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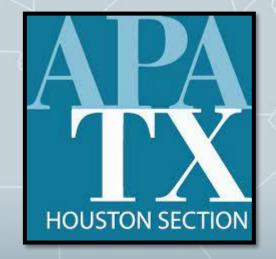
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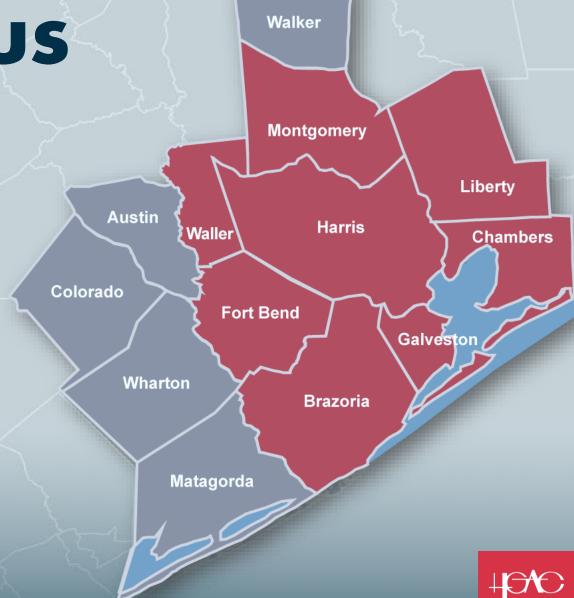


Workshop Focus

Active Transportation Focused Examples

Eligible for 3 AICP CM





Livable Center Study Areas



- Multimodal Transportation Improvements
- Market Analysis
- Develop Concepts
- Implementation Plan
- Public Engagement





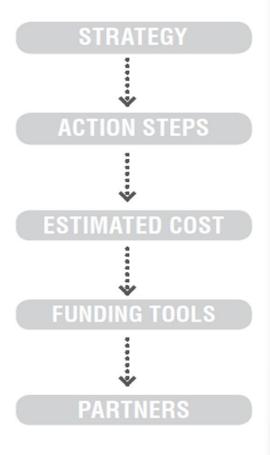
Projects are built, permanent, physical changes.



Programs are one-time events or ongoing actions that influence the study area but do not require permanent physical changes.



Policies are legal norms, rules or definitions that control and influence future changes.







2021 Summary Update

\$76 Million Increase in New Livable Centers

Projects Over Last 2 Years

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On Track to Full Implementation	90%	75%
Dollar (\$) Implemented	\$543 million	\$467 million



City Of Waller: Complete Projects





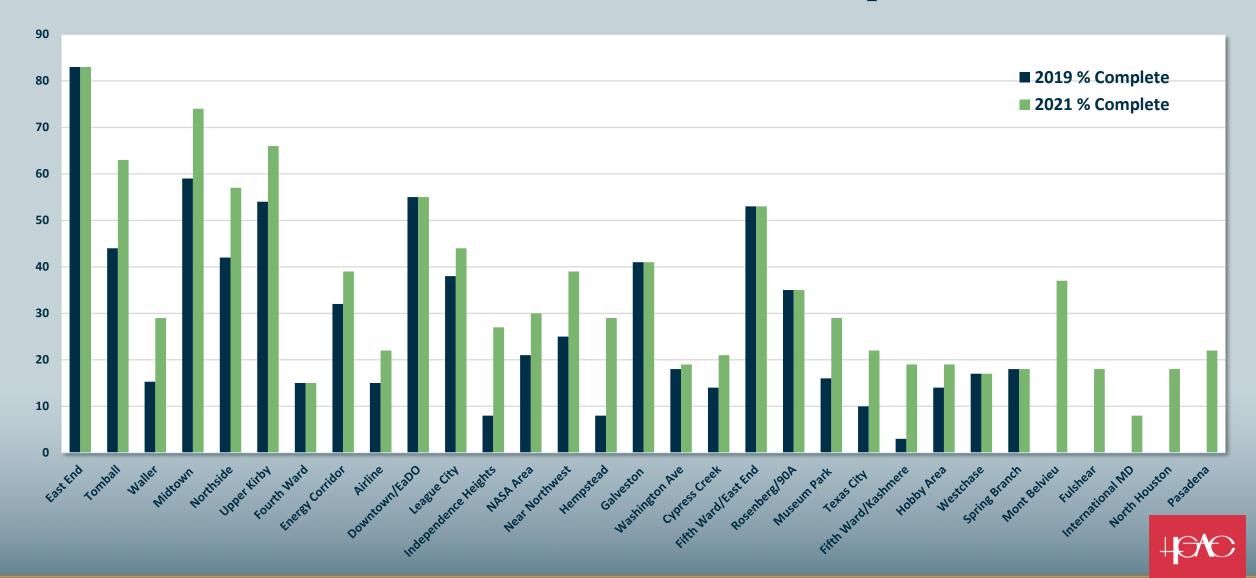
STATUS

•2021 - On Track

•2019 – Pending Implementation



2021 Livable Centers Update







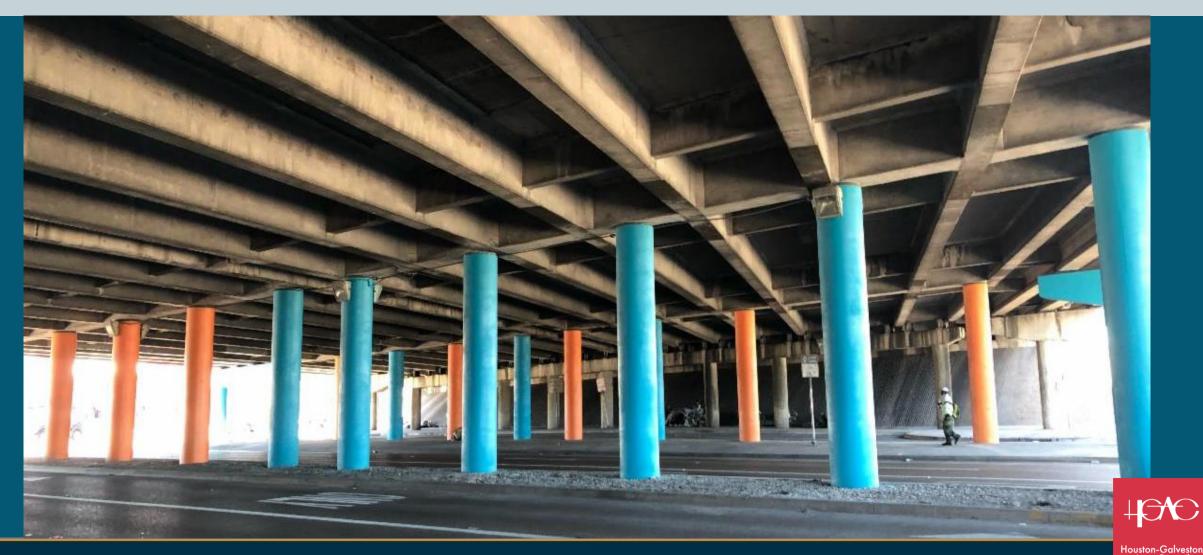




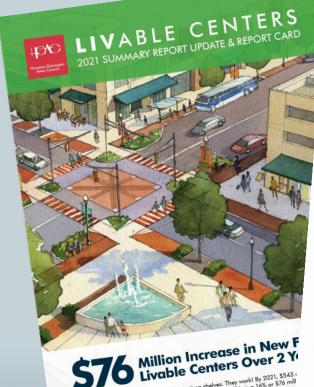


Houston-Galveston Area Council

Growing Innovative Partnerships



Local Sponsor Feedback



Liveble Centers Program studies do not sit on shelves. They work! By 2021, \$543;

WHAT'S NEXT: CONTINUED GROWTH & PARTNERSHIP

A Note of Commitment

The H-GAC Livable Centers Program recognizes past local sponsors' perseverance results in implementation of study recommendation. Known barriers such as a lack of funding staffing, equitable attainment of resources, and partnership should atting, equitable analiment of resources, and partnership should considered as the Livable Centers Program continues to mature.

This is what we're doing to help:

- Interactive Planning Tool It maps all studies in an interactive, searchable format with a goal of connecting public and private investments to specific study. New study recommendations are being fied to spatially mapped datapoints incorporated into funding applications, such as H-GAC TIP, or future studies including H-GAC subregional
- Peer-to-Peer Learning The Program's land use & transportation workshop topics reflect challenges and barrie as identified by local sponsors. Peer exchange provides an opportunity for participants to share best practices and an apportunity for participants to share uses produces and management innovations through an open exchange of idea
- Vulnerable Populations H-GAC's Regional Equity Tool and
 The Control of the Livable Centers Need Index were developed in 2021. The tool helps users identify vulnerable populations within the H-GAC region. These tools can also be use by local sponsors to develop future grant applications, such as TIP.
- Air Quality Benefit Locating housing near jobs and services within safe, and well-designed distance, encourages people to walk, thereby reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and improving air quality. We are updating our Air Quality methodology to reflect changes in technology and inco the most current research.

To learn more about H-GAC's Livable Centers Program visit the program website at h-gac.com/ivrable-centers. Click the implementation tab to learn more about each study and











Groundwork Completed:

- GIS/Maps of Recommendations
- Program Tracker
- Livable Centers Story Board

2021 Feedback:

- Leverage Resources
- Continuity
- Capacity Building



Workshop Agenda



Performance-Based Criteria: Identifying & Developing Projects



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NH Sidewalk Planning: Post Plan Diversified



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Houston Resilient Sidewalks: Funding & Critical Paths



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Agenda Cont...







Mobility Funding & Self Assessment

Safety Planning Success

Mobility Count
Program & Transit Pilot
Program

Future Funding Potential



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Performance-Based Planning

Identifying & Developing Projects



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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW



AGENDA

- Learn about processes used to identify and advance mobility projects from concept to implementation.
- Discover how to evaluate projects based on performance metrics and societal benefits, including concepts of benefit-cost analyses.
- Understand how to develop projects to be considered for discretionary funding opportunities.



OVERVIEW



We live in communities with more infrastructure needs than public funding available.

Livable Centers studies present recommendations that often require additional discretionary funding to implement. Thus, important projects and recommendations might be stuck in a "design concept" holding pattern for years.

Using a phased process, the **Performance Based Funding Strategy** prioritizes projects that provide the greatest societal benefits and are most likely to attract outside sources of funding.



