



**A G E N D A**  
**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL**  
**FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**  
September 19, 2023, 9:00 AM  
3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room 2-D  
Houston, TX 77027

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. N/A
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

**ACTION**

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. N/A
- b. HGACBUY – AMBULANCES, EMS AND OTHER SPECIAL SERVICE VEHICLES  
Request authorization of contracts with respondents for AM10-23 Ambulances, EMS and Other Special Service Vehicles. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)
- c. ASANA PROJECT MANAGEMENT SOLUTION RENEWAL  
Request approval to purchase 325 Asana project management licenses on an annual basis through state or federal contracts in the amount of \$99,320. (Staff Contact: Tanya Nguyen)
- d. MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL – WORKFORCE SYSTEM  
Request approval to enter into a new subscription agreement with Microsoft for 1,130 Microsoft Office 365 licenses for a period of three years in the amount of \$851,155. (Staff Contact: Tanya Nguyen)
- e. WORKFORCE SYSTEM CONTRACT  
Request approval to renew vendor agreements with the Ingeniux Corporation to continue managing the Workforce Solutions website; total contract amount is \$206,000. (Staff Contact: Juliet Stipeche)
- f. CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND HOMELAND SECURITY PLANNING SERVICES – FISCAL YEAR 2024 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
Request ratification of the interlocal agreement with the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office in the amount of \$352,435. (Staff Contact: Justin Riley)
- g. GREENS BAYOU WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN  
Request approval to enter a contract with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to develop a Watershed Protection Plan for the Greens Bayou Watershed; contract amount \$238,698. (Staff Contact: Justin Bower)

- h. CEMETARY ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY  
Request authorization to negotiate contract with consulting firms, in the order presented, to conduct the Cemetery Road Corridor Study; contract amount of \$200,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)
  - i. US 90A TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY  
Request authorization to negotiate a contract with the consulting firms listed, in the order presented, to conduct the first phase of the US 90A Transit Corridor Study; contract amount of \$400,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)
  - j. REGIONAL INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND WEBSITE UPDATE  
Request authorization to negotiate contract with the consulting firms, listed in the order presented, to update the Regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture and Website; contract amount of \$353,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)
6. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE  
Report on activities and Committee recommendations.
- a. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – AUGUST 2023  
Request approval of the monthly financial report ending August 31, 2023. (Staff Contact: Shaun Downie)
7. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
- a. SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL ACTION PLAN GRANT PROGRAM  
Request resolution and authorization to enter into an agreement between the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and H-GAC to conduct activities necessary to complete Action Plans that meet the requirements of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan Grant Program in the amount of \$4,000,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)
  - b. CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT – FUNDING AGREEMENT  
Request authorization to enter into an agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program activities in the amount of \$1,000,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)
  - c. CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT – CONTRACTS  
Request authorization to enter into an interlocal agreement with Fort Bend County, Harris County, City of Houston, and Houston Advance Research Center for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program activities; contracts total \$750,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)
8. N/A

9. REPORTS

a. N/A

b. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

## HGACBUY – AMBULANCES, EMS AND OTHER SPECIAL SERVICE VEHICLES

### Background

The H-GAC Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGACBuy) establishes contracts for a variety of products and services through competitive solicitations. Member governments are able to use the contracts to make purchases. HGACBuy received and opened twenty-one responses for Ambulances, EMS and Other Special Service Vehicles on August 10, 2023. The following companies submitted responses:

1075 Emergency Lighting LLC dba 10-75 Emergency Vehicles	Haskell, NJ
Alpha One Firetrucks, LLC	Duncan, OK
American Response Vehicles, Inc.*	Columbia, MO
Autocraft Group Inc. dba FastLane Emergency Vehicles	Purcellville, VA
Braun Northwest Inc.	Chehalis, WA
Chastang Enterprises-Houston, LLC dba Chastang Ford	Houston, TX
Daco Fire Equipment Inc.*	Lubbock, TX
Excellence, Inc.	Fayetteville, NC
First Priority Emergency Vehicles, Inc. dba First Priority Group	Manchester, NJ
FLYMOTION, LLC	Tampa, FL
FR Conversions, LLC	Westminster, MD
Frazer, Ltd.	Houston, TX
LDV, Inc.	Burlington, WI
Lenco Industries, Inc. dba Lenco Armored Vehicles	Pittsfield, MA
Matthews Specialty Vehicles, Inc.	Greensboro, NC
Medic Built, LLC	Kennedale, TX
Medix Specialty Vehicles, LLC*	Elkhart, IN
Osage Industries, Inc. dba Osage Ambulances	Linn, MO
Professional Ambulance Sales & Service, LLC dba SERVS	Comanche, TX
Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC	Houston, TX
VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists LLC	Berlin, NJ

