a bird watching tower just north of Trull Marsh. Palacios Prairie Wetlands, Inc., owns the property and manages all maintenance. Community members serving on the Palacios Prairie Wetlands Board work together on weekends to trim trees, record birds, identify plants, and otherwise care for the conserved area.

According to Erwin Janszen, chairman of the board, relationships with governmental entities at the city and county level have made this project a success. The Matagorda County Commissioners Court has been supportive of the project, and the County has stepped in to help haul away junk and tree limbs, as well as lend equipment, when necessary.

## SECTION 2: LOCAL NEEDS, REGIONAL BENEFITS

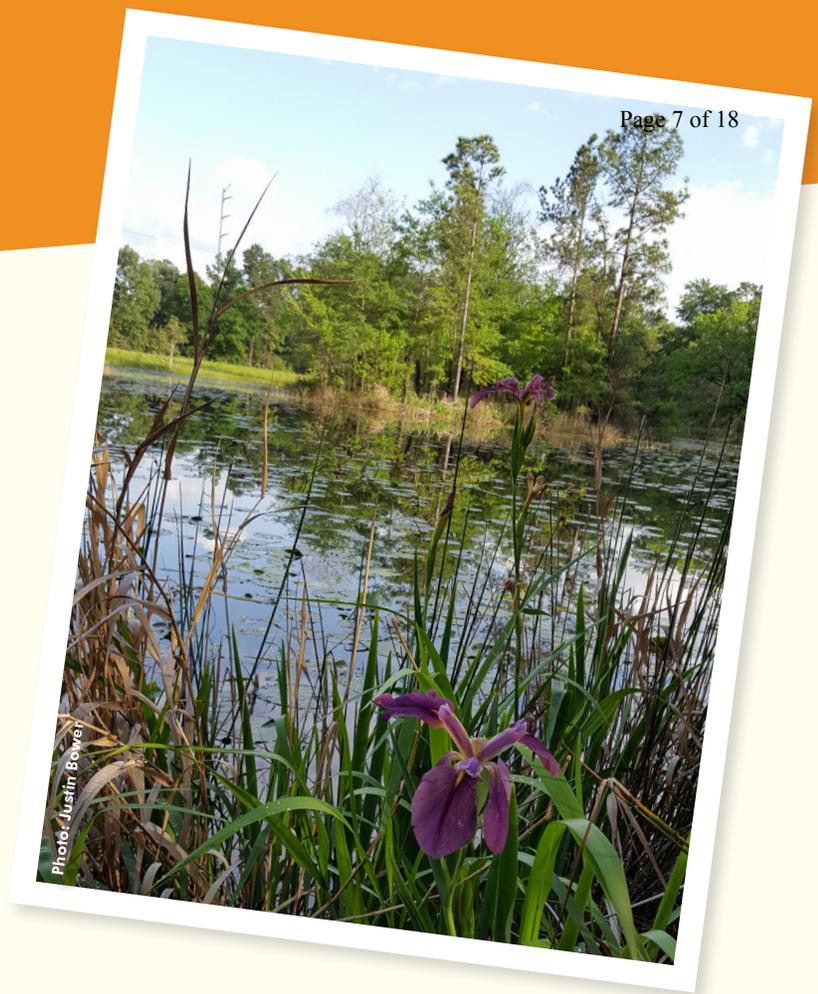
### UNDERSTANDING LOCAL NEEDS

H-GAC engaged local governments, decision-makers, and resource agencies in a series of discussions on the topic of conservation. H-GAC also met with representatives from a wide spectrum of regional and local non-governmental conservation organizations, who provided valuable input and supporting information. Between June and September 2020, H-GAC conducted 11 listening sessions, where more than 100 participants detailed their conservation opportunities, needs, and challenges, as well as the public's views on conservation in their communities.

One key thing we learned was that, following the widespread flooding and economic impacts resulting from the Memorial Day Flood in 2015, the Tax Day Flood in 2016, and Hurricane Harvey in 2017, there has been heightened interest in strategically using natural areas and open spaces to reduce the impacts of severe weather events. This interest, coupled with the increased public use of these spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic, presents a major opportunity to scale up our region's conservation efforts.