GOALS & OUTCOMES





GOALS OF PLANNING EFFORT

- Gather information and feedback from community and stakeholders
- Make wise and data supported decisions
- Examine complexity and need of all projects
- Prioritize projects through key performance measures
- Prepare high ranking projects for implementation
- Pursue supplemental and discretionary resources



OUTCOMES

- Public and stakeholder consensus
- Planning, developing, and delivering needed projects
- Funding partnerships and innovative solutions





- Review Livable Centers study, including:
 - Public/stakeholder input
 - Mobility goals and objectives

- Project need
- Project scope



Dayton, TX – Existing Conditions







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Evaluation criteria for needs-based analysis

Evaluation metrics



Safety

- 5-Year Avg of Pedestrian Crashes
- 5-Year Avg of Bike Crashes
- 5-Year Avg Monetized Values of Injuries (in Millions)
- 5-Year Crash Rate (2016-2020)
- High Injury Network Coverage



Mobility

- SOGR/Pavement Condition
- Functional Classification
- 2020 AADT
- 2020 Weighted Average AM VC Ratio
- 2020 Weighted Average PM VC Ratio



Access

- Transit Connection
- Average Weekday Daily Activity Per Stop
- Bike Plan Network Coverage
- Number of Schools within 500 ft.
- Number of Title 1 schools (2021 TEA) within 500 ft.
- Number of Parks within 500 ft.
- Number of Ped-Bike Destinations



Economic Development

- Residential and Commercial Values in Millions
- Acres of Vacant Land Abutting Project
- · Number of Employees within 500 ft.
- Share of Project in Opportunity Zone



Environmental Justice & Equity

- Social Vulnerability Index
- Total Population
- Population Density (Population per square mile)
- Share of Project in Areas of Persistent Poverty
- Households below poverty level
- Minority population
- · Households with no vehicles



Public Engagement

Survey preferences



What is important to the community?
How are funding partners evaluating selections?

	Criter	ria	valuation Weight
	\triangle	Safety	25%
Example evaluation		Mobility	15%
e eVQ		Access	25%
xamp	(8)	Economic Development	10%
Ш		Environmental Justice & Equity	15%
		Public Engagement	10%



(Example) Needs based analysis in Near Northwest Management District



NEED

The segment provides safe bike-ped connections to Turner Park along segments of TC Jester Blvd and De Soto St. This stretch has been identified under Complete Communities Action Plan as a prioritized bike-ped connection that furthers equitable access in the community. Overall, the project needs can be quantified as:

- Storm water •
- Safety •
- Mobility •
- Economic development
- EJ/Equity •

Project Type	Project Rank	Storm Water Rank	Safety Rank	Mobility Rank	Economic Development Rank	Enviromental Justice and Equity Rank
Safety	1 Toject Kank	Storm Water Runk	Saloty Rain	6	2	2
Back of Curb	1	5	2	2	1	2
	1	3	0	2	1	3
Reconstruction	3	1	8	15	3	11
Reconstruction	2	2	12	9	9	6
Safety	5	5	4	8	4	9
Shared Use Path	12	5	1	14	6	10
Safety	7	5	13	4	5	5
Reconstruction	10	4	14	10	8	15
Reconstruction	8	5	9	5	12	4
Shared Use Path	11	5	15	12	10	1
Back of Curb	13	5	11	7	7	7
Safety	6	5	3	1	12	14
Safety	14	5	7	13	12	8
Shared Use Path	15	5	5	11	11	13
Back of Curb	9	5	10	3	15	12
New Roadway	16	3	16	16	16	16
Safety	17	5	17	17	17	17

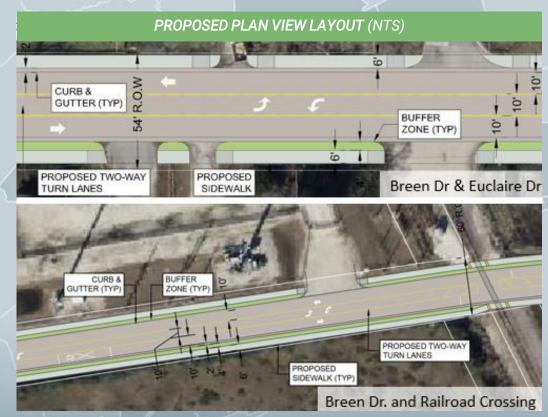
Needs based Analysis – Near Northwest Management District



PHASE II PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Preliminary Engineering

- Detailed scoping and cost estimates
- Feasibility review
 - Review ROW
 - o Utility review
 - Preliminary NEPA review
 - Complexity/barriers to implementation



Preliminary Engineering - Near Northwest Management District



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PHASE III PROJECT EVALUATION

Performance Measures



Benefits include:

- Safety
- Congestion
- Environmental (emissions reduction, reduced automobile cost)
- Health
- Sales and property tax
- State of good repair (life cycle cost analysis)
- Travel time reliability
- Ridership and users (non-motorized modes)
- · Access, connectivity and barrier elimination
- Job creation/creation/attention





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BENEFIT COST ANALYSIS

Does the project provide societal benefits?

- Certain benefits can be quantified in accordance with **USDOT** and other guidelines
- BCA needs to be greater than 1 to show societal benefit and cost-effectiveness
- Funding agencies and programs can have varying methodologies





PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Shepherd and Durham Major Investment Project

TYPE OF PROJECT

Road - Complete Streets

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located within in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas within the 2nd and 18th Congressional Districts of Texas. (29°48'13.52"North 95°24'40.46"West)

The Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority, a Political Subdivision of the City of Houston, Texas

PROJECT AREA

The proposed project is located within the Houston urbanized area.

2019 BUILD FUNDING REQUESTED

\$25,000,000 in BUILD funding to be matched by \$25,000,000 in local funding.



Improve Safety

Safety improvements for automobiles, pedestrians and bicyclists



Manage Infrastructure Assets mproved Pavement Condition & Public Utilities

Replace waste and fresh water lines



Move People and Goods Efficiently

proved access, connectivity and multimodal travel choices

Improved access management ADA compliant infrastructure -

Additional demand for pedestrian, bike and transit users due to improved urban streetscape elements and connection to regional shared use path

Strengthen Economic Competitiveness

Improved travel time reliability and increased transit usage

Improved transit shelters and stop accessibility - - - - -High-frequency fixed route transit corridor that will connect to future . -

regional transit improvements such as the High-Speed Rail terminus



Protect Resources

Emissions reductions and environmental impact mitigation

- Reduced emissions through increased alternative mode choice opti
- Improved regional storm water detention needs

otal Benefits | Benefit

Cost Ratio 2.3

Benefit Cost Analysis Overview - BUILD Grant Application



PHASE IV PROJECT READINESS



- Establish ROW & Utility Agreements
- Secure Financial Commitments
- Complete Coordination and Agreements
- Develop Project Schedules
- Attain Environmental Clearance
- Complete PER / 30% design
- Letter of No Prejudice (if applicable)



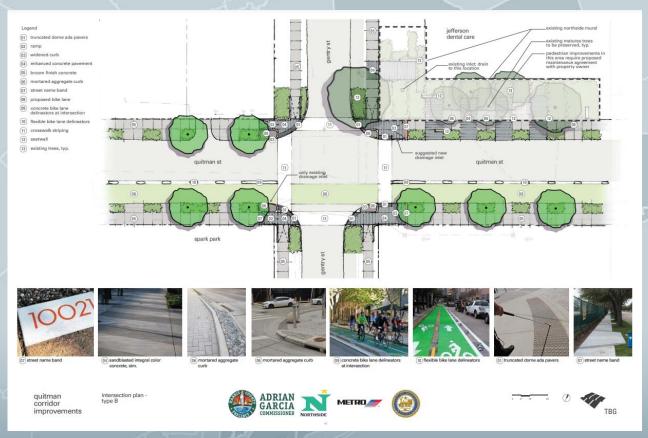


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PHASE V PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



- Discuss Projects with Local, Regional, State, and Federal Officials
- Coordinate with special districts and private development interests
- Monitor Federal Register for Funding Opportunities
- Pursue Federal, State, MPO and Other Funding



Quitman Corridor Improvements – Public Meeting Presentation



FUNDING SOURCES

Bridges Bridge Investment Program - USDOT

Clean Air Texas Clean Fleet Program - TCEQ

Economic Development Infrastructure

Mobility Infrastructure

Multimodal/Multimodal Planning

Rail

Resiliency

Safety

Transit

Railroad Crossing Elimination Program - FRA Consolidated Rail Infrastructure

and Safety Improvements - FRA

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities - FEMA

Water/Wastewater/Stormwater

Passenger Ferry Grant Program - FTA
Bus and Bus Facilities - FTA
Low or No Emission Bus Grant Program - FTA
Transit Infrastructure Projects - FTA
Transit Oriented Development Pilot - FTA
Areas of Persistent Poverty - FTA

Public Works Program - EDA
Disaster Supplemental Programs - EDA
Economic Development Initiatives - HUD
TxCDBG Program - TxAg
Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Program - USDA

Highway Infrastructure Projects - FHWA
Reconnecting Communities - USDOT
Infrastructure for Rebuilding America - USDOT
Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program - USDOT
RAISE Program - USDOT

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality - H-GAC Surface Transportation Block Grant - H-GAC Transportation Alternatives - H-GAC & TxDOT Recreational Trails Program - TPWD Unified Planning Work Program - H-GAC Livable Centers Program - H-GAC

(Off-System) Highway Safety Improvement Program - TxDOT Safe Roads and Streets for All - USDOT

Flood Mitigation Assistance - FEMA
Flood Infrastructure Fund - TWDB
Clean Water State Revolving Fund - TWDB
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund - TWDB
Economically Distressed Areas Program - TWDB
State and Tribal Assistance Program - EPA



SELECT EXAMPLE:

DAYTON, TX

Finding projects to fit the need

- 2018 H-GAC Call for Projects
 - Waco St. RTP Designation
- 2019 TxDOT TA/SRTS Program Call
- 2019 Downtown Revitalization (CDBG)
- 2020 Consolidated Rail **Infrastructure Safety Initiatives** (CRISI)

(1A) NORTH SOUTH SIDEWALK CONNECTION



M. Brown Elementary School and Dayton Community Center. A dedicated, contiguous sidewalk would provide a safe path for pedestrians.

