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Regional Focus

Your Monthly Newsletter from the Houston-Galveston Area Council
Oct. 2024

October is here and fall has arrived! Watch this month's "What's Happening at H-GAC" for details about upcoming community meetings for our Area Agency on Aging and other exciting events throughout the Houston-Galveston region.

Watch below to learn more and visit: h-gac.com/calendar.



H-GAC Seeks Feedback on a Draft Comprehensive Strategy for Regional Growth

You can contribute to a vision that could bring grant dollars to our region.



H-GAC, in partnership with the Gulf Coast Economic Development District, has developed a 2025–2029 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

This five-year plan will guide economic growth by supporting small businesses, enhancing education and workforce training, promoting diversity and equity, and aligning regional goals. It will also help our region compete for federal funding, which supports local business growth, disaster recovery, and job training programs.

We value your input! The public comment period runs from October 2 to October 25. [Share your comments, now!](#)

Or attend our open house:

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. | October 15

Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Ln., Second Floor
Houston, Texas 77027

Commute Solutions Kicks Off 2024 Biketober Challenge

Pedal for Fun, Fitness, and Prizes All October Long!

H-GAC and its Commute Solutions program are thrilled to announce the second annual Bike the Gulf Biketober Challenge from October 1-31,

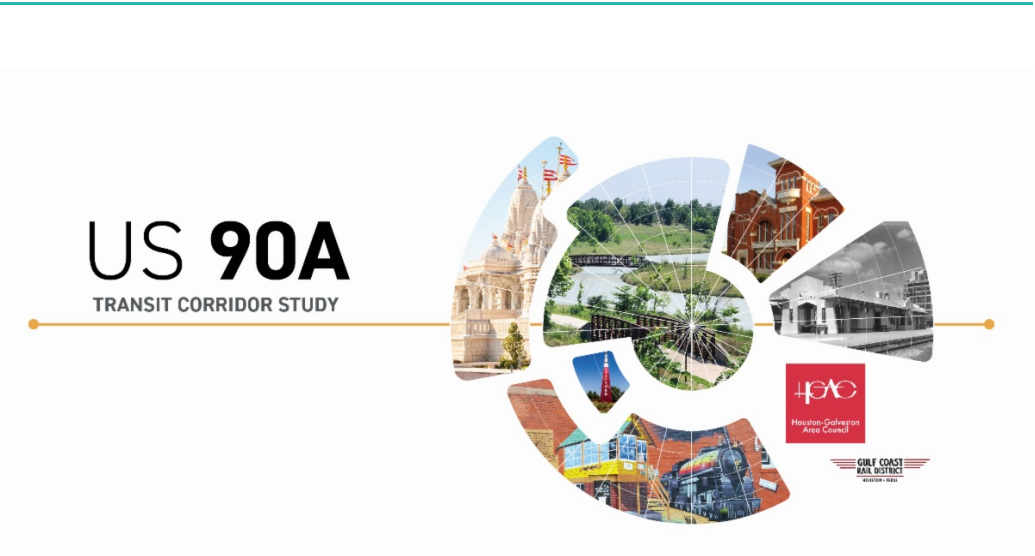
2024. This exciting, month-long event encourages riders of all skill levels across Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller counties to join in, get active, and compete for fantastic prizes—all while positively impacting the community.

Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or just starting, the Biketober Challenge is for everyone. Each ride logged on the [Love to Ride Bike the Gulf website](#) earns points toward individual and workplace leaderboards, adding a fun and competitive twist. Workplaces will compete against others of similar size, making this the perfect opportunity for some team bonding while promoting healthier lifestyles across the region.



This is your chance to ride, have fun, and make a difference—on your own or as part of a team. Don't miss out on the fun and rewards of the 2024 Biketober Challenge!

For more information and to register for the event, visit [lovetoride.net/bikethegulf](#).



**Shaping the Future of Transit:
Take Our Survey, Share Your Input on the US 90A Corridor Study**

H-GAC and the Gulf Coast Rail District are collaborating on a study to explore transit options along the US 90A Highway corridor, which runs through key cities, such as Missouri City, Sugar Land, and Southwest Houston. This corridor is vital for commuters traveling to the Texas Medical Center, one of the region's largest job centers.

The study, launched in early 2024, aims to identify possible transit solutions to improve mobility, such as light rail or bus rapid transit. With input from a Steering Committee that includes local agencies and transportation groups, the study considers multiple routes and transit options to meet growing transportation needs.

Community feedback is essential for this effort. Residents can take a survey and share their mobility concerns through an interactive map. Your insights will help guide the development of a future transit system.

Visit [engage.h-gac.com](#) to participate!

GIS Day

Secure your spot as a sponsor today!

Nov 21-22 | Houston, TX

LIMITED SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

- ✓ GIS Industry Influence
- ✓ Targeted Exposure
- ✓ Networking Opportunities

In 2023, GIS Day attracted an impressive crowd of more than 250 professionals, and this year's event will be even better! The Houston-Galveston Area Council is thrilled to collaborate on the launch of GIS Day 2024 – Houston's leading GIS event – and YOU have the opportunity to sponsor this event.