Additionally, several other common themes emerged:

- The public places a higher value on conservation projects where additional benefits – including flood mitigation, recreation opportunities, maintaining rural character, beautification, increased values for adjacent properties, or other direct financial factors – can be demonstrated.
- Partnerships between public and nongovernmental organizations are one of the most efficient conservation vehicles for communities in our region.



- In addition to initial project costs, long-term maintenance and the potential loss of property tax revenue must be considered.
- Conservation investments should be coordinated with economic development opportunities to ensure local businesses and local governments benefit from increased visitation.
- Maintaining private property rights is a key priority in our region, so voluntary, "win-win" conservation efforts will be the most successful.
- Equitable access to natural areas and open spaces is also a guiding principle so that public investments in conservation can benefit all residents in the region.



## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: TURTLE BAYOU NATURE PRESERVE

**LOCATION:** Chambers County

**SIZE:** 514 acres

**FUNDING:** Original land acquisition funded through Coastal Impact Assistance Program. Remediation work funded through the Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Regulation & Cleanup Fund and federal Brownfield Response Program. Additional enhancements funded through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department National Recreational Trails Fund.

**NOTABLE FEATURES:** Remediation; Layered funding approach

*The Turtle Bayou Nature Preserve, formerly the Turtle Bayou Oil Field, demonstrates how to convert a formerly contaminated site into a safe recreational amenity. In 2012, the Chambers-Liberty County Navigation District and Chambers County used Coastal Impact Assistance Program funding to acquire the Turtle Bayou Nature Preserve. The Galveston Bay Foundation holds a conservation easement on the property to ensure the preserve remains undeveloped. The conservation easement restricts the land use to activities beneficial to natural plant communities and wildlife, such as low-impact, public access infrastructure. The site was rehabilitated with funding from the Texas Railroad Commission Oil & Gas Regulation and Cleanup Fund and technical support for cleanup was provided by the Texas Railroad Commission Brownfield Response Program. In 2016, the preserve was opened to the public and has since become a popular birdwatching destination with the addition of a 2.2-mile trail, boardwalk, signage, and a trailhead kiosk, all funded by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's National Recreational Trails Fund.*



# SECTION 3: VISION, GOALS, AND STRATEGIES

In addition to the numerous types of local conservation opportunities, listening session participants voiced support for several large-scale initiatives that could provide a long-range vision to unite the Houston-Galveston region. These initiatives include:

## A FLOURISHING TREESCAPE

Whether in a forest, park, or as shading for our streets and neighborhoods, trees are essential to our region's quality of life. Trees generate \$109 worth of environmental benefits per person every year, including \$90 in annual household energy cost savings. Our region's trees remove more than 60,000 tons of air pollutants per year, as well as capturing carbon and absorbing stormwater.<sup>5</sup>

There is already significant momentum building toward large-scale tree plantings in the Houston urbanized area through a partnership of local government, industry, and nongovernmental organizations. H-GAC will seek to leverage these efforts by forging new and supporting existing connections between partners throughout the region, connecting local governments and professionals working in conservation with new tools and resources, and raising public awareness on the benefits provided by trees beyond the Houston urbanized area.

## REGIONAL GREENWAY SYSTEM

The Houston-Galveston region is traversed by 16,000 miles of rivers, bayous, creeks, and streams. Mitigating flood risks and enhancing water quality in these waterways is a major priority in the region. The strategy for achieving these objectives – preserving natural, vegetated buffers along these waterways – provides us with an opportunity to develop a regional recreation system that is unparalleled in the United States.



This effort can be modeled on successful local initiatives, such as Harris County's *Bayou Greenways 2020* initiative. Once completed, *Bayou Greenways 2020* will establish 150 miles of trails that connect major bayous in and around the greater Houston area, improving access and safety between communities.<sup>6</sup> Waller County also envisions creating parks and trails connections with its *Waller County Parks, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan*.

H-GAC will seek to build on these projects and expand them regionally by integrating greenway planning into existing and future project plans, conducting comprehensive project mapping and data sharing, and raising public awareness about the need for and benefits of a regional greenways system.

<sup>5</sup>Houston-Galveston Area Council. (2020). Urban Forestry – Benefits of Trees. Retrieved from <https://www.h-gac.com/urban-forestry#:~:text=Urban%20Forestry%20in%20the%20H,trees%20in%20the%20urban%20setting>.



## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: BAYTOWN NATURE CENTER

**LOCATION:** Harris County

**SIZE:** 500 acres

**FUNDING:** The City of Baytown originally acquired the land with FEMA disaster relief funding in 1983. Funding from the French Limited Superfund Site, the Natural Resources Trustee Grant Program, and private donors, including Exxon Mobil and Chevron Phillips Chemical, has enabled subsequent restoration and enhanced amenities.

**NOTABLE FEATURES:** Remediation; Public-private partnership



Photo: Baytown Nature Center

*The Baytown Nature Center consists of 500 acres of mixed hardwood forest, wetlands, and high-quality tidal marsh ecosystems, surrounded by Burnet, Crystal, and Scott bays. Previously a residential neighborhood built in the 1940s, a combination of land subsidence and the impacts of Hurricane Alicia led FEMA to condemn the land for human habitation in 1983. The City of Baytown and FEMA purchased the homes and land, which had been set aside for a nature preserve. The nature center was funded initially through the French Limited Superfund Site mitigation funds. An original master plan was written in 1997, and in 2002, the area was reopened to the public. In the past decade, the Baytown Nature Center has facilitated several wetland remediation projects. With grant funding from the Natural Resource Trustee Grant Program, the nature center created 20 acres of salt marsh and enhanced 15 existing acres. The City of Baytown has also worked with several private entities on wetlands conservation projects, including 3.4 acres of salt marsh in partnership with the Port of Houston and 11 acres of shoreline and internal marsh with the GB Biosciences Corporation. The Baytown Nature Center is operated and maintained by the City of Baytown and supported by the Friends of the Baytown Nature Center.*

*According to Tracey Prothro, superintendent of natural resources at the City of Baytown, the nature center has not been afraid to forge partnerships and think of new, creative ways to use the center, which has been key to their success.*

## SIGNATURE PROJECTS

The natural heritage of the Houston-Galveston region attracts visitors from all walks of life. From birding in coastal areas, to camping opportunities in our state parks and national lands, the range of recreational options in our region's natural areas and open spaces is vast. These spaces help define our region as a great place to live and visit and help put local communities on the map.

In addition to recreation and quality of life, signature projects can provide significant environmental and community benefits, as well as opportunities for local economic development and marketing of the region as a whole. There are numerous examples of such projects throughout our region, several of which are highlighted in the Project Spotlights provided throughout this document. H-GAC will work with local governments, state and federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations to realize the vision of each of the 13 counties in the region having at least one such signature project.

## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STRATEGIES

Achieving the vision of the Regional Conservation Framework will require focused, consistent coordination and engagement with a variety of stakeholders, including local governments, developers, nongovernmental organizations, and private landowners.

H-GAC has developed three strategies to support conservation by local governments and other partners in our region. For a detailed list of recommended implementation actions, see Appendix A - Recommended Strategies and Actions on page 12.

### STRATEGY 1: LEVERAGE

**GOAL:** Use existing H-GAC programs to integrate conservation more fully into planning and implementation activities.

H-GAC programs like Economic Development, Resiliency, Transportation, and Water Quality can have both direct and indirect impacts on natural areas and open spaces. H-GAC will identify opportunities to strengthen the conservation components of all these programs.

### STRATEGY 2: SUPPORT

**GOAL:** Support and expand existing efforts in our region through partnerships and communication, data access, and unified messaging.

H-GAC is uniquely positioned to complement local conservation initiatives from a regional perspective – connecting people and organizations, sharing data and best practices, and amplifying success stories.

### STRATEGY 3: FUND

**GOAL:** Aid local governments or regional partners in receiving new funding or finding projects to fit existing funding sources.

Funding initial project costs and long-term maintenance for conservation efforts are primary concerns for local governments. To execute both large-scale projects and smaller-scale conservation efforts, local governments can use a variety of funding tools. As a starting point, H-GAC's interactive, online Conservation Funding Guide<sup>7</sup> catalogs federal and state or state-administered funding programs available to local entities in Texas.



Photo: Cheryl Mergo

<sup>6</sup>Houston Parks Board. (2020). Bayou Greenways 2020. Retrieved from <https://houstonparksboard.org/about/bayou-greenways-2020>.