Dayton lacks north-south connectivity for pedestrians south of US90, and existing sidewalks have gaps that do not allow for a contiguous path to and from the downtown area to the Kimmie M. Brown Elementary School. Currently, elementary school students are not allowed to walk to school for safety reasons. Cars travel at high speeds along Winfree Street, resulting in unsafe conditions for any pedestrians who currently walk

This project will enhance pedestrian connectivity in the City of Dayton through filling in gaps in the sidewalk network. This project will provide alternative transportation that is safe, accessible and healthy for school children traveling to and from the Kimmie

PROJECT LOCATION & SCOPE

The project will add a 6-foot concrete sidewalk along various segments including the west side of S. Cleveland Street between W. Houston Street to Lovers Lane; the north side of Lovers Lane between S. Cleveland Street and FM1409 and the west side of FM1409 between Lovers Lane and Kimmie Brown Elementary School. The total project length is approximately 0.64 of a mile. ADA ramps and crosswalks will be added or restriped as part

PROJECT CONNECTIVITY





2 schools (Kimmie M. Brown Elementary and Nottingham Middle School)

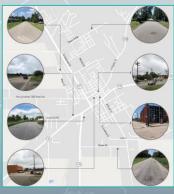


Dayton Community Center



















Area Council

SELECT EXAMPLE:

WALLER, TX



Livable Centers Study Implementation

2022: A revitalized downtown and improved connectivity

2009 Livable Centers Study









4010

SELECT EXAMPLE:

INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

A Project in Progress

2019 Livable Centers Study



Prepared By Stantec





Existing Intersection at Bellaire Blvd and Metro Blvd



Proposed Intersection improvements at Bellaire Blvd and Metro Blvd







THANK YOU!



CONNECTING CAPITAL TO COMMUNITIES SINCE 1980

We solve mobility and infrastructure challenges that impact communities.

TGC connects planning, engineering and policy expertise to deliver projects when local capital is scarce.































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Getting Projects Prepped For Funding





North Houston Sidewalk Kickoff: Post Plan Diversified

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North Houston District



North Houston/Greenspoint Livable Centers Study



NORTH HOUSTON GREENSPOINT

Livable Centers Study

Year: 2020

Partner/Sponsor: North Houston District

Cost of Study: \$218,250

Projects Built/Invested: \$75K

Projects Planned/Programmed: \$80K

■ Capacity to Implement: MEDIUM

- CIP Sidewalk and bikeways, 2021 & 2022

- Continue Gateway & Landscaping improvements

- Flood Recovery & Resilient Neighobrhood study

Study offers solutions to many of the challenges in our area and builds on strategies we've been working on for many years. We look forward to continuing working with the City of Houston, Harris County and our other partners to implement these recommended projects.

18% complete

Bart Baker North Houston District

Executive VP & Chief Operating Officer



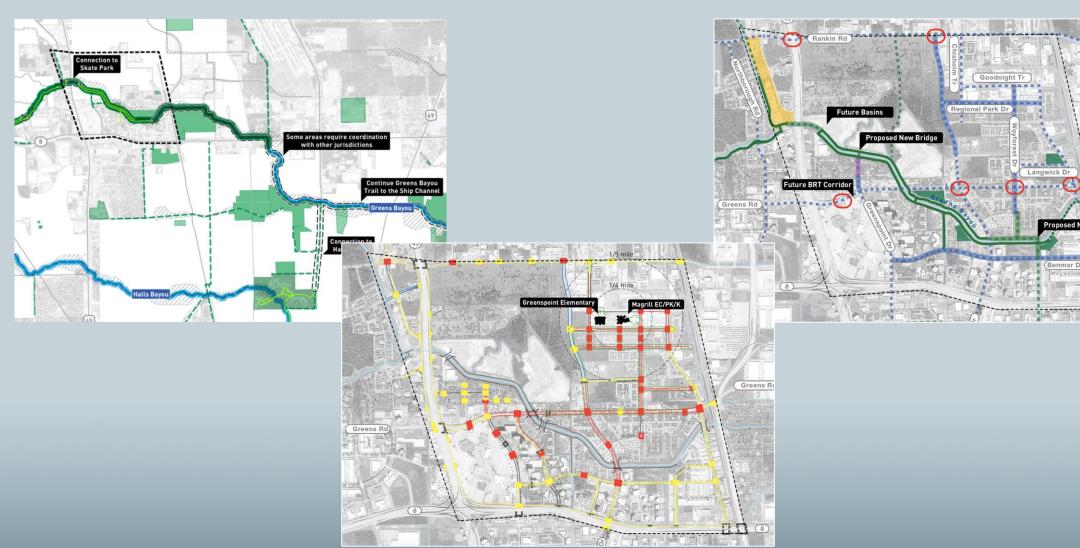
NHD Livable Center Study Goals

- Be the Local Regional International Hub of Houston
- Be a Model for Safe Places to Walk and Bike

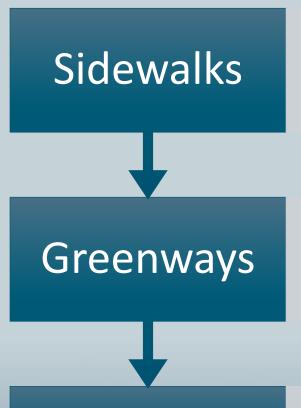
- Be defined by a Central Park that Holds Floodwater
- Be a Place that Offers Accessible, Affordable Housing for the Region



Trail, Bikeway and Sidewalk Connectivity



Livable Centers Project Cost Estimates



Upgrade Priority Sidewalks Including Safe Routes to School

• \$6.3 million

Complete Bayou Greenways (within the study area)

• \$1.2 million

Bikeways

Create a Comprehensive Bikeways Network

• \$18.9 million



Sidewalk & Intersection Assessment & Implementation Plan

Sidewalks were prioritized by the following criteria by Gauge Engineering:



Safe School Access



Transit Access



Greens Bayou Access

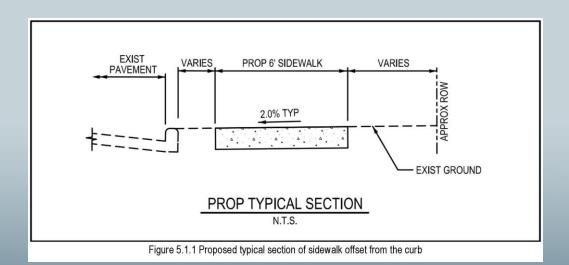


Complexity of construction due to constraints



Additional Study Goals

- ✓ Coordination with the City and County
- ✓ Typical Sections of recommended sidewalks
- ✓ Opinion of Probable Construction Cost



PROP 6' SIDEWALK

2.0% TYP

EXIST PROP 6' SIDEWALK

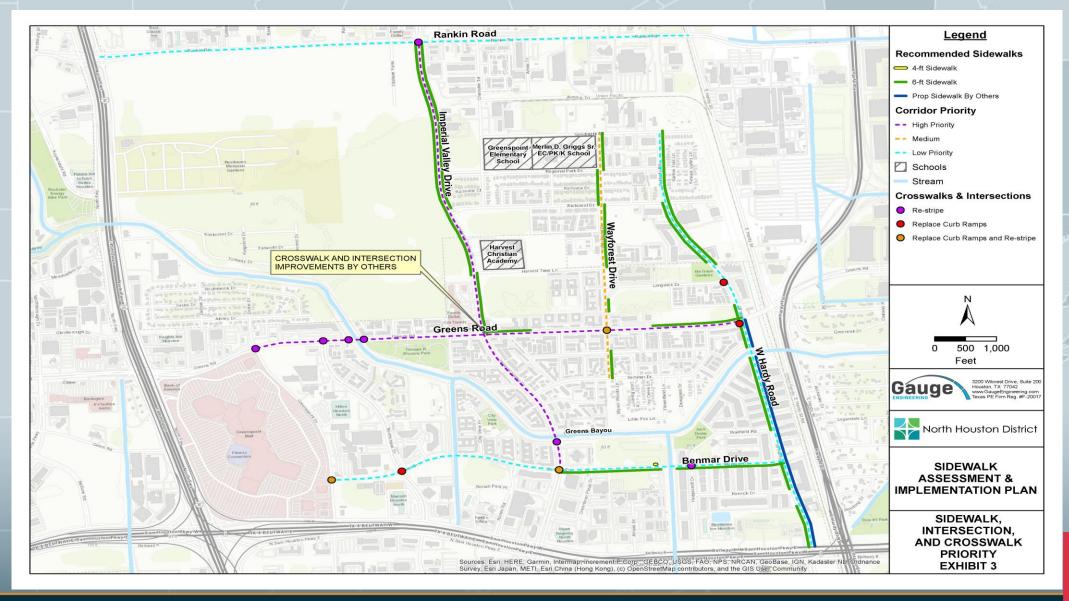
PROP TYPICAL SECTION

N.T.S.

Figure 5.1.2 Proposed typical section of sidewalk at back of curb



Sidewalk and Intersection Priorities





Preparing for Grant Opportunities

- Urban Partnerships Community Development Corporation (UPCDC):
 - Identify Mobility Projects: Based on NHD resources and jurisdiction
 - Identify Grants: Based on mobility project identification, assist in application and management of grants.
- Two Primary Ways to Diversify Potential Funding:
 - Federal Grantee status
 - Prepare for TIP Call for Projects in partnership with Traffic Engineers Inc. (TEI)



Federal Grantee Status

- Allows NHD to apply for grants directly through the TIP process and fully execute the grant when awarded.
- Gives greater opportunity for NHD to submit a grant application to specifically fit the needs and priorities of the district; procuring and overseeing the design and engineering of the project; and procuring and overseeing the GC to build the projects.
- Requirements include Title VI Plan, EEO Plan, DBE Plan and procurement manuals



HGAC TIP Call For Projects

- UPCDC and TEI developed a project package of a community multimodal spine that consists of sidewalk, intersection and transit improvements along Imperial Valley Drive and Greens Road.
- Project will connect transit, schools, parks, and trails with mobility options. These improvements will form an initial grid of safe and comfortable connections for people to get to work, school, recreation, or other daily needs in the North Houston District.
- This project is a crucial early step in implementing the Livable Centers Plan.