\*Joint respondent

### Current Situation

This contract is a continuation of an existing contract in our portfolio, consisting of ambulances, light/medium rescue vehicles, specialty vehicles or equipment, EMS vehicle conversion, and ambulance remounts. All responses have been evaluated by H-GAC staff. Twenty respondents are

being recommended for award. The response from FR Conversions was deemed non-compliant. Request authorization for contracts representing the best value for product items as summarized in the Award Recommendations Table.

**Funding Source**

Participating local government purchasers

**Budgeted**

N/A

**Action Requested**

Request authorization of contracts with respondents for AM10-23 Ambulances, EMS and Other Special Service Vehicles. (Staff Contact: Ronnie Barnes)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

▢ Award Recommendation Table

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## HGACBuy Award Recommendation Table

### Ambulances, EMS & Special Service Vehicles

#### AM10-23

Award Recommendation	Categories
<b>1075 Emergency Lighting LLC dba 10-75 Emergency Vehicles</b>	<b>B, C, I</b>
<b>Alpha One Firetrucks, LLC</b>	<b>B, D</b>
<b>American Response Vehicles, Inc.</b>	<b>E, F</b>
<b>Braun Northwest, Inc.</b>	<b>A, B, C, E, F</b>
<b>Chastang Enterprises Houston LLC dba Chastang Ford (TX Respondent)</b>	<b>B, C, G</b>
<b>Daco Fire Equipment, Inc. (TX Respondent), Life Line Emergency Vehicles, Inc.*</b>	<b>A, E, F</b>
<b>Excellance, Inc.</b>	<b>A, F</b>
<b>Autocraft Group Inc. dba Fastlane Emergency Vehicles</b>	<b>B, C, D, G, H, I</b>
<b>First Priority Emergency Vehicles, Inc. dba First Priority Group</b>	<b>B, C, D, E, F</b>
<b>FLYMOTION, LLC dba FLYMOTION</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Frazer, LTD (TX Respondent)</b>	<b>A, B, C, E, F, I</b>
<b>LDV, Inc.</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Lenco Industries, Inc. dba Lenco Armored Vehicles</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Matthews Specialty Vehicles, Inc.</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>MEDIC BUILT, LLC (TX Respondent)</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Medix Specialty Vehicles, LLC; Southwest Ambulance Sales LLC (TX Respondent); Danko Emergency Equipment; Defender Emergency Products Sales &amp; Service LLC; Foster Coach Sales Inc.; North Eastern Rescue Vehicles, Inc.; Penn Care, Inc.; Laake Enterprises, Inc. dba FESCO Emergency Sales; Republic EVS, LLC dba Republic EVS;*</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Osage Industries, Inc.</b>	<b>A, E</b>
<b>Professional Ambulance Sales &amp; Service dba SERVS (TX Respondent)</b>	<b>A, C, E, F</b>
<b>Siddons Martin Emergency Group, LLC (TX Respondent); Demers Ambulance USA Inc. dba DBC; REV Ambulance Group Orlando, Inc. dba Road Rescue; REV Ambulance Group Orlando, Inc.- Wheeled Coach dba Wheeled Coach;*</b>	<b>A, C, E, F, H, I</b>
<b>VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists, LLC</b>	<b>C, D, E, F, G</b>
Award Categories:	
A - Ambulance	F - Remount on Contractor Supplied Chassis
B - Light/Medium EMS Rescue Vehicle	G - Electric/Alternative Fuel Ambulance/EMS/Rescue Vehicle
C - Other Specialty Vehicle or Equipment	H - Ambulance/EMS/Rescue Vehicle Service/Maintenance Plans
D - EMS Vehicle Conversion	I - Ambulance/EMS/Rescue Vehicle Parts and Supplies
E - Remount Services Only	*Joint Response

## **ASANA PROJECT MANAGEMENT SOLUTION RENEWAL**

### **Background**

H-GAC adopted Asana as the agency project management solution in 2023. This solution allows for better visibility, transparency, and accountability into the projects and services we provide to the region while also streamlining our reporting processes and metrics generation.