<sup>7</sup><https://www.h-gac.com/regional-conservation/funding-guide>



## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: SPRING CREEK GREENWAY

**LOCATION:** Harris and Montgomery counties (along Spring Creek)

**SIZE:** Approximately 7,000 acres

**FUNDING:** Initial land acquisition funded through Land and Water Conservation Fund; Continued land acquisition funded through county general funds, bonds, flood control bonds as available.

**NOTABLE FEATURES:** Multi-county cooperation; Flood protection; Recreational opportunities



Photo: Spring Creek Greenway

The Spring Creek Greenway connects and protects approximately 7,000 acres of forest in Harris and Montgomery counties along both sides of Spring Creek. In the late 1970s, Harris County began purchasing flood-prone property along Cypress Creek and then along Spring Creek using federal money from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. For the next 30 years, Harris and Montgomery counties continued the work, acquiring and protecting land along Spring Creek. Dennis Johnston, parks director for Harris County Precinct 4, sees this shared vision for a large-scale, conserved natural space and the foresight of elected leaders as the key to the greenway's continued success. Today, trails in the greenway stretch for nearly 20 miles, connecting small area preserves from State Highway 249 all the way to Interstate Highway 69. The Spring Creek Greenway Nature Center in Spring, Texas, is a hub for an array of educational and outdoor activities for all ages and levels of ability – from walking and biking along paved trails to kayaking and canoeing along stretches of Spring Creek. This conserved corridor of land along the creek also offers the dual benefits of flood protection and wildlife protection.

## SECTION 4: NEXT STEPS

As the growing region seeks to accommodate residents and businesses, conservation can be difficult to balance.

Fortunately, we now have an opportunity to work together to expand voluntary local conservation efforts, big and small, to realize significant regional benefits.

We look forward to continuing to work with local governments and other conservation partners, encouraging collaborative, timely conservation to ensure the region becomes an even better place to live, work, and prosper than it is today.

To keep up to date on H-GAC's regional conservation efforts, email us at [conservation@h-gac.com](mailto:conservation@h-gac.com) or visit [h-gac.com/regional-conservation](http://h-gac.com/regional-conservation) and learn how you can get involved.

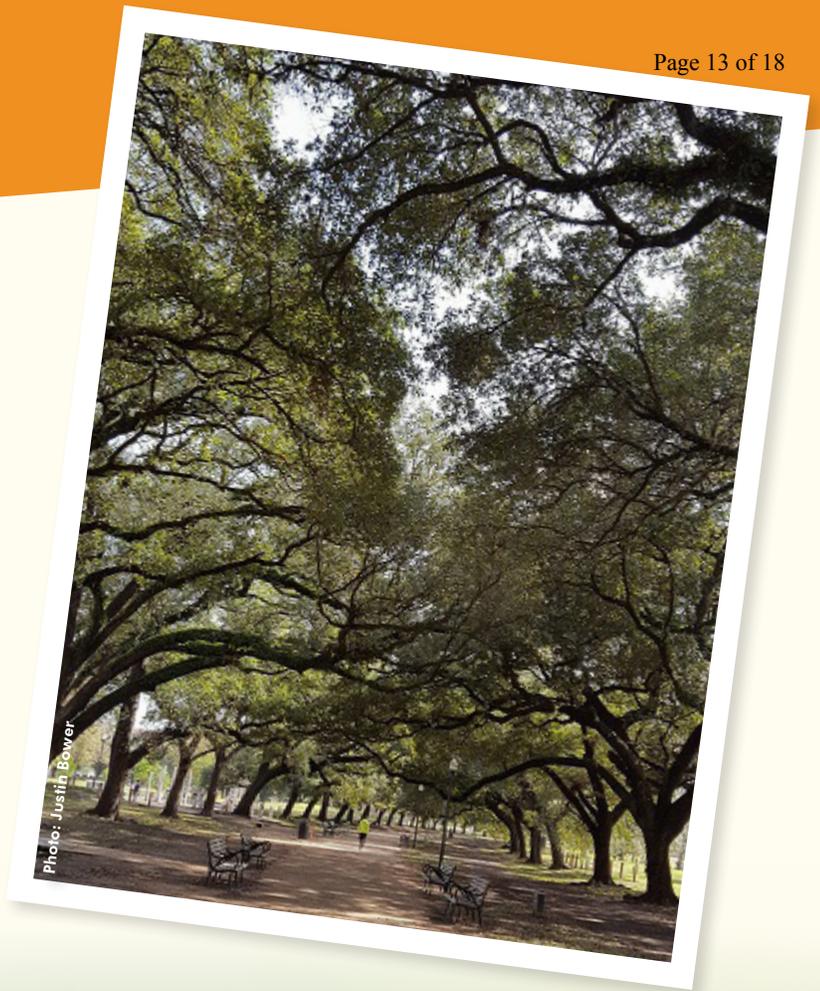


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## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: EXPLORATION GREEN