North Houston District TIP Project





TIP Statement of Project Interest

- Imperial Valley Walking & Biking Improvements
 - \$2.8 million
- Wayforest to Seminar Safety & Access Improvements
 - \$776,000
- I-45 Trail Connector
 - \$1.3 million
- Jack Drake Park to West Hardy Trail Connector
 - \$390,000



Thank you

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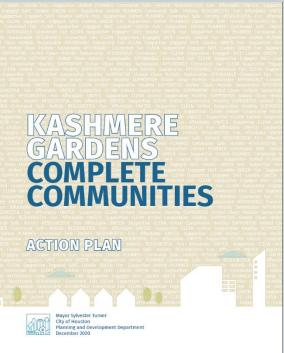


Houston Resilient Sidewalks

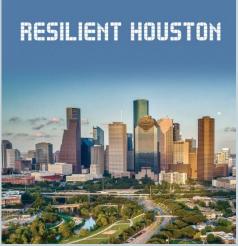
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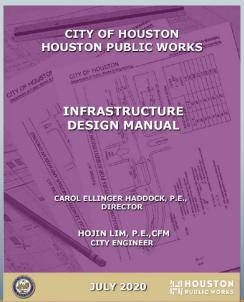


Quick Background











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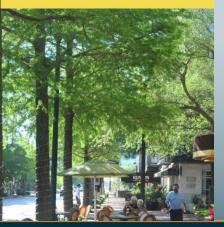
authority may enact police power ordinances to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City is a municipal corporation and home rule city organized under

the Constitution and the general and special laws of the State of Texas, and thereby

Walkable Places Rules

Learn how you can create a Walkable Place





GUIDEWALK PROGRAM
GUIDELINES

Houston Public Works **Sidewalk Program** constructs new sidewalks and ramps along streets leading to schools, major thoroughfares and improves accessibility for people with disabilities*.

*The Pedestrian Accessibility Review process is managed through the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilitie

CODE The Sidewalk Program is governed by Code of Ordinances Article III, Sections 40-83 & 84

PROGRAMS
The Sidewalk Program has three types of requests

PROGRAM REQUEST	SIDEWALK UP TO	ELIGIBILITY
Pedestrian Accessibility Review	1,500 feet	Person with disability has no safe path to travel to:
School Sidewalk	4 blocks	Used by students to walk to school Not around school perimeter Not on dead-end street
Major Thoroughfare	4 blocks	Along designated thoroughfare

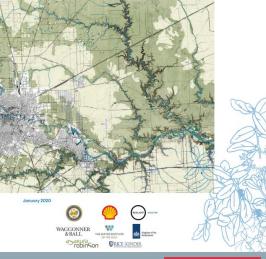
Evidence of pedestrian traffic

planned within the next 5 years

Pedestrian Accessibility Review

The highest priority projects come from the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities Pedestrian Accessibility Review process. The request provides up to 1,500 feet of improved sidewalk accessibility for people with disabilities to safely travel to the bank, bus stop, educational facility,

Living With Water Houston





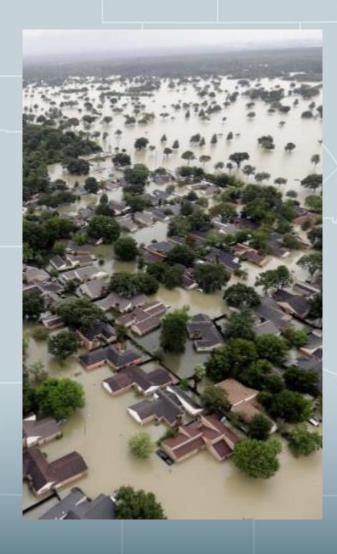
Area Council





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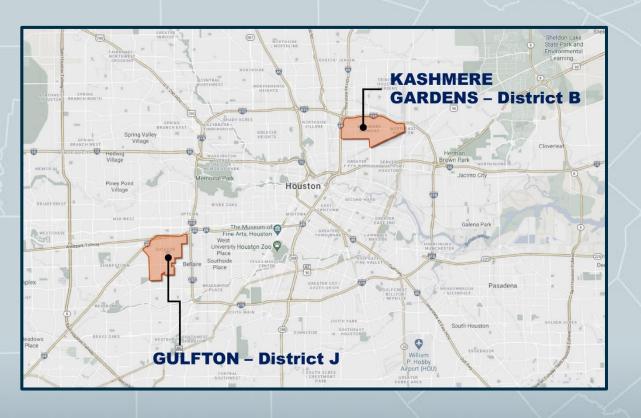
 August 2017: Hurricane Harvey devastates Houston

- CDBG DR 17 (Disaster Recovery) funding received by COH for planning activities.
 - 6 Resilience Planning Studies,
 - 1 modeling effort,
 - 1 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and
 - 3 Housing planning support initiatives



Project Description





- Two Neighborhood Sidewalk Plans
 - Kashmere Gardens
 - Gulfton
- City-wide toolkit.
- Address safety, drainage, accessibility, alternative materials, innovative design, funding, maintenance requirements, etc.



Project Description









- Planning level study
- Examine sidewalks for mobility and drainage
- Create a menu of options
- Contribute to a Resilient
 Pedestrian Network



Timeline







RESILIENT SIDEWALKS | CITY-WIDE TOOLKIT TIMELINE



STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

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Kick-off meeting to discuss project goals, project schedule and overall components of the City-wide tool kit. #2

Sidewalk mobility framework, for existing and new sidewalks – systems, connectivity, accessibility, ADA, interaction with other transportation/mobility systems.

#3

Resiliency, green stormwater Infrastructure, drainage, and flood mitigation, open ditch integration, with Houston-relevant solutions. #4

Constructability, materials, innovative techniques, and Houston-relevant solutions.

#5

Funding mechanisms, legal implications, costbenefit implications, potential City policy changes. #6

Coordination with the City's Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM), phasing, implementation strategies, coordination with external agencies, overlay with other City initiatives and plans, potential city policy changes.

#7

Review the Draft City-Wide Tool Kit.

Key Milestones:

- o City-Wide Existing Conditions Analysis: Winter 2021
- o City-Wide Preliminary Concepts: Spring 2022
- o City-Wide Refined Concepts and Strategies: Summer 2022
- o City-Wide Draft and Final Report Documentation: Winter 2022

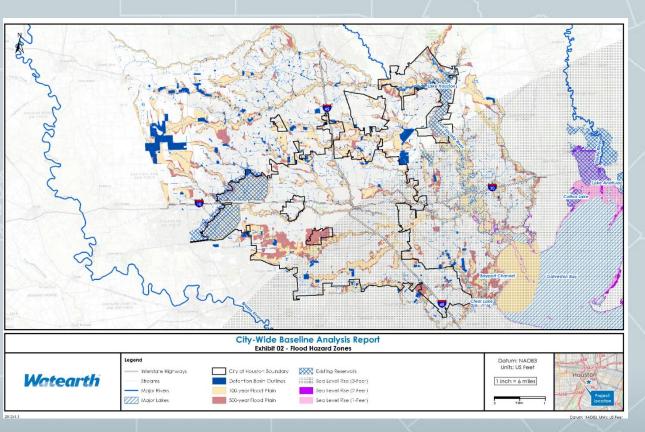


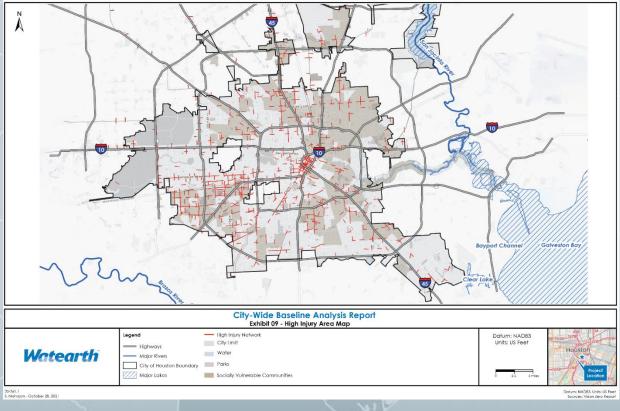




Regional Connection





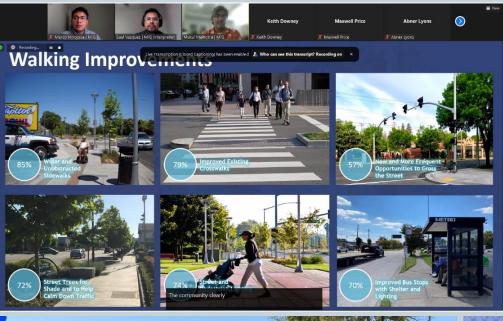


Regional Flood Hazard Zones

High Injury Network (Vision Zero)



Community Involvement











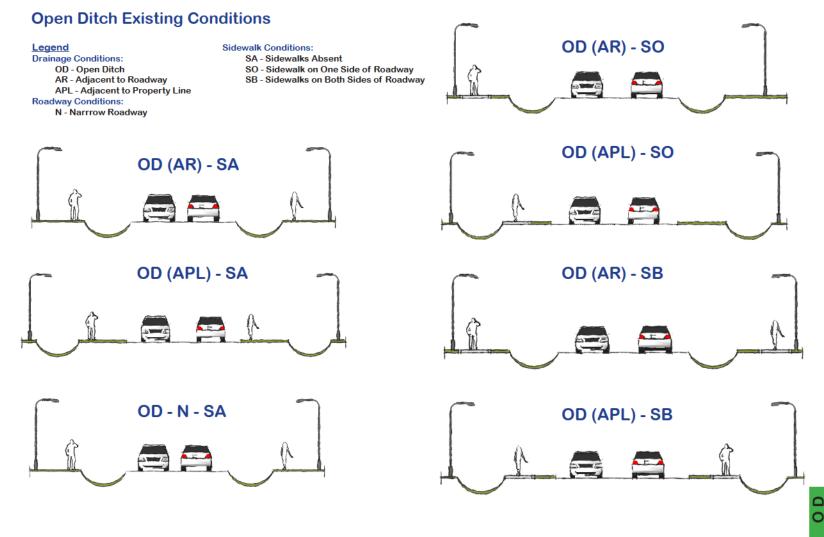
Over 800 Respondents!







Existing Conditions





Emerging Concepts











Emerging Concepts











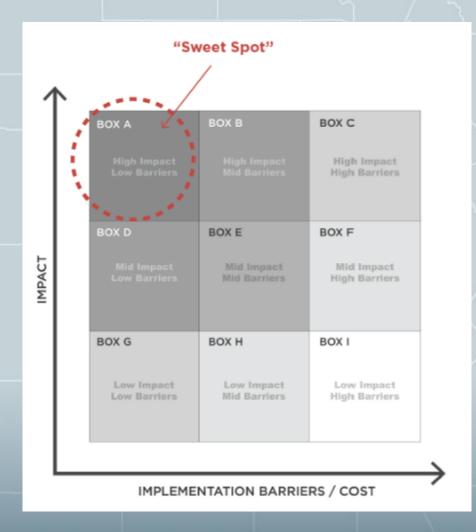






Prioritization & Phasing





- Develop a prioritization matrix to identify sidewalk scenarios/corridors that can be implemented first
- Identify ways to phase sidewalk projects to offer immediate mobility
 - Near Term safe & accessible tactical solutions
 - Long Term permanent capital projects as more funding becomes available

Serving Today • Planning for Tomorrow



Available Local Funding

- Sidewalk Program (TDO-HPW-PDB)
 - Pedestrian Accessibility Review Program (MOPD & TDO-HPW-PDB)
 - School Sidewalk Program (HPW)
 - Major Thoroughfare Program (HPW)
- Council District Service Fund (CDSF)
 Program (TDO-HPW-PDB)
- Complete Communities Improvement Fund (Mayors Office)







Available Regional Funding

- Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TA)
 Program (TxDOT H-GAC)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) (TxDOT H-GAC)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (HUD)
- Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
 Grant Program (USDoT)
- Management Districts
- Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones



- METRO General Mobility Program (METRO)
- Unified Transportation Program (UTP) (TxDOT)



Resiliency is Funding First!