### **Current Situation**

Request the allocation of a total of 325 Asana licenses, composed of our existing 300 licenses along with 25 additional licenses. This augmentation in our licensing capacity is directly aligned with the recent expansion of our staff numbers. With more individuals joining our ranks, there has been a corresponding increase in the utilization of Asana as our preferred project management tool.

### **Funding Source**

Allocated

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request approval to purchase 325 Asana project management licenses on an annual basis through state or federal contracts in the amount of \$99,320. (Staff Contact: Tanya Nguyen)

## **MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL – WORKFORCE SYSTEM**

### **Background**

The Houston-Galveston Area Council provides Workforce Solutions staff and their contractors with access to the Microsoft Office 365 software suite, including email, SharePoint, OneDrive, Teams, and Office software. The last renewal was approved by the Board of Directors on November 17th, 2020.

### **Current Situation**

The current subscription for Workforce Solutions is at the end of the three-year agreement with Microsoft and will require a new subscription to continue operation. Staff recommends renewing the subscription for a total of 1,130 users for three years at a cost of \$851,155. The subscription licenses will be purchased through the State of Texas government contract.

### **Funding Source**

Texas Workforce Commission

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request approval to enter into a new subscription agreement with Microsoft for 1,130 Microsoft Office 365 licenses for a period of three years in the amount of \$851,155. (Staff Contact: Tanya Nguyen)



## **WORKFORCE SYSTEM CONTRACT**

### **Background**

Since 2013, Ingenuix Corporation has been the software vendor creating and managing content for the Workforce Solutions website.

### **Current Situation**

Ingenuix continues to operate and manage the Workforce Solutions website. The software is cloud-based and allows staff to create and manage specific areas of the site. For 2024, Ingenuix will continue to work with staff to modify and update the Workforce Solutions website content and the online financial aid application system for scholarships as needed. Additional programming is offered at a discounted rate using Ingenuix's 360 program. The work includes programming for the online application, new page types, components, overlay, navigation updates, imaging resizing documents, and data transfers.

### **Funding Source**

Texas Workforce Commission

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request approval to renew vendor agreements with the Ingenuix Corporation to continue managing the Workforce Solutions website; total contract amount is \$206,000. (Staff Contact: Juliet Stipeche)

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND HOMELAND SECURITY PLANNING SERVICES – FISCAL YEAR 2024 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

### **Background**

The Office of the Governor contracts with H-GAC each year to perform critical activities related to criminal justice and homeland security funding. Through this interlocal agreement, Public Safety staff provides technical assistance to criminal justice and homeland security grant applicants, manages the oversight of the advisory committees evaluating grant proposals, and facilitates fair and equitable grant evaluation processes.

### **Current Situation**

The previous interlocal agreement with the Office of the Governor expires on August 31, 2024. The newly executed interlocal agreement will cover services from September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025. The Office of the Governor provided a narrow window to accept and sign the new interlocal agreement requiring staff to seek ratification.

### **Fiscal Year 2024 Interlocal Agreement**

Criminal Justice Services	\$ 297,435
Homeland Security Services	\$ 55,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 352,435</b>

### **Funding Source**

Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request ratification of the interlocal agreement with the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office in the amount of \$352,435. (Staff Contact: Justin Riley)

## **GREENS BAYOU WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN**

### **Background**

The Greens Bayou watershed has been identified through H-GAC's water quality monitoring and planning efforts as a priority area for water quality protection and improvement. H-GAC has secured funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, with support from member governments, to work with local stakeholders in completing a watershed protection plan for this area. The plan will focus on voluntary measures that can be taken to reduce water pollution, based on input from local stakeholders and the public.

