

5A. SUMMARY OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ACTIVITIES

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Sub-regional Planning Initiatives (SPI)

- Friendswood Parkway Corridor Study: The final draft report and other deliverables were reviewed by the City of Friendswood and H-GAC staff. The consultant is currently addressing the comments received and making final revisions. The study is anticipated to be completed in April 2026. More information is available on the project website at [Friendswood Parkway Corridor Study | Engage HGAC](#).
- Friendswood Active Transportation Plan: The third Steering Committee meeting was held on March 10, 2026, at the Friendswood Public Library. During the meeting, the study team presented the final recommendations and implementation strategies. Feedback received during the meeting will be incorporated into the final report. The second Stakeholder Group meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2026. The study is anticipated to be completed in May 2026. More information is available on the project website at [Friendswood Active Transportation Plan | Engage HGAC](#).
- Buffalo Bayou East Concept Study: The final community meeting was held on February 4, 2026, from 6:00–8:00 PM at the Warehouse at Turkey Bend. Draft recommendations were presented to the public for review. The consultant is currently preparing the final report and completing the remaining deliverables. The study is anticipated to be completed in April 2026. More information is available on the project website at [Connecting Buffalo Bayou East \(Buffalo Bayou East Design Concept\) | Engage HGAC](#).
- Liberty County Thoroughfare Plan: The base Thoroughfare Plan map has been developed. Staff are evaluating existing conditions, projected growth, and future land use. The regional Travel Demand Model (TDM) run is currently underway. The results will be used to forecast future traffic volumes and identify potential congestion points within the study area. Together, these analyses will guide the development of roadway alignments and functional classifications. Development of the Engage webpage is underway.
- Montgomery County Mobility Plan: The consultant is currently conducting data collection and coordinating the development of the Steering Committee and Focus Group. H-GAC staff, together with the consultant, met individually with Precincts 2, 3, and 4 to discuss each precinct's priorities and transportation challenges. Development of the Engage webpage is underway.
- North Houston Communities Transportation Priorities Plan (NHCTPP): The consultant is actively engaged in data collection and developing a dashboard to summarize existing conditions within the study area. The first Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2026. Development of the Engage webpage is also underway.
- Needville Mobility Plan: Contract execution is currently in progress. The project kickoff meeting is anticipated for March 2026. Development of the Engage webpage is also underway.
- Waller County Thoroughfare Plan Update: Staff is working with the County to form the Stakeholder Group. Preliminary data collection is complete. The data was used to develop maps and materials for the first stakeholder data-gathering workshop, which is anticipated to take place in May. Development of the Engage webpage is also underway.

- Regional Complete Streets Planning Guide (RCSPG): The RFP was released on February 25, 2026, and the pre-proposal meeting was held on March 11, 2026. RFP questions are due to Procurement by March 16, 2026, and the RFP submission deadline is April 9, 2026. Following the evaluation process, the RCSPG consultant contract is expected to be presented to the Board of Directors in summer 2026 for approval.
- Call for Subregional Planning Requests: Staff developed draft policy guidance in preparation for the 2026 Call for Subregional Planning Requests. The policy guidance defines subregional planning activities, establishes eligibility, and provides evaluation criteria to help H-GAC staff prioritize subregional planning requests for inclusion in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The draft policy guidance was presented to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) subcommittee on February 10, 2026, and will be presented to TAC and TPC during the March and April 2026 meetings. The online submission form for the 2026 Call for Subregional Planning Requests is currently under development.

Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

- Staff reviewed scope document for Regional Transportation Plan 2050 (RTP2050) contractor procurement.
- Staff met with selected contractors to start contract negotiations for RTP2050.
- Staff completed draft RTP2050 objectives.
- Performance measures for RTP2050 objectives in progress by Staff and the RTP2050 Steering Committee.
- Existing conditions document is being prepared by Staff.
- Staff conducted the RTP Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.
- Staff presented RTP2050 objectives to RTP Subcommittee.
- Staff met with Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) for program narratives for RTP2050 existing conditions report.
- Staff presented RTP2050 update at Interagency Coordination Meeting (ACT) on February 10, 2026.
- Staff revised and updated the RTP2050 Project Management Plan (PMP)
- Staff collaborated regarding phase II public outreach goals

Safety Planning

- Staff held Joint Regional/Metro/GCRD Safety Action Plan (SAP) meeting #1.
- Staff held Waller County SAP public meeting #1.
- Staff and the SAP consultant are planning and preparing for a Safe Systems Approach workshop in April 2026.
- Staff started to review the existing conditions documents covering the SAPs.
- Staff discussed and sought feedback from the Transportation Safety Committee (TSC) regarding the schedule, contents, and activities of a potential safety workshop for TPC members.
- Staff started researching materials for the Local Road Safety Plans (LRSPs), including set up timeline, acquire relevant data, draft call for projects document
- Staff conducted the February 2026 TSC Meeting.