"While our toolkit will produce an actionable plan, without funding,... implementation is not likely."

"We have to <u>elevate the many barriers</u> <u>observed</u>, including but not limited to, <u>lack of neighborhood scale funding mechanisms</u>, for further action."



Resiliency is Funding First!





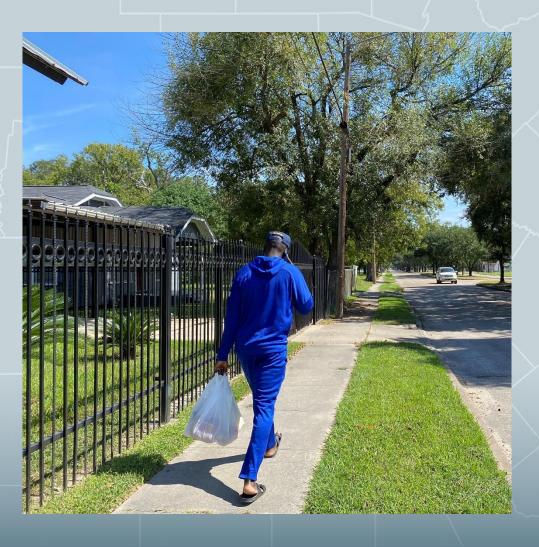
The case of "Funding Deserts"





Actionable Next Steps





- Wrap up this Plan with an actionable toolkit
 - Plug into city docs like the IDM
 - Create a working document
 - · Menu of options for all to work with
- Piggy-back on upcoming sidewalk inventory; create a priority list
- Identify grant funding and partnerships



Future Funding Strategies - COH









- Sidewalk Fee-in-Lieu (COH)
 - Developers of new construction to pay a fee instead of providing sidewalks
 - Projected revenue of \$1.8m
 - City divided into sidewalk service areas –
 70% spent in area, rest City-wide
- Target Infrastructure Grants (IRA, IIJA)
- Other Strategies...?







Precedents - City & State Wide Tools

CITY-WIDE TOOLS

- Sidewalk Mileage Tax (Ann Arbor)
- Utility Tax (Corvallis, Cheney)
- Vehicle License Fees (Seattle)
- Red Light Camera Revenue (Fort Worth)

STATE WIDE TOOLS

- State Gas Tax (North Carolina, Arizona)
- State Aid Funds (Maine, Massachusetts)

The Levy to

MOVE SEATTLE













Your tax dollars at work





Before

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Precedents

Bond Measures



Partnership Programs



Federal Funding







Precedents - Bond Measures







Precedents - Neighborhood Partnering



Programs





Sidewalk on San Antonio Street between 22nd Street and MLK

Completed in 2011 NPP Partnered with Girl Scouts Brownie Troop 591 to repair a sidewalk and do landscape work on a sidewalk between 22nd street and MLK sidewalk







Precedents - Federal Funding













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Getting Projects Prepped For Funding

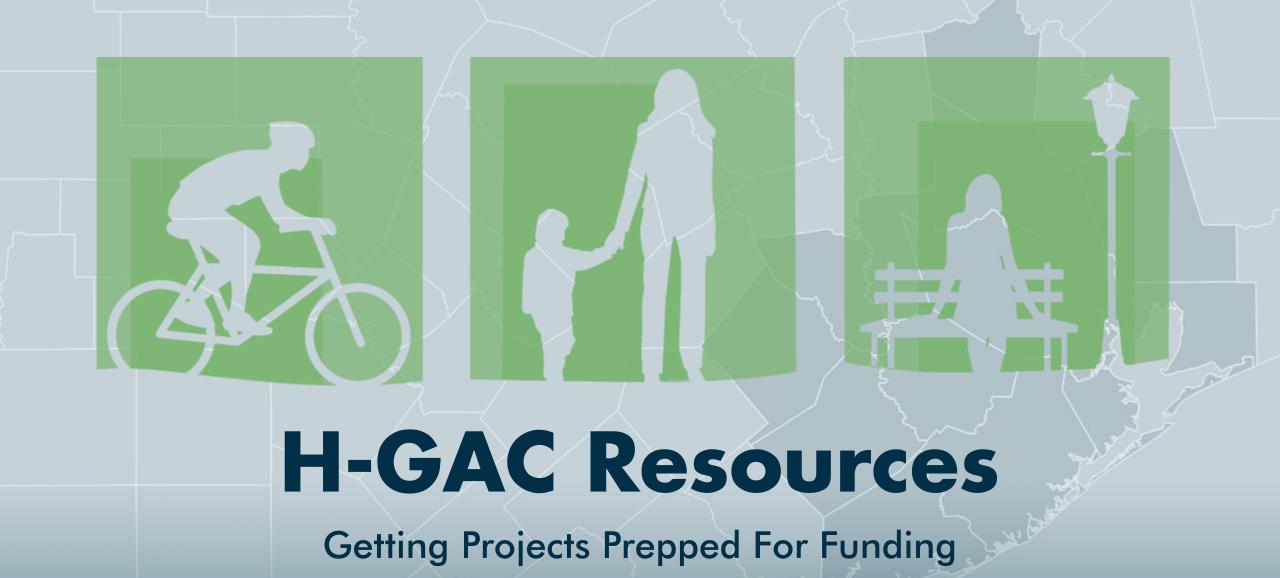






Getting Projects Prepped For Funding







Mobility Funding



20+ Year Regional Transportation

H-GAC Planning

+

H-GAC Programs

Projects

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Funding

Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds

Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Fund (TASA)

USDOT Discretionary Grants (i.e. RAISE or BUILD)



Plans and Programs for Project Programming



Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan

20+ Year Regional Transportation Plan (2045 RTP)

H-GAC Ten Year Plan/
TxDOT Unified Transportation Program
(UTP)

4 Year TIP (2023-2026 TIP)



Self-Screening & Preparation Projects



- 1. Is this a transportation-based project?
- 2. Has your project completed its environmental assessment?
- 3. Is your project designed and engineered?
- 4. Does the location of your project qualify for federal funding?

Texas Statewide System (TSSM)

https://www.txdot.gov/apps/statewide_mapping/StatewidePlanningMap.html.

Search: H-GAC, Transportation Improvement Program



Mobility Strategy

H-GAC Planning

Livable Centers Studies

Focused Livable Centers Studies

Safety Planning Studies

Subregional Mobility Plans

Active Transportation Plans

H-GAC Programs

Connect Smart/
Commute Solutions

Safe Routes to School

Mobile Counter Program

Commuter and Transit Pilot Program

Bike Safety Training



Houston-Galveston Area Council Perspective on Safety

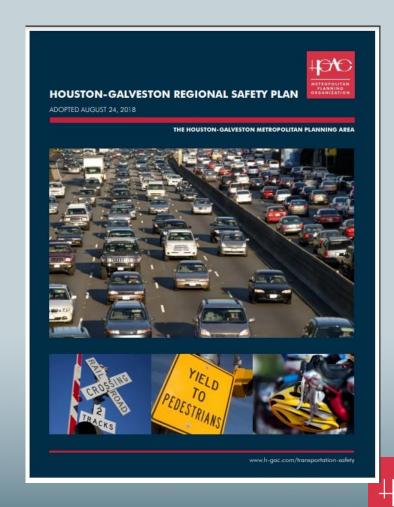
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Regional Safety Plan

- Adopted in August 2018
- Focus Areas
 - Impaired Driving
 - Distracted Driving
 - Speeding
 - Intersections Safety Audits
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety



Regional Safety Campaign

- Digital Advertising
 - Website
 - Social Media
 - Email blasts
 - Streaming Serves
 - Social Media
- Radio Advertising
- Billboards







Text iDrive to 1-888-825-1346 for TDS and safety text messages.









LOW SAFETY BELT USE

SEAT BELT USE CONTINUES TO BE LOWEST AMONG BACK SEAT PASSENGERS.

The problem of low safety belt use:

- A safety belt does not protect you when it's not worn properly².
- You can be ticketed for not wearing a safety belt even if you are sitting in the back seat. If you are in a state that does not have a primary seat belt law (police can't pull you over just for not wearing a seat belt) check to verify if there is a law that requires anyone under the age of 18 to be buckled up. Visit here for more seat belt laws.
- Seat belts saved an estimated 14,955 lives in 2017 and an additional 2,549 lives could have been saved with 100% seatbelt use.1.
- Roughly 2 out of every 4 teenagers involved in a fatal crash were not wearing a seat belt including drivers and passengers¹.
- In fatal crashes, teen drivers were more likely to be buckled up than teen passengers (49% vs 35%). Overall, passengers have lower rates of seat belt use for all ages¹.



Search this website

READ ABOUT ALL TEEN DRIVING RISKS

Distracted Driving

Nighttime and Drowsy Driving

Speeding and Street Racing

Low Safety Belt Use

Impaired Driving

Teen Passenger Risks

Respect the Rig - Large Truck and Bus Safety

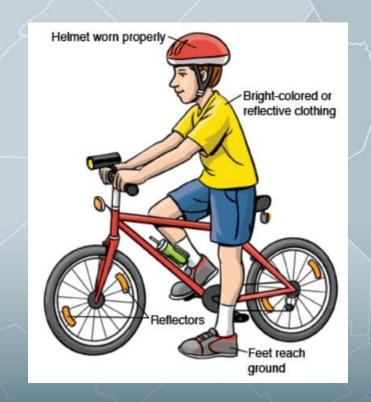
Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Additional Links and Resources



Children's Safety

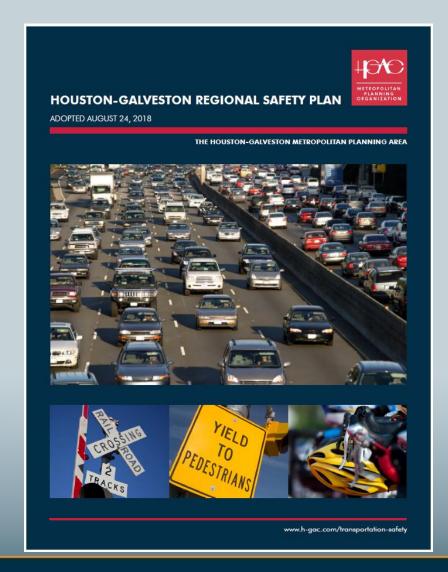








Intersection Safety Audits



Within the H-GAC region, nearly 40% of all crashes and more than 25% of fatalities occur at intersections.