### **Current Situation**

The four-year grant award would fund the development of a watershed protection plan. Project elements will include:

- Compiling and evaluating water quality data and trends. Identifying sources of pollution.
- Working with local stakeholders to recommend voluntary strategies to reduce pollution in the watershed.
- Engaging with project partners and the public throughout the development of the plan.
- Coordinating with other local efforts.

The project is expected to begin in the fall of 2023 and end in August 2027.

### **Funding Source**

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality \$238,698  
In-Kind Match (Clean Rivers Program) \$159,132

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

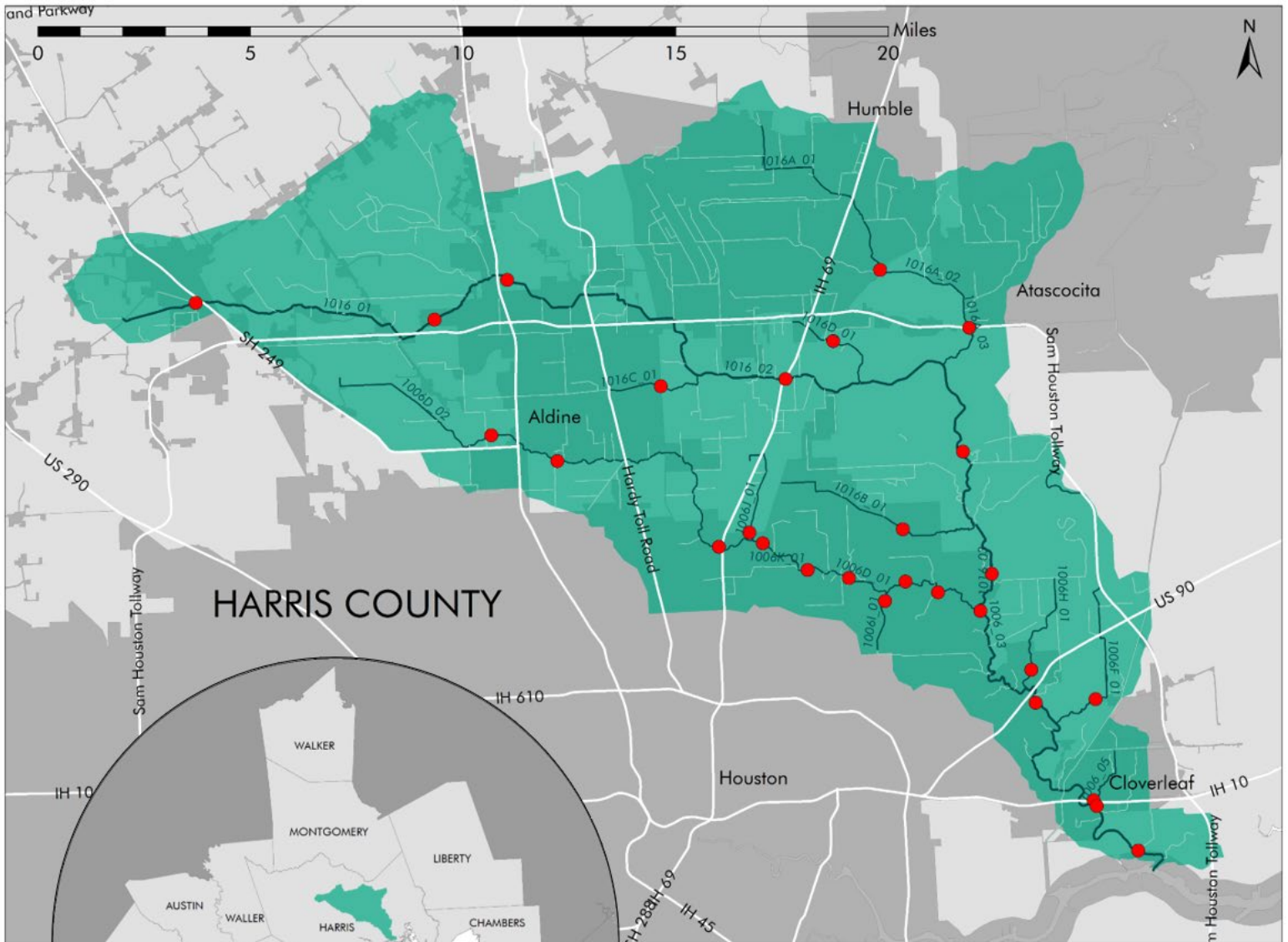
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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