Freight Planning

- Procurement is setting up and finalizing the RFP for the Freight Grade Separation Feasibility Studies.

- The next Greater Houston Freight Committee (GHFC) Meeting will be held on April 16th, 2026 with a panel on the future of trucking, including a demo Tesla semi at the H-GAC offices.

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Planning

- Staff supervised the installation of a replacement traffic counter on White Oak Bayou. H-GAC and Texas A&M Transportation Institute Staff also participated in the production of a short instructional video produced by in-house videographer Wilfredo Mendoza
- The 2026 TASA Call for Projects questionnaire deadline for eligible projects has been extended to April 17, 2026 at 6PM.
- The Regional Active Transportation Plan is preparing for the Pre-Award audit review process.

Resiliency Planning

- Staff has finalized the scope of work for the Regional Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan and will be starting the procurement process shortly.

SHORT TERM PLANNING

PROJECT PROGRAMMING

- Coordinated with TxDOT and local government agencies and processed needed FY 2025-2028 TIP amendments.
- Continuing to coordinate with TxDOT and local government agencies to develop draft FY 2027-2030 TIP for public review.
- Continuing to work with FHWA on lifting the STIP exceptions.
- Coordinating with TxDOT and TTI on air quality and congestion (PM3) performance measures data.
 - Air quality performance measures include NOX and VOC emissions estimated to be reduced based on project programmed with CMAQ funds.
 - Congestion performance measures include system reliability, truck travel time index and percentage of non-SOV commuters.

PROJECT DELIVERY – TRACKING AND MONITORING

- Staff conducted Quarterly meetings with local government agencies regarding projects included in the 4-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Staff prepared meeting minutes for each quarterly meeting conducted and worked on action/follow up items.
- Staff sent out all documents required for sponsors (risk register, scheduling tools, and project information) in the 2027-2030 TIP planning and implementation. Additionally, staff coordinated with sponsors on any clarification or questions on the documents required.
- Staff assisted with 2027-2030 TIP Development.
- Staff worked on investigating and coordinating FY 2026 letting projects. This required extensive coordination with local government sponsors and TxDOT, particularly as TxDOT's letting schedules have been changing frequently due to updates from TPP and statewide financial and letting adjustments.

AIR QUALITY

Air Quality Planning

- Staff completed the update to air quality-focused public information in support of RTP 2050, including a scenario testing modeling exercise, and handed it off to the RTP team (UPWP Subtask 3.3.a).
- Transportation Conformity: Staff continue to wait for responses from our consultative partners at the Transportation Planning and Programming (TPP) Division of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and Houston METRO about the revisions that were incorporated in January. This month, staff are finishing preparations for an internal Transportation Conformity Workshop taking place on March 31st (UPWP Subtask 3.3.b).
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program is advancing through refinement and coordination of the Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP). Staff has refined a draft CAAP with added regional context and expanded discussion of public health, ozone, and particulate matter impacts. Communications efforts are progressing with the development of the new CPRG website and rebranding under the Clean Air, Healthy Communities framework. A soft launch of outreach materials and the website is planned for the end of March, followed by a broader public rollout in mid-April. Staff also plan to present the draft plan to the Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) in April for review and feedback.
- H-GAC has initiated planning for the 2026 Air Quality Summit, anticipated for September or October 2026, and has begun engaging regional partners to help shape the event's focus and outcomes. Early discussions are underway with the University of Houston regarding potential co-sponsorship and hosting the summit at their facilities. A full stakeholder planning committee meeting is scheduled for late March to begin coordinating program themes, partner roles, and engagement strategies, with the goal of developing a collaborative agenda that highlights regional air quality initiatives, emerging research, and opportunities for cross-sector action.
- H-GAC continues to assist with various efforts related to emission reductions (ER), including the following (UPWP Subtask 3.3.c):
 - Staff completed the update of CAPES, the ER Tool used by the Clean Vehicles Program. Previously, CAPES used emission factors (EF) from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and from the MOVES model. This update to CAPES so that ERs are calculated using EFs from CARB only will ensure that future vehicle replacement grants will be awarded using physically verified emissions rather than modeled data.
 - Staff estimated the ER for a World Cup transit service from the Woodlands to NRG Stadium if nine buses made 18 one-way trips per day with 55 riders on board for a proposal to TxDOT and FHWA.
 - Staff calculated the ER for a ferry engine replacement scenario. Using the Locomotive and Marine Engine Retrofit and Replacement Tool in the CMAQ Calculator Toolkit. In this scenario, staff made estimations for if the existing diesel engines were replaced with newer diesel engines and for if they were replaced with new hybrid engines.
 - Staff estimated the ERs for the forthcoming Free Fare Friday campaign using projected ridership data for Conroe Connection Transit, Fort Bend County Transit, the Gulf Coast Transit District, Harris County Transit, and the Woodlands Express.
 - This month, staff will continue to provide assistance with ER calculations for various TIP projects.
- Staff are continuing to work to complete efforts supporting the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Rider 7 Program (UPWP Subtask 3.3.a).