Source: H-GAC Regional Safety Plan, Emphasis Areas

SHSP Emphasis Areas		Regional Safety Plan Focus Areas	
Impaired Driving		Impaired Driving	
Distracted Driving		Distracted Driving	
Speeding		Speeding	
Intersection		Intersection	
Pedestrian Safety		Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety	
Older Drivers			
Roadway Departure			

Source: H-GAC Regional Safety Plan, Intersection Strategy

Intersections			
Action	Goal		
Conduct safety audits at high frequency intersection crash	2 audits per year		
locations			



2021 Crash Statistics



- 26% of Fatalities occurred at Intersections
- 39% of Crashes are Intersection Related





H-GAC REGIONAL INTERSECTION SAFETY ASSESSMENTS



County	Number of Intersections	
Brazoria	2	
Chambers	5	
Fort Bend	8	
Galveston(City of Galveston)	10	
Harris	4	
Liberty	10	
Montgomery	10	
Waller	9	
Total	58	



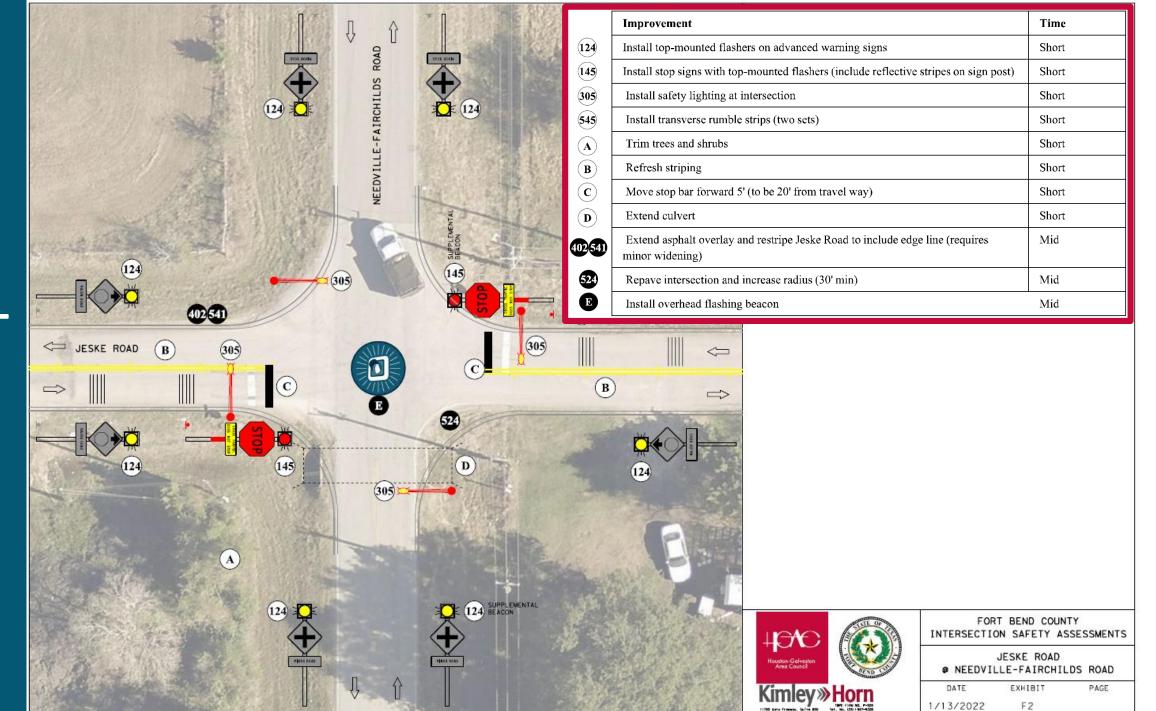












Project Deliverables

- Intersection Safety Assessment Report
- Executive Summary
- Benefit-Cost Analysis Methodology
- Safety Toolbox
- Field Review Observations
- Intersection Improvements
- Improvement Costs & Benefits
- Implementation Plan



Funding Sources for Safety Improvements

- H-GAC Transportation Improvement Program Call
- Developer-funded improvement Projects (381 Agreements)
- TxDOT Selective Traffic Enforcement Program
- TxDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program
- Federal Grants
 - Safe Streets for All (SS4A)
 - Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program







Safety Task Force

1. Goals:

- Examine Safety Problems and Solutions likely to work.
- Identify new and comprehensive approaches to Transportation Safety to achieve improvements.

2. Proposed Topics:

- Safety Performance measures and targets
- "Safe Systems" approach
- New, aggressive strategies
- Potential for dedicated Transportation Safety Program funding
- Other Issues



Surface Transportation Block Grant Safety Programs Funding

Task	Description	Budgeted Amount
Roadway Safety Audits (RSA)	Safety audits at High Crash Roadways and Training for Transportation Professionals to do RSA	\$500,000.00
Driver Education	Teens in the Driver Seat and Driver Workshops	\$360,000.00
Youth Occupant Safety and Bicycle Safety Education	Educational materials and workshops for child occupant safety, youth bike safety education and bike helmets; heatstroke prevention	\$290,000.00
Transportation Safety Campaign	Regional Safety Plan focus areas: Speeding, Distracted driving, Impaired Driving, Pedestrian & bicycle safety	\$1,000,000.00
Adult Bicycle Training	Adult Bicycle Safety Training Courses and Bicycle Friendly Driver Education	\$167,500.00
	Total	\$2,317,500.00



Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program

- Announced in May of 2022
- 5 years of Funding
- 1st Year of Grant Proposal due September 15, 2022
- \$1 Billion per fiscal year



Thank you

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Guidelines

- Open Request for Applications
- Closes December 31, 2022
- Funded through Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds Received by Region
- Commuter Transit and supporting First/Last Mile and Midday Solutions that make taking transit possible
- The project sponsor must be a public agency or nonprofit
- Application Available at https://www.h-gac.com/procurement/solicitations/trn18-06







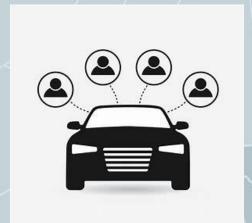


Selected Past Projects

Energy Corridor District Carshare

COMMUTER BUS SERVICES

- Fort Bend County to Medical Center and expansion pilot (additional runs)
- Baytown to Houston Central Business District (CBD)
- League City to Galveston
- Woodlands (Research Forest) to Central Houston







Current Projects



- Conroe Connection Commuter Transit
 — Conroe to Downtown and Medical Center (launched 2019)
- Woodlands Express Woodlands to Energy Corridor District (launched 2021)





Eligible Projects

- Must provide an air quality benefit
- Must provide new or expanded service
- Must provide transit or access to transit
 - Microtransit
 - Coach Bus/Cutaway Bus
 - Vans/Vanpool
 - First/Last Mile and Mid-Day Support
 - Bike Share
 - E-bike Share
 - E-Scooters
 - Shuttles
 - Carshare









Frequently Asked Questions



- If my pilot isn't successful, do I have to continue all three years?
 - No, we issue one-year renewable contracts, and at any time you can give a 30-day notice to stop the project.
- Can I continue beyond three years?
 - Yes, we can take the amount reserved for your third year and spread it to cover the fourth and fifth year as well.
- Are internal combustion vehicles allowed?
 - Yes, but zero emissions vehicles provide a greater air quality benefit to make your application more competitive.
- Can a private entity apply for a grant?
 - No, only government agencies and non-profits



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Mobile Counter Program & Ped/Bike Analyses Using ACE

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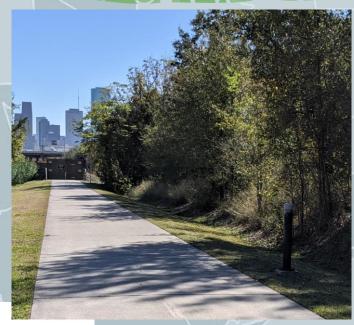


What does the Ped/Bike section do?



- Long Range Planning and Policy Development
- Ped/Bike Permanent Counters and Mobile Counter Loan Program
- Ped/Bike Subcommittee under TAC
- Adult Bike Safety Program
- Local Active Transportation Studies
- Technical support and training







RECOGNIZING MAY AS BIKE MONTH IN THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON REGION

WHEREAS, bicycling is an important mode of transportation for many residents of the Houston-Galveston region, improves quality of life for individuals and our community; and serves as a popular recreational and wellness activity; and

VHEREAS, replacing short automobile trips with bicycle trips helps the Houston-Galveston egion meet air emission and congestion management goals; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans think the presence of bikeways, shared-use paths, and sidewalks are very important in choosing where to live; and

over 50 years, promoting the benefits of bicycling nationwide; and

WHEREAS, agencies and organizations in the Houston-varieston region plan to promote bicycling in May through organized rides and bike-to-work or bike-to-anywhere events during the month of May; and

WHEREAS, The League of American Bicyclists have declared National Ride a Bike Day on May 1st, Bike to Work Week as May 16 – 22, 2022 and Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 20

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA HEREBY DECLARES MAY AS BIKE MONTH IN THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON REGION AND ENCORPORT STEED TO SAFELY EXPERIENCE BEYCLING AND EXCOME MORE AWARE OF BIC YCLISTS ON QUE STREETS AND IN OUR

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of April, 2022 by the Transportation Policy Council.