▫ Greens Bayou Watershed Map

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# Greens Bayou Watershed



## Legend

### Greens Bayou Watershed

-  Watershed Area
-  Classified Streams
-  Unclassified Streams
-  Other Channels

### Other Features

-  Cities
-  Counties
-  Major Roadways
-  CRP Monitoring Site



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## **CEMETERY ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY**

### **Background**

Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) has established a partnership with Galveston County, Texas to conduct the Cemetery Road Corridor Study. The road is located in Galveston County, Texas just west of IH-45S, between FM 517 and SH 6. The 2-lane asphalt road is approximately 3.8 miles and is located within the jurisdictions of Santa Fe, Dickinson and unincorporated Galveston County which makes it difficult to address long-term planning, construction, and maintenance efforts. The goal of this planning study is to analyze the corridor, identify short- and long-term needs, and develop actionable solutions to improve multimodal mobility in this corridor that reflect the local and regional needs of the community. This 12-month study shall conclude with a prioritized list of recommended improvements and implementation workbook for each jurisdiction.

In March 2022, the H-GAC Board of Directors approved a Resolution to enter into a Local Project Advance Funding Agreement for Southeast Regional Planning Projects, which includes the Cemetery Road Corridor Study (Solicitation Number: TRN23-07).

### **Current Situation**

H-GAC issued a Request for Proposals in July 2023. In response to this request, H-GAC received three proposals.

The Proposal Review Committee recommends the following consultants conduct the Cemetery Road Corridor Study in the order presented below:

1. Halff Associates, Inc.
2. The Goodman Corporation
3. TJKM Transportation Consultants

### **Funding Source**

Federal: Up to \$200,000

### **Budgeted**

Yes

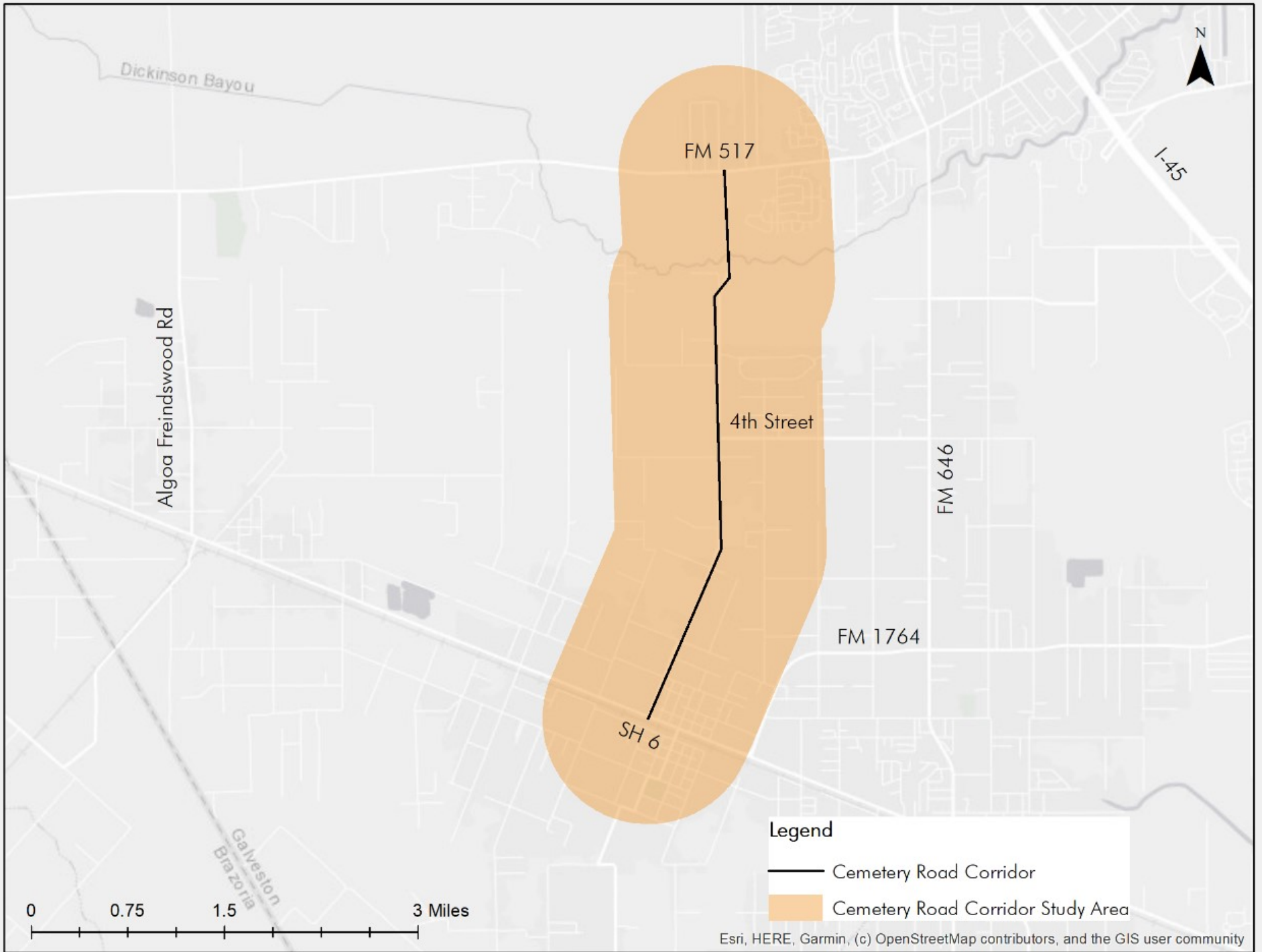
### **Action Requested**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