- For the currently underway 2024-2025 biennium project, the project team submitted the final report in coordination with consultant AECOM. TCEQ staff reviewed and approved the final report, completing this phase of the Rider 7 project.
- Staff also continued coordination with TCEQ regarding the Rider 7 2024-2025 extension and upcoming 2026-2027 biennium activities. During this reporting period, staff developed and refined the proposed technical scope of work for the Rider 7 extension project, including Task 3 activities focused on emissions inventory development, monitoring data analysis, and regional air quality assessment. Staff shared draft materials with TCEQ for informal feedback and held discussions to ensure alignment with program priorities. The finalized scope of work, along with the quarterly report, will be submitted to TCEQ.
- In parallel, staff began preparing a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2026-2027 Rider 7 biennium project. During this reporting period, staff developed the final technical draft of the RFP and shared it with the finance team for internal review. This effort includes refining technical tasks, identifying anticipated analytical components, and coordinating internally to support the anticipated procurement process for the upcoming funding cycle.
- Staff continued advancing the regional emissions inventory framework to support air quality, transportation, and climate planning activities across the H-GAC region. During this reporting period, staff focused on refining the technical methodology, organizing the data management structure, and preparing initial analytical components of the framework. In addition, staff developed several preliminary case studies to demonstrate potential planning applications of finalized framework (UPWP Subtask 3.3.c).
- Staff advanced development of a regional air quality health impact assessment framework to support planning and policy analysis across the H-GAC region. During this reporting period, staff focused on structuring the analytical workflow and began applying the framework to evaluate Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) emissions reduction scenarios as an initial use case (UPWP Subtask 3.3.a).
- Staff has shared a draft of the Regional ZEV Plan RFP with the finance team for internal review. Promotion and outreach related to the Regional ZEV Study is ongoing, including presentations to interested groups. Staff presented the study and its findings to the Houston EV Alliance and plans to present at the Transportation Air Quality subcommittee's next meeting. (UPWP Subtask 5.5.b)

Clean Vehicles Grant Programs

- Staff continue to conduct regular coordination meetings to streamline processes and align outreach and management strategies.
- Staff are working to assist five (5) previous and two (2) new prospective vehicle replacement program applicants with preparing application materials to support eligible projects for CMAQ AFA 552, CMAQ AFA 643, and SEP funding.
- Staff and TxDOT staff reviewed the Build America / Buy America (BABA) self-certification form. TxDOT staff offered additional language, which was added and approved by the H-GAC legal department. This form will be reviewed and signed by applicable truck manufacturers to satisfy BABA compliance for Federally funded vehicle replacement projects. The first test case for the resulting process is now underway. Staff are working with one applicant to collect the required signatures for the BABA self-certification form.
- Staff met with TxDOT and H-GAC Transportation Contracts to discuss an extension or new contract to support activities related to CMAQ AFA 643. TxDOT is open to extension but prefers rolling the

funding into a new AFA and carrying over the exact scope. No final decision has been made at this time. Staff continues to have the ability to allocate funding under CMAQ AFA 643 to eligible vehicle replacement projects until October, 2026.