Pedestrian/Bike Mobile Counter Program

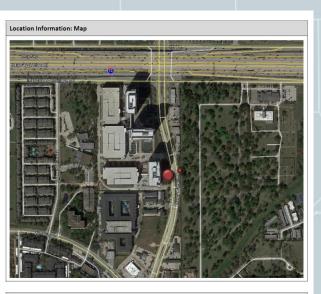


Image 5: Sidewalk along Eldridge Parkway Southbound



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- Provides data to support existing need
- Provides data for before and after studies and monitoring
- Useful for grant applications to support project





BAYOU GREENWAYS TRAIL USAGE DATA

MAY - JULY 2020

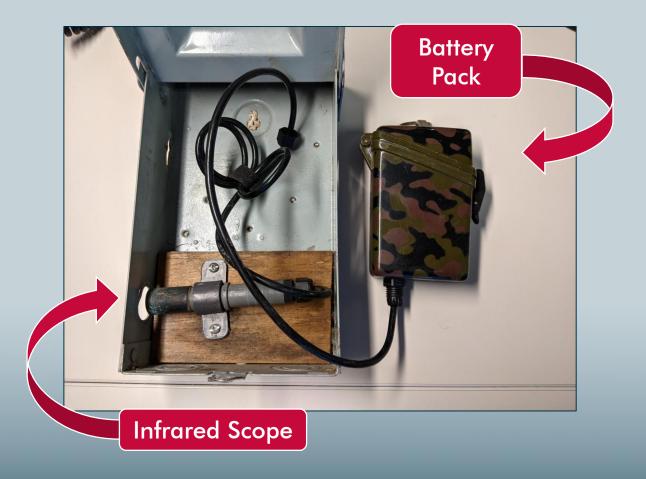
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Counter Equipment Overview

Mobile Counters

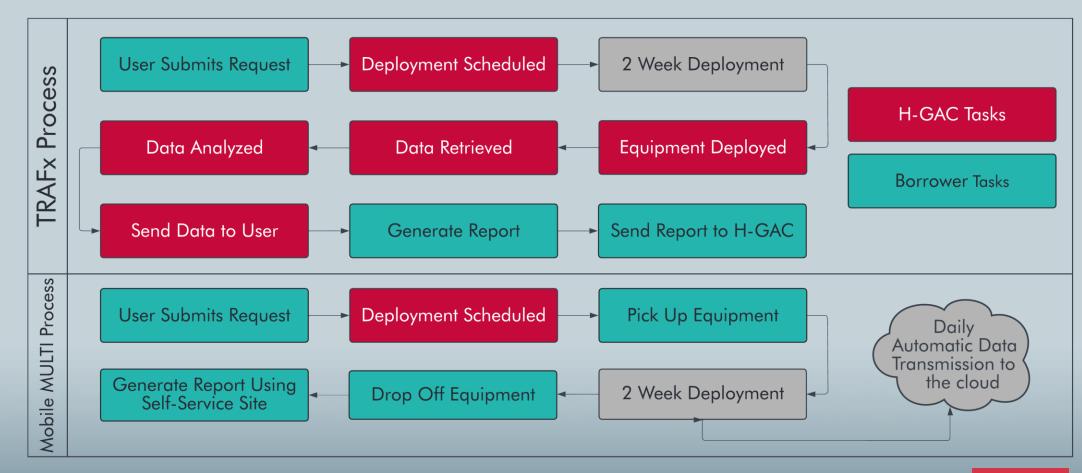


Permanent Counters





TRAFx vs Mobile MULTI Comparison





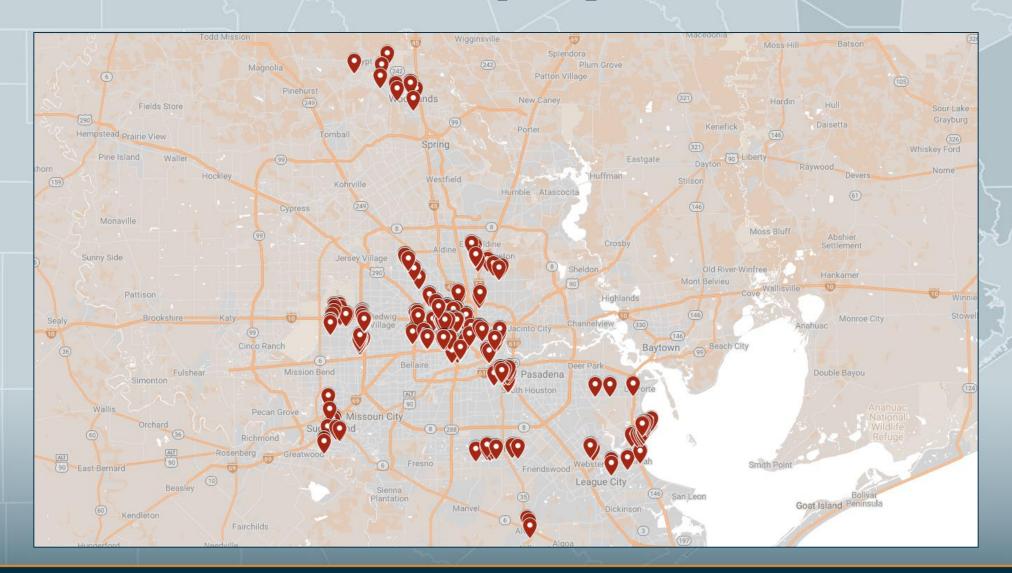
Counter Data Location and Loan Forms

- 6 TRAFx counters for short term (2 week) counts
- Can fill out form at:
 - bit.ly/hgac-counters
- Permanent & mobile counter reports published at:
 - h-gac.com/pedestrianbicyclistplanning/counters



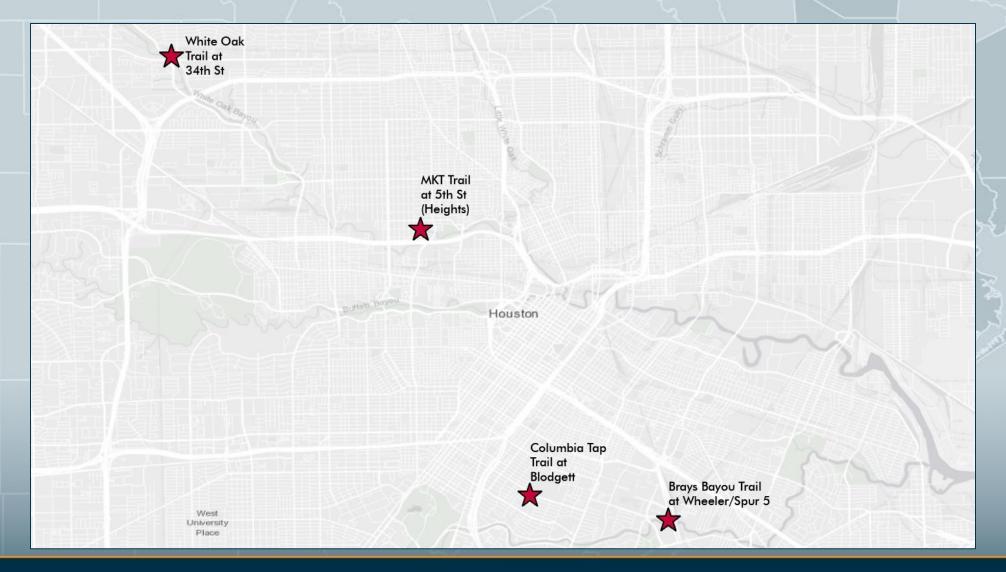


Mobile Counter Deployment Locations



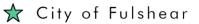


Existing Permanent Counter Locations

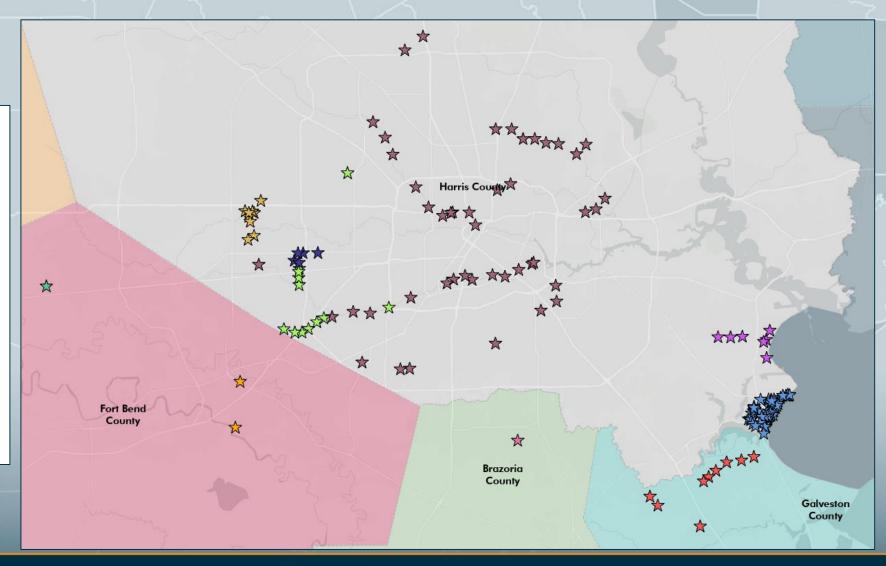




Potential Future Sites Map



- City of La Porte
- ★ City of League City
- ☆ City of Seabrook
- Energy Corridor
 District
- Houston Parks
 Board
- Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest
- ★ Westchase District
- ★ City of Pearland
- ☆ City of Sugar Land





Comments/Questions?

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What is the Activity-Connectivity Explorer (ACE)?

- ACE is a map application to identify existing activity center(s) based on density and connectivity index using a hexagonal grid system.
- What are some of the layers are incorporated into ACE?
 - H-GAC Regional Bikeways
 - H-GAC Sidewalk Inventory
 - Regional Public Transit & METRO Transit Facilities
 - Livable Centers
 - Land Use
- How to access ACE?

https://www.h-gac.com/interactive-web-applications





What Ped/Bike Analyses can be run in ACE?

Accessibility Score

- Activity Index
- Connectivity Index
- Amenity Index

Sidewalk Density Index

Sidewalk Density

Ped/Bike Commuter Analysis

- Pedestrian Mode Shift
- Bicyclist Mode Shift
- VMT Reduction

Livable Centers Need Index (LCNI)

- Weighted LCNI
- Vulnerable population demographics

Detailed instructions in Handouts



Ped/Bike Analyses Using ACE







Provides data analysis that can be used to bolster your grant applications

Provides key insight if project functions as intended when used in a before and after study

Provides data regarding potential need (latent demand)

Provides supporting information to assist with corridor and alternative development

Free to use by all

Easy to use



Comments/Questions?