▢ Boundary Map

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## US 90A TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY

### Background

The Houston-Galveston Area Council has established a partnership with the Gulf Coast Rail District to conduct a study of and develop feasible and reasonable transit alternatives for the US 90A corridor.

The US 90A highway corridor runs through some of Fort Bend County's most significant urban developments, including the cities of Missouri City, Richmond, Rosenberg, Stafford, and Sugarland, as well as communities in Southwest Houston. At the corridor's eastern end is the Texas Medical Center, a major employment center that is the destination for many Fort Bend County commuters. This corridor has been extensively studied as a potential high-capacity transit corridor by multiple agencies, with a focus on commuter rail. This study will assess the technological and economic feasibility of establishing and operating efficient transit service along this corridor, with the assumption that commuter rail is not a viable technology option for this corridor, and with the understanding that recent legislation allows the Gulf Coast Rail District to consider technologies other than commuter rail.

### Current Situation

H-GAC issued a Request for Proposals on May 9, 2023. In response to this request H-GAC received two proposals.

The Proposal Review Committee recommends the following consultants conduct the US 90A Corridor Transit Study in the order presented below:

1. HDR, Inc.
2. Huitt-Zollars, Inc.

This study is included in the Unified Planning Work Program adopted by the H-GAC Transportation Policy Council.

### Funding Source

Federal - Transportation Planning

### Budgeted

Yes

### Action Requested

Request authorization to negotiate a contract with the consulting firms listed, in the order presented, to conduct the first phase of the US 90A Transit Corridor Study; contract amount of \$400,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