**LOCATION:** Harris County

**SIZE:** 178 acres

**FUNDING:** Original land acquisition was funded through county bond election funds. Subsequent phases of work were funded through Texas Parks and Wildlife grants, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Community Watershed Program grants, Texas Coastal Management Program grants, and donations from Trees for Houston, Harris County - Precinct 2 Commissioners and private individuals.

**NOTABLE FEATURES:** Flood protection; Recreational opportunities; Site reuse

According to Exploration Green Conservancy Chair Frank Weary, it all started with the Clear Lake City Water Authority's vision for a stormwater detention site that was more than a hole in the ground. In 2011, the Clear Lake City Water Authority (CLCWA) purchased the old Clear Lake Golf Course using Harris County bond funds and hosted a series of town halls to collect community members' input on a multi-use stormwater detention project. A vision for a greenspace with trees, trails, and athletic fields emerged. The CLCWA hired a landscape architecture firm to prepare a master plan and set the project in motion. When fully built, Exploration Green's detention ponds will hold a combined 500 million gallons of stormwater, protecting an estimated 2,000 to 3,000 homes from flooding in 12 to 15 inches of rain. Exploration Green also serves as a nature preserve, with 6 miles of walking and biking trails, athletic fields available for local sports teams, and dedicated wetlands and native grassland areas. The Exploration Green Conservancy – a nonprofit organization formed by dedicated community members – coordinates volunteers and raises funds for all non-stormwater detention elements of the project. For many years, the conservancy has nurtured a group of volunteers to assist with planting and propagating trees and wetlands, applying for grant funding for new amenities, and coordinating events. Communication between the conservancy, the CLCWA, and the community has been critical to the project's success. After nearly 20 years of visioning, fundraising, and construction, the final phase of Exploration Green will be completed by 2023.



Photo: Exploration Green

## SECTION 5: APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A – RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS

The text below details the goal of and recommended actions for the three strategies detailed in the Regional Conservation Framework.

#### STRATEGY 1: LEVERAGE

**GOAL:** Use existing H-GAC programs, projects, and funding to integrate conservation more fully into planning and implementation activities.

**ACTION 1:** Working with community and economic development organizations to broaden access to natural areas and open space throughout the region and create opportunities for local businesses.

**ACTION 2:** Convening a Regional Forestry Work Group composed of local government stakeholders to coordinate with other organizations on large-scale initiatives to enhance the region's treescape.

**ACTION 3:** Expanding and updating H-GAC's online Forestry Tool,<sup>8</sup> which enables users to take a detailed look at the tree canopy, down to the street tree level.

**ACTION 4:** Integrating conservation planning metrics into the following H-GAC-led planning initiatives:

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Regional Transportation Plan
- H-GAC-led Watershed Protection Plans
- H-GAC-led regional and watershed-level flood mitigation projects

**ACTION 5:** Working with local partners, including nurseries, to increase the supply of native tree species available for tree planting initiatives.

<sup>8</sup><https://datalab.h-gac.com/urbanforestry>



Photo: Justin Bower

#### STRATEGY 2: SUPPORT

**GOAL:** Support and expand existing efforts in the region through partnerships and communication, data access, and unified messaging.

**ACTION 1:** Compiling data on existing best practices and policy options, including relevant ordinances, and sharing with local governments.

**ACTION 2:** Developing and maintaining customizable public awareness materials for communities to use on social media and in press releases, posters, and flyers to build support for conservation initiatives.

**ACTION 3:** Engaging with decision-makers in the region to discuss the economic benefits of specific conservation strategies.

**ACTION 4:** Establishing and convening a conservation peer exchange forum, composed of local governments and professionals working on conservation issues across the region.