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Getting Projects Prepped For Funding





H-GAC Future Potential

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Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA)

- Signed into law: Monday, November 15
- \$1.2 trillion total spending
 - \$550 billion new spending
 - 5-year FAST Act Reauthorization
 - Beyond transportation: power, water, broadband, and more
- New programs, policies, requirements
- Three types of funding
 - Highway Trust Fund
 - Guaranteed appropriations
 - General Fund (requires Appropriations)



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Funding Available to a Range of Recipients

Program Examples	State	MPO	Local	Tribe	PA*	Territory	FLMA*
Apportioned programs (formula)	✓						
Bridge Program (formula)	✓			✓			
National Electric Vehicle Formula Program	✓		✓				
Safe Streets and Roads for All program		✓	✓	✓			
PROTECT Grants (discretionary)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Congestion Relief Program	✓	✓	✓				
Bridge Investment Program (discretionary)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Rural Surface Transportation Grants	✓		✓	✓			
INFRA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Nat'l Infra. Project Assistance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Local and Regional Project Assistance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	



Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)



	FAST Act Extension		Bipartisar	ı Infrastructure	Law (BIL)	
Fiscal Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total BIL Funding		\$1.000 B	\$1.000 B	\$1.000 B	\$1.000 B	\$1.000 B

- Funds for local initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets –
 "Vision Zero" initiatives
- Cap of 15% awarded to eligible projects in a single state per fiscal year
- Funds to be used within 5 years of grant award
- Federal share not to exceed 80%
- Eligible Activities: develop Safety Action Plans, conduct planning, design, and development activities identified in the Safety Action Plan, or carry out projects and strategies identified in the Safety Action Plan
- MPOs are eligible applicants



Railway-Highway Crossing Program



	FAST Act Extension		Bipartisar	ı Infrastructure	Law (BIL)	
Fiscal Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Contract Authority	\$ 245 M	\$ 245 M	\$ 245 M	\$ 245 M	\$ 245 M	\$ 245 M

- Funds for safety improvements to reduce the number of fatalities, injuries, and crashes at public railway-highway grade crossings
- Funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program
- State apportionments are based on Surface Transportation Program under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and ratio of public railway-highway crossings in the State to public railway-highway crossings in all States
- Requirement to set aside 50% of RHCP funds for installation of protective devices removed in BIL
- elimination of hazards, the installation of protective devices at railway-highway crossings, the replacement of functionally obsolete warning devices, and for projects to reduce pedestrian fatalities and injuries from trespassing at grade crossings
- BIL increases Federal share from 90% under FAST Act to 100%
- Data analysis limitation increased from 2% under FAST Act to 8%



National Highway Freight Program



	FAST Act Extension		Bipartisar	ı Infrastructure	Law (BIL)	
Fiscal Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Contract Authority	\$ 1.487 B	\$1.374 B	\$1.401 B	\$1.429 B	\$1.458 B	\$1.487 B

- Funds for improving efficient movement of freight on the National Highway Freight Network
- Funded through the Highway Trust Fund
- NHFP funding increased from 10% under FAST Act to 30% on the amount of funding that
 a state can use on freight intermodal or freight rail projects
- Increases the maximum number of miles of highway that a state can designate as Critical Rural Freight Corridors (based on state population density per square mile)
- Increases the maximum number of miles of highway that a state can designate as Critical Urban Freight Corridors to 150 miles or 10% of the Primary Highway Freight System state mileage



PROTECT Formula Program



	FAST Act Extension		Bipartisar	n Infrastructure	e Law (BIL)	
Fiscal Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Contract Authority		\$1.40 B	\$1.43 B	\$1.46 B	\$1.49 B	\$1.52 B

- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program
- funding is available to states over five years
- make transportation infrastructure more resilient to future weather events and other natural disasters by focusing on:
 - resilience planning,
 - making resilience improvements to existing transportation assets and evacuation routes,
 - and addressing at-risk highway infrastructure
- At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure activities to strengthen, stabilize, harden, elevate, relocate or otherwise enhance the resilience of highway and non-rail infrastructure, including: bridges, roads, pedestrian walkways, and bicycle lanes, and associated infrastructure...





Getting Projects Prepped For Funding







Literally - We're Online! Grants.

Commuting Patterns-

Understanding Regional Commute (Origin-Destination)

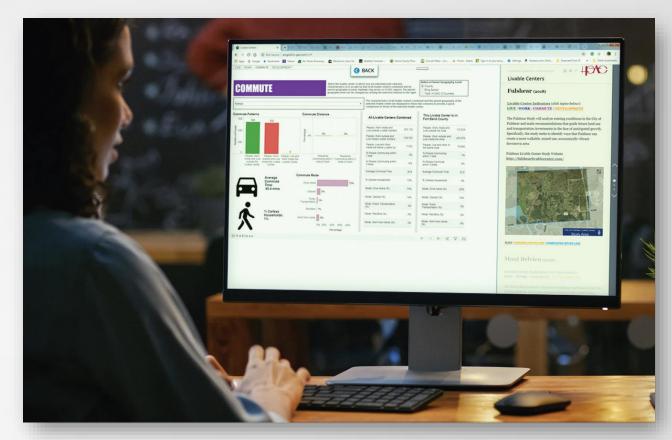
Activity Connectivity Explorer (ACE)-

Measuring Regional Accessibility

- Draw your own boundary
- Demographics
- Activity/connectivity
- Intersection Density

Interactive Planning Tool –

- Live Commute
- Work Develop



http://arcgis02.h-gac.com/lc/

Livable Centers Indicators Tools-Commute

LIVE WORK COMMUTE DEVELOPMENT





Select the livable center in which you are interested and view key characteristics of it, as well as that of all livable centers combined and its parent geography (county, highway ring sector or H-GAC region). The parent geography level can be changed by clicking the selection buttons to the right.

Select a Parent Geography Level

County

Ring Sector

→ Total: H-GAC 8 Counties

Washington Avenue ▼

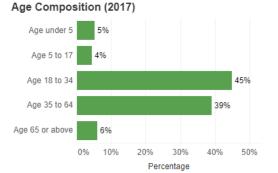
The characteristics of all livable centers combined and the parent geography of the selected livable center are displayed in these two columns to provide a quick comparison to those of the selected livable center.

Total Population: 24.195

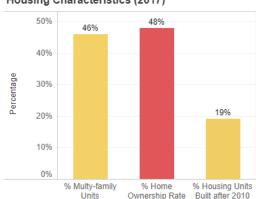
Population Change (2010-2017):

Total Housing Units: 14,232

Median Household Income: \$116,991



Housing Characteristics (2017)

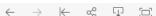


All Livable Centers Combined

Total Population	390,407
Population Change: 2010-2017	12%
Age: under 5	8%
Age: 5 to 17	18%
Age: 18 to 34	29%
Age: 35 to 64	37%
Age: above 65	9%
Total Housing Units	161,703
% Multi-Family Units	53%
% Home Ownership Rate	39%
% New Units Built after 2010	5%
Median Household Income	\$53,779

This Livable Center Is in: Harris County

Total Population	4,525,519
Population Change: 2010-2017	15%
Age: under 5	8%
Age: 15 to 17	19%
Age: 18 to 34	25%
Age: 35 to 64	37%
Age: above 65	9%
Total Housing Units	1,714,340
% Multi-Family Units	38%
% Home Ownership Rate	55%
% New Units Built after 2010	6%
Median Household Income	\$57,791



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Livable Centers

Washington Avenue (2012)

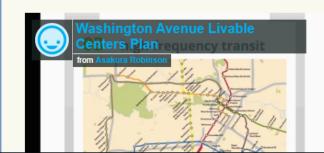
 $\underline{\textbf{Livable Center Indicators}} \ (\textit{click topics below}) \textbf{:}$

LIVE | WORK | COMMUTE | DEVELOPMENT

Project goals include:

- Develop a framework for the development of a mixed-use, multi-modal and unique community that supports its residents, employers and visitors regardless of life-stage, race or income.
- Provide more transportation choices, especially for modes that are historically underutilized, that improve the overall environment and that are focused on the needs of the community.
- Encourage the continued development of the Washington Avenue Corridor as a shopping, dining and entertainment destination in a way that respects the needs of area residents.
- Ensure that community members have increasing and ongoing methods to have their voices heard and have an active role in shaping their community.
- Focus on implementation, ensuring that the community's desires become on the ground realities.

Washington Avenue Livable Centers Study Report

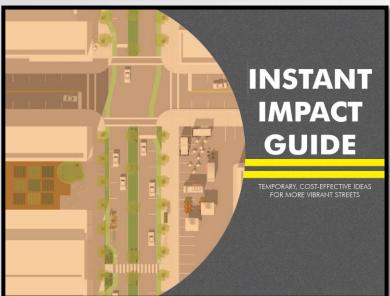




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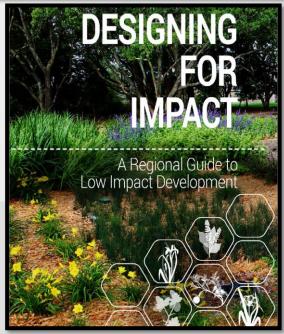




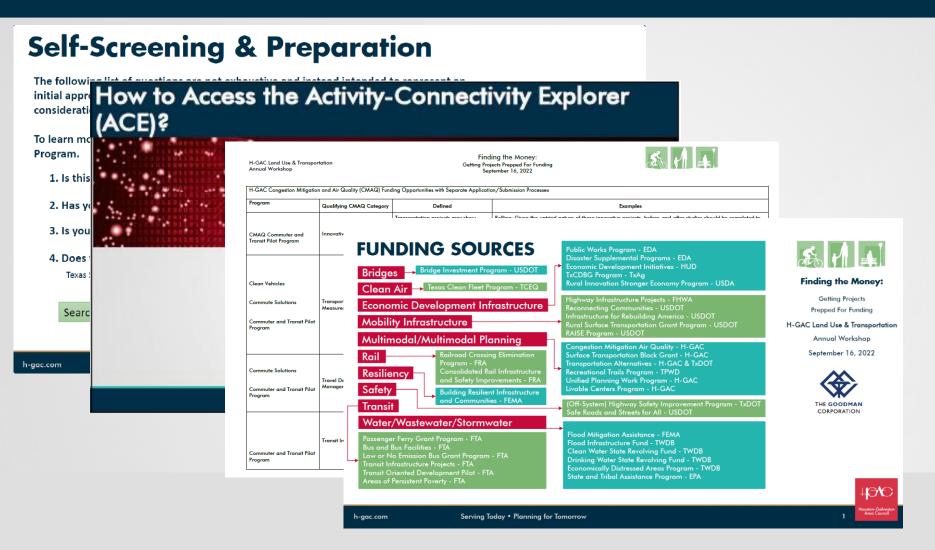








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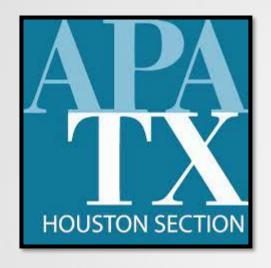
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