## H-GAC 2018 Regional Thoroughfare Plan Update

## **Background**

H-GAC has been updating the H-GAC Regional Thoroughfare Plan over the past year. The Plan will serve as a guide that anticipates future transportation needs in the eight-county planning area and responds to those potential needs by identifying conceptual options for maintaining a well-coordinated, efficient, and effective street network.

The advantage of a regional thoroughfare plan is that it indicates where a county/region should preserve roadway right-of-way (ROW) so that as development occurs or as traffic increases, the County will can develop appropriate transportation facilities. The Plan also supports orderly and predictable development as private development occurs and minimizes disruption and displacement of people and businesses by providing a long-range, predictable plan.

Updating the thoroughfare data has allowed H-GAC to identify which Counties need to develop or update a thoroughfare plan as well as the need for workshops to educate all entities on the purpose and benefits of a thoroughfare plan.

## Action Requested

For information only