You Can't Afford to Miss This:

- Targeted Exposure: Connect with other industry professionals attending this year's GIS Day and engage with more than 300 students and educators from Houston and the surrounding region.
- Premium Visibility: Secure a dedicated space for your company in the exhibit hall, participate in the educational awareness program, and associate your brand with a growing and influential event.
- Networking Opportunities: Interact directly with decision-makers, innovators, and stakeholders, creating valuable connections and potential collaborations.

Act Now to Secure Your Sponsorship:

Join us as a sponsor for GIS Day 2024 and ensure you don't miss out on the benefits that come with it. The exposure, connections, and influence you gain will be invaluable to your business and professional network.



SECURE YOUR SPONSORSHIP

Upcoming Events

Learn how you can be involved in your community!

OCT 15

TUESDAY,
OCT

15

AT 10 A.M.

H-GAC BOARD
OF DIRECTORS
MEETING



Attend In Person:



Houston-Galveston Area Council

3555 Timmons Ln.

Houston, TX 77027

Second-Floor Conference Rooms ABC

Watch Online:



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TEXAS GULF COAST
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY



Houston-Galveston
Area Council



OPEN HOUSE

5:30-7:30 PM | Tuesday, October 15

3555 Timmons Ln., Houston 77027

2nd Floor Conference Rooms

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Progress:



JULY-OCT. 2023
Community
Introduction/
Input Meetings



OCT. 2023 -
SEPT. 2024
Writing the CEDS



SEPT. 30 -
OCT. 30 2024
Public Comment
Period

NOV. 2024
Final Plan
Submission to EDA

Attend to Make Your Voice Heard!

The Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Gulf Coast Economic Development District have developed a new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to guide the economic growth of our region for the next four years.

This plan focuses on workforce education and training, small business growth, development in key industries, and much more!



Can't attend the Open House? Scan the QR code or visit the site below to **PROVIDE YOUR COMMENT BEFORE OCT. 30!**


<https://www.h-gac.com/gulf-coast-economic-development-district>



OCT 16







**Area Agency
on Aging**
of the Houston-Galveston Area

**Join us in
Galveston County!**

10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Wednesday, October 16, 2024

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Walter Park Banquet Hall
807 HWY 3 North, League City, TX 77573

www.h-gac.com/go/aging
1-800-437-7396

OCT 22



**CHAMBERS COUNTY
THOROUGHFARE PLAN**

**HELP PLAN CHAMBERS COUNTY'S
FUTURE ROADWAY NETWORK!**

Public Meeting
5 to 7 p.m. | October 22, 2024
White Park Community Center
222 White Memorial Park Rd. | Wallisville, TX 77597

Can't attend the meeting?
Provide feedback online between Oct. 15 & Nov. 12, 2024
at: bit.ly/chambers-county-thoroughfare

OCT 24







**Area Agency
on Aging**
of the Houston-Galveston Area

**Join us in
Colorado County!**

10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Thursday, October 24, 2024

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Oak Bluff Village
1513 Montezuma Street, Columbus, TX 78934

www.h-gac.com/go/aging
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OCT 25



**TRANSPORTATION POLICY
COUNCIL MEETING**

9:30 A.M. | FRIDAY, OCT 25

Attend In Person:
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Ln.
Houston, TX 77027
Second-Floor Conference Rooms A, B & C

Watch Online:
 [H-GAC.COM/LIVE](https://www.h-gac.com/live)



OCT 29



**Bacteria Implementation
Group Fall Meeting (Hybrid)**

1 to 3 p.m. | Tuesday, October 29

Houston-Galveston Area Council
2nd Flood Conference Rooms ABC
and on ZOOM

Registration opens soon.

Topics will include the 2024 annual report, BIG Implementation Plan revisions, Targeted Bacteria Monitoring, and Total Maximum Daily Load updates.

For more information, contact [Steven Johnston](#).

NOV 21-22

A poster for Houston Area GIS Day. The background is a blue topographic map. The text "Houston Area GIS Day" is in large white font. Below it, "Nov 21-22" is in bold black font. The location "University of Houston Clear Lake" and "Bayou Building 2700 Bay Area Blvd Houston, TX 77058" are listed. A black banner with "REGISTRATION IS OPEN" in white text is prominent. Below the banner, it says "Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to explore the world of GIS." A white button with "houstonareagisday.org/" and a hand icon pointing to it is shown. At the bottom, logos for H-GAC, Houston Area GISday, and University of Houston Clear Lake are displayed.

DEC 6

Save the Date: Online Fall Planning Workshop

Between Home and Work: How Third Places Help Build Inclusive Communities.

8:30 to 11:00 a.m. | Friday, December 6

The workshop will be hosted on Zoom
[Registration](#) is required to attend.
An agenda, including speakers, will be published soon.

This workshop will feature expert speakers who will provide insight into how communities can encourage, embrace, and develop inclusive spaces where people spend time between home, work, and school.

We will explore how third places, such as parks, libraries, retail spaces, restaurants, and other gathering spaces are important to communities and placemaking.

[H-GAC's Fall Planning Workshop](#) is an annual event for local governments featuring presentations on planning best practices for communities. H-GAC has offered this free workshop for local communities for more than 15 years.

Let's get social! @HouGalvAreaCOG

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