**ACTION 5:** Expanding and updating the economic valuation data presented in The Conservation Fund’s Houston-Galveston Green Infrastructure and Ecosystem Services Assessment,<sup>9</sup> exploring the benefit-relevant indicators for specific conservation practices and sharing those data with local governments and professionals.

**ACTION 6:** Working with local governments and private sector organizations to encourage conservation strategies – such as tree protection, low impact development, and connecting to existing greenways – being incorporated in community design early on.

**ACTION 7:** Providing support to local governments on data analysis and mapping, integrating factors such as existing land type and socio-economic data.

### **STRATEGY 3: FUND**

**GOAL:** Aid local governments or regional partners in receiving new funding or finding projects to fit existing funding sources.

**ACTION 1:** Connecting local governments with nongovernmental organizations working toward similar goals or project outcomes.

**ACTION 2:** Developing funding partnerships that support land acquisition, development, management, and promotion.

**ACTION 3:** Establishing and maintaining a list of priority conservation projects for the region.

**ACTION 4:** Maintaining and expanding the online Conservation Funding Guide and promoting the tool with local governments.

**ACTION 5:** Providing support to requesting local governments in accessing grant funding to support conservation initiatives.

**ACTION 6:** Researching and distributing information on non-grant finance tools, such as bonds, donations from landowners, property tax dedications, and the establishment of a Regional Conservation District.

<sup>9</sup>[https://www.conservationfund.org/images/projects/files/Houston\\_Galveston\\_Report.pdf](https://www.conservationfund.org/images/projects/files/Houston_Galveston_Report.pdf)



## APPENDIX B

### ECOSYSTEM SERVICES - BENEFIT BY ECOLOGICAL ASSET TYPE

The chart below details potential benefits supported by specific ecological asset types.

ECOSYSTEM SERVICE BENEFITS (P = Primary Benefit, S= Secondary Benefit)							
Ecological Assets	Flood and Disaster Mitigation	Economy	Carbon, Energy or Heat	Quality of Life/Health	Environmental Quality	Recreation	Habitat
Undeveloped Forests	P		P	S	P	S	P
Urban Tree Canopy	P	S	P	P	P	S	S
Wetlands	P	S	S	S	P	S	P
Prairie and Grasslands	P	S	S	S	P	S	P
Working Lands	S	P		S	S		
Urban Open Space	S	S	S	P	S	P	S
Healthy Waterways	S	S		S	P	S	P
Clean Air		S	P	P	P		



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## TEXAS EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### Background

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) of \$69.6 million in Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds for cities, counties, local and regional nonprofits, and regional organizations to provide mortgage assistance through the Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (TEMAP).

The TEMAP program provides mortgage assistance to homeowners at or below 80% of the Area Medium Income who have been economically impacted by COVID-19 to help provide housing stability during the pandemic. The program can pay up to six consecutive months of an eligible household's mortgage payments, including mortgage arrears, with at least one of those months covering a month of future mortgage.

### Current Situation

A total of \$10,110,005 has been allocated to the H-GAC region under this program in three funding categories:

Program Part A: Non-entitlement Cities and Counties	\$2,957,805
Program Part B: Entitlement Communities and Local Non-Profits	\$3,576,100
Program Part C: Regional Non-Profits and Providers	\$3,576,100

H-GAC can apply for up to \$3,576,100 as a regional provider under Part C. The TDHCA may negotiate or propose adjustments to Program Part C applications to ensure full regional coverage. H-GAC would work with local governments, non-profits and the Workforce Solutions program to identify qualified applicants for mortgage assistance under this program. H-GAC would be responsible for eligibility determination and issuing payments to the home owners.

The application due date for this program is April 12, 2021. If funds are awarded, the contract term would be for one year.

### Funding Source

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

### Budgeted

No

### Action Requested

Request authorization to submit application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Texas Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program; amount not to exceed \$3,576,100. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### **Background**

The H-GAC Legislative Committee consists of 14 members representing cities, counties, and school districts from throughout the region. The Legislative Committee, chaired by Judge Nate McDonald of Matagorda County, studies state and federal legislation that may have an impact on the region and reports to the Board of Directors.

### **Current Situation**

Governor Abbott has set forth emergency items for the 87th legislature, House and Senate Committee assignments have been announced, and the legislative session is in full swing.

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

Report from Legislative Committee. No action necessary. (Contact: Chair, Judge Nate McDonald)

## **CORPORATION FOR REGIONAL EXCELLENCE - APPOINTMENTS**

### **Background**

The Corporation for Regional Excellence is a non-profit corporation that supports charitable and educational activities promoting regional cooperation and quality of life improvements in the H-GAC region. It receives contributions and makes grants to H-GAC and other public and private non-profit organizations serving the region. The Corporation also serves as a repository for tax exempt contributions that support local government projects.

### **Current Situation**

The activities of the Corporation for Regional Excellence are governed by a Board of Directors nominated by the Houston-Galveston Area Council. The following appointments are recommended:

- Brazoria County Commissioner Stacy Adams
- City of Waller Councilmember Nancy Arnold
- City of Dickinson Councilmember William King, III
- Mayor Joe Garcia, City of Pattison
- Trustee Rissie Owen, Huntsville ISD
- Commissioner Jami Clark, City of Texas City
- Councilmember Sally Branson, City of Friendswood

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

Request approval of nominations for Corporation for Regional Excellence Board of Directors.  
(Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

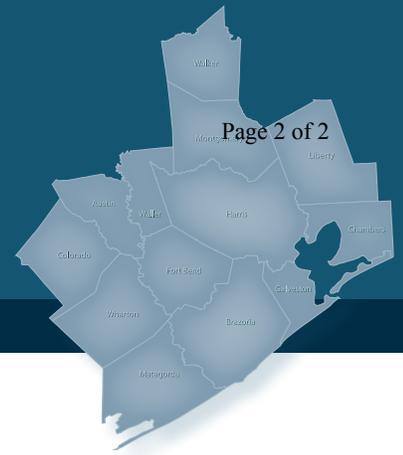
### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Corporation for Regional Excellence Flyer      PDF



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# CORPORATION FOR REGIONAL EXCELLENCE



## WHAT IS THE CORPORATION FOR REGIONAL EXCELLENCE?

The Corporation for Regional Excellence is the non-profit arm of the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Since 2003, the Corporation has provided financial support to enhance the programs and services of H-GAC and local governments in the H-GAC region.

## WHO CAN USE THE 501(c)(3)?

Any member local government in the 13-county H-GAC region. These include: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton counties.

## HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Local governments wishing to utilize the Corporation can apply for an account by letter to [shaun.downie@h-gac.com](mailto:shaun.downie@h-gac.com). The application must include: The applicant's name, proposed activities or projects, the area to be served, and the signature of the authorizing official.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Once your application is approved, you're all set! You can begin obtaining contributions and directing them to the Corporation for Regional Excellence.

Funds donated on your behalf will be distributed according to your instructions. The Corporation is a 501(c)(3) organization and may receive contributions from public and private organizations as well as individuals.

## WHAT PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES ARE ELIGIBLE?

The IRS has a long list of eligible activities here. The tax-deductible contributions made on your behalf can be used toward erecting libraries and parks, revitalizing town squares, flood control projects, senior services, and more.

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

The service is free to local participating members. The Corporation will track incoming funds and disburse them to approved entities/individuals at the direction of the local government. More than 50 disbursements in a year will require a small administrative fee.

## WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

For more information contact us at [shaun.downie@h-gac.com](mailto:shaun.downie@h-gac.com) or 713-993-2449.

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## **H-GAC SPOTLIGHT – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

### **Background**

Staff will review the *FY18/19 Regional Solid Waste Grants Program Funding Report, Fiscal Year 2018/2019*. Regional Councils of Governments are required by statute to issue a biennial report to the Texas State Legislature. H-GAC prepares this report in coordination with the Texas Association of Regional Councils for the entire state. It provides data on projects funded and highlights success and challenges.

### **Current Situation**

For more information about this program, please contact Erin Livingston at [erin.livingston@h-gac.com](mailto:erin.livingston@h-gac.com) or 832-681-2525.

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

No action requested. Information only. (Staff Contact: Erin Livingston)

## **CURRENT AND UPCOMING H-GAC ACTIVITIES**

### **Background**

N/A

### **Current Situation**

N/A

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

Report on current and upcoming H-GAC activities. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

## 2021 H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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TBD

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*Note: Names of Alternates are indented*

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Wharton County

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