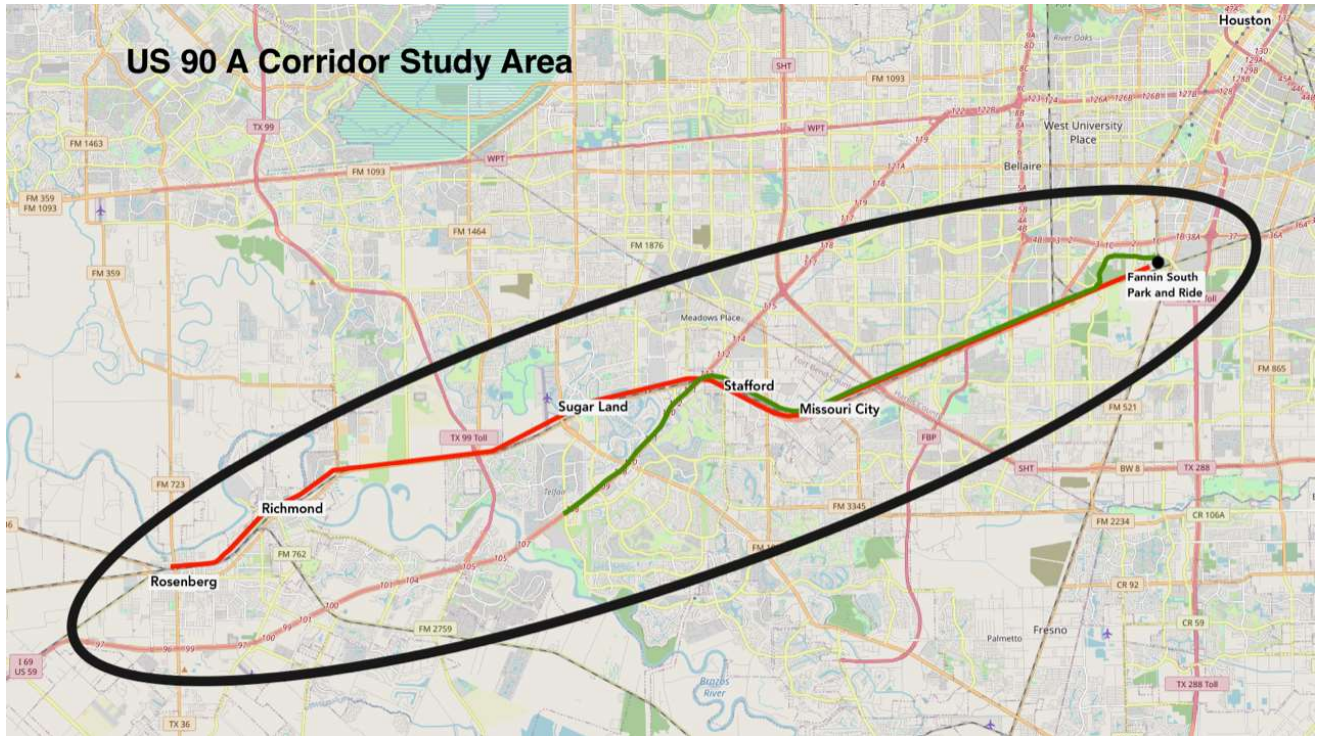
**ATTACHMENTS:**

▣ Corridor Study Area Map

Exhibit



Exhibit A:



## **REGIONAL INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND WEBSITE UPDATE**

### **Background**

The Transportation Department is seeking hire a qualified contractor to provide services that will update the Regional Intelligent Transportation System architecture and website. The project will also update the fiber, traffic signals and inventory along with developing an inventory software analysis tool that will assist in transportation project prioritization, benefit cost analysis, and economic impact analysis. The Regional Intelligent Transportation System architecture was last updated in 2018 and needs to be updated to meet current Federal Highway Administration requirements. (Solicitation Number TRN23-02)

### **Current Situation**

H-GAC procurement issued a request for proposals in June 2023. In response to this request, we received three proposals. The proposal review committee recommends the following consultants in the order presented below:

1. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
2. Iteris, Inc.
3. Stevens Technical Services, Inc.

### **Funding Source**

Federal: \$353,000

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request authorization to negotiate contract with consulting firms, in the order presented, to update the Regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture and Website; contract amount of \$353,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – AUGUST 2023

### **Background**

N/A

### **Current Situation**

N/A

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

Request approval of the monthly financial report ending August 31, 2023. (Staff Contact: Jean Mahood)

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

▢ Monthly Financial Report - August 2023

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**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT  
For the Eight Months Ended August 2023**

	Budget Year to date	Actual Year to date	Variance Dollar	%
<b>Combined Revenues and Expenditures</b