- Staff met with TxDOT staff to confirm that funding electric vehicle chargers remains an eligible project under AFA 643. TxDOT staff confirmed eligibility.
- Additional GPS training with GoFleet is scheduled for later in March to address data collection challenges for quarterly monitoring and invoicing.
- Staff met with a company that assists in helping fleets in securing grant funding for electric charging facilities for medium and heavy-duty trucks. Staff outlined the Clean Vehicle Program's requirements for EV trucks and charging infrastructure.

Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Coalition

- Clean Cities Coalition staff received an invitation from the Department of Energy to continue coalition work as part of the DOE's Clean Cities and Communities program for a one-year period beginning on April 1, 2026 and continuing through March 31, 2026. Staff are working to obtain the approval to submit the required application.
- To support this application, staff have begun developing a preliminary Program Management Plan (PMP) to outline coalition goals and work for upcoming contract.
- Staff began planning the Q2 2026 Stakeholder Meeting, which is expected to focus on renewable fuels. The final date for this meeting has yet to be determined.
- Staff started to enter data to support for the 2025 Coalition Activity Reporting effort. This survey gathers information on regional activities that work towards reducing regional petroleum use. Updates have been requested from last year's submitters.
- Due to limited responses from Coalition stakeholders, the Clean Cities Coalition and partners have decided to postpone a planned Hydrogen Job Fair event until there is greater interest from the region, job market, or job seekers.
- Staff are working to secure speakers for a Grants Research webinar and are seeking other options. The webinar, aimed at educating stakeholders on researching grants for alternative fuel projects at various funding levels, is still planned for Q3 of 2026.
- Coordination continues with Texas Coalition staff to support statewide initiatives and share best practices.

MPO PROGRAMS

Incident Management/Tow and Go

- H-GAC officially onboarded the Tow and Go dispatchers as H-GAC employees. This change is expected to bring stability to the program by offering a competitive wage and benefits package.
- H-GAC also onboarded a new Program Coordinator to assist with program outreach, reporting, and training.
- On February 25, H-GAC provided Robert Windham of Miller's Towing, with a Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding work and dedication to the Tow and Go Program.

Transit Planning

- A Special Call meeting of the Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee (RTCS) was held on Thursday, March 12, 2026. The main purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on the status of the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (RPTCP 2027–2031) update process.
- The next regular meeting of the RTCS is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026.
- The first Steering Committee meeting of the Regional Bus Study was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Public outreach activities for the study are expected to begin in April.
- The Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (RPTCP 2027-2031) update is progressing in-house, with ongoing coordination across DAR and Communications to advance data analysis, outreach, and plan development. Public engagement is underway, with the Interim Plan on track for a March due date and final plan in October 2026.
- The Regional Transit Information Study (RTIS) is finalizing the engagement with the survey and analysis phase, with stakeholder coordination and data collection underway to inform regional transit information improvements. Findings will support recommendations to improve riders' access and use transit services across the region.

Safety Outreach:

Teen Drivers Education and Outreach Program:

Impact Teen Drivers was selected as the new accredited and researched based program for Teen Drivers Safety and Education. Outreach Strategists aligned a new timeline for recruitment in schools this spring and prepared to conduct outreach in schools this summer and fall semester. Outreach Strategists and H-GAC staff attended the Impact Teen Drivers Train the Trainer workshop with Impact Teen Drivers staff on program and peer-to-peer training models.

Youth Traffic Safety Education and Outreach Program:

Met with H-GAC compliance team to discuss the Youth Traffic Safety program to clarify the contract term. H-GAC will be entering into a contract with Texas Children's Hospital for 2 years with the understanding that TxDOT will amend the request on the AFA.

Regional Safety Campaign/Freight Safety Campaign:

Freight Safety Campaign: Board of Directors is set for March 17, 2026. Authorization to contract with media vendors for radio, billboards, and digital advertising was approved. This will deliver safety messaging through billboards, social media, and radio promoting safety driving behaviors for commercial trucks and single occupancy vehicle drivers. The campaign will run for five months during peak commercial motor vehicle related crash season, starting early summer to early fall 2026.

Hurricane Evacuation:

Staff is working with the communications team on updating the Together Against the Weather website and began discussions about the media buy campaign for the 2026 Hurricane Season.

Intelligent Transportation Systems and TSMO Planning:

No updates at this moment.

Title VI/Language Access

Staff are completing a workplan aimed at directing the implementation of the Language Access Plan and promoting meaningful public participation by residents of the region, including residents with a history of low public engagement.

Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Project kicked off with consultant team on 2/23. Task 2 - Public Outreach and Task 3 - Existing Conditions underway. First CMP Steering Committee meeting expected in early April. Public meetings expected in late spring and early summer.

Travel Demand Management | Commute Solutions

- Commute Solutions coordinated with the Red River Chapter of ACT to host the 3rd Annual TDM Summit: Beyond the Commute. The event was hosted at H-GAC included a focus on the regional efforts for the FIFA World Cup. Social media posts were shared to promote and recap the event.
- Commute Solutions continued collaborating with the finance and administration team to execute the contract with Exemplifi to begin work on the website redesign and migration project.
- Commute Solutions is continuing to work with Finance, Communications, and HGAC Administration to prepare for the launch of the Greater Houston Bike Encouragement campaign with Love to Ride.
- The Commute Solutions and H-GAC Communications teams have started outreach with regional news outlets to generate coverage of CommuteGamePlan.com. By working directly with reporters on story ideas and interviews, we're helping bring attention to the resource and encouraging travelers to plan ahead during upcoming high-activity periods.
- Commute Solutions continues to support Data Analytics & Research in scenario planning for the upcoming FIFA World Cup tournament
- Commute Solutions coordinated Emergency Ride Home kickoff meeting to be held first week of March
- Commute Solutions organized and held a FIFA Stakeholder Workshop on-site with regional partners and employers showcasing the need for TDM strategies in the region during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, as Houston hosts 7 games and 39 days of fan fest.
- Commute Solutions conducted a tabling event at North Houston Association's Moving Texas forward transportation luncheon. Where we spoke to attendees about alternative commutes and the need for TDM with the upcoming FIFA World Cup
- Commute Solutions attended and conducted a tabling event at BayTran's Infrastructure Summit, where TDM strategies in preparation for FIFA World Cup were showcased.
- The month of February 2026 brought Commute Solutions a lot more impressions than February 2025 and about the same level of engagement. This month, we focused on promoting our new World Cup website, highlighting the resources offered there, a new commercial for the METRO Vanpool program, as well as promoting The Woodlands Express Park & Ride option for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Our Rodeo post had over 1 thousand impressions, with the majority of those being from Facebook and LinkedIn.
- Commute Solutions had one boosted Ad this month; we chose to boost our METRO Vanpool commercial on LinkedIn, since it started garnering a lot of impressions within the first few days of being posted. Due to this boosted Ad, we saw over 321K impressions generated across LinkedIn, 51K professionals reached, and 102 clicks driven to the campaign.

TRAVEL DEMAND MODELING & FORECASTING

- Staff continues to provide travel demand and forecasting modeling to support the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP), the FIFA 2026 World Cup Transportation Scenario Planning and other traffic and travel related data developments, and analysis within the H-GAC MPO region that supports sub-regional and corridor studies. These include modeling support for TxDOT and non-TxDOT projects such as:

TxDOT Projects Support:

- 36A South Traffic Projection: Updated demographic inputs and Model application for three alternatives for the year 2045 were provided. Support includes Travel Demand outputs for Alternative 4.
- I-10 Ramp Reversals: Travel Demand Modeling support for turning movement analysis for both build and no-build scenarios for the year 2045.
- Grand Parkway Model Run: Staff reviews the updated model input data and provide model runs.
- 36A North Traffic Projection: Provided demographic data, loaded networks, and trip tables. Will provide forthcoming scenario model runs.

Harris County Projects:

- Mueschke Road Project (Precinct 4): Provided Travel Demand Model for four analysis years with the free-flow speed set to 45 mph. to support the benefit-cost analysis.
- Telge Road Reconstruction (Precinct 4): Developed modeling network for the widening of Telge Road and accessibility improvements to SH 99 for both build and no-build scenarios for years 2023, 2026, 2030, and 2045.
- Traffic Project for Clay Road: Provided traffic count data along with loaded networks for 2023, 2030, and 2045.
- Leeland/Cullen Grade Separation Study: Providing model calibration support for the Leeland study area buffer and the future-year travel forecast run.

Harris County Toll Authority (HCTRA):

- Hardy Downtown Connector Program:
Provided three additional scenario runs to support this corridor study.

City of Richmond: Richmond Traffic Mobility Study:

- Provide the loaded networks and demographic files to support this study's updates.

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO):

- Provided Origin-Destination Matrix by ZIP code for the base year 2023 and future year 2045.

H-GAC Transportation Department (Internal Request):

- Air Quality (AQ) model test runs - Continued conducting TDM and AQ model test runs.
- CMP Request – SH 99: Fry Road to Bay Hill Boulevard: Support provided for congestion mitigation analysis for SH 99 between FM 1093 and I-10.
- Liberty County Thoroughfare Plan:
Developing road network and model runs for the Liberty County Thoroughfare Plan for base year 2026 and future year 2045 build and no-build.
- Montgomery County Mobility Plan: Provided INRIX data for the county and conducted the 2026 no-build run (2026 network with 2045 demographics).

Conformity:

- TDM Updates for next conformity: Conducted several rounds of model tests and debugging to address issues and ensure model stability. Reviewed project documentation.

World Cup 2026 FIFA Scenario Planning Services:

- Coordinating with Consultant (ARCADIS) and Stakeholders with Travel Demand Modeling and planning to support the forthcoming FIFA World Cup Transportation Scenarios and planning, Converted TDM trip tables to DTA zone structure.

Travel Demand Modeling Updates:

- Staff is coordinating with H-GAC Internal Audit team as the team vets the procurement process and the H-GAC Board selected team of contractors for the forthcoming Advance Transportation Scenario Planning Tools (ATSPT)
- Continues with the update of the Travel Demand Model tools for the forthcoming conformity, continues to update the 4-step Regional Travel Demand Model that supports the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP), and other traffic and travel related data developments that supports sub-regional and corridor studies in the region.
- Continues to coordinate with Cambridge Systematics Consultant and team of sub-contractors on the deliverables, and training for the Travel Demand Model Update and Maintenance tasks come to an end.

Regional Travel Surveys

- University Travel Survey: Reviewed survey weighting methodology and weighted data.
- H-GAC Household Survey Data: Responded to request from Rice University regarding H-GAC Household Travel Survey.
- Continues to coordinate with the TxDOT TP&P for the ongoing 8-county Commercial Vehicle and the Special Generator survey in Galveston County
- Continue to coordinate with contractors for the Major Universities and Community Colleges Surveys as project comes to an end and the survey reports are being developed.
- Develop dashboard for the University and Community Colleges Survey data

Socioeconomic Data, Modeling and Applications

- Staff continued updating model-building inputs using new data from master-planned communities, plat records, and announced development activity, including major corridor-related projects such as the Fort Bend Tollway. Ongoing refinements support land-use and socioeconomic modeling updates.
- Staff collaborated with the Transportation Department on enhancements to the Smart Streets Application for the Call for Projects process, including refinements to the data management workflow and improvements to the user interface.
- Staff continued updated the Monthly Regional Crash Data Report, including routine updates to CRIS datasets and maintenance of automated Tableau dashboards used for monthly reporting and public access.
- Under 2050 RTP support, staff continued advancing the Existing Conditions effort, including updates to regional demographics, land use, housing demand and cost burden, transportation system conditions, activity center analysis, and historical transportation trends using the 2024 Regional

Growth Forecast. Staff also supported preparation for the 2050 RTP Stage 2 Public Meeting and updated presentation materials for the Existing Conditions discussion. The RTP team hired Cambridge Systematics as the consultant to support the RTP development process.

- Staff continued updating the 2024 Census ACS datasets, including detailed review of the newly released data and updates to internal databases and applications supporting demographic and socioeconomic analysis. This work supports ongoing modeling activities and regional data products.
- Staff continued work on the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (RPTCP), including development of regional transit agency mapping and survey questions. Organic social media posts are scheduled to promote the survey and bring awareness to it. Staff also began conducting a Transit Need Index analysis using 2024 ACS data and an accessibility-based Transit Score methodology. Preparation of a draft gap analysis report is underway, with completion targeted for the end of March.
- Staff identified a missing weighting variable in the PUMS-based migration dataset used to support the Regional Growth Forecast. Staff are updating and re-running the data processing workflow to ensure the dataset produces population-representative estimates for regional demographic analysis and forecasting.
- Staff supported the SH 36A South alternatives analysis by incorporating recently identified residential and non-residential developments within a one-mile corridor buffer into TAZ-level population and employment updates, improving representation of future growth in the travel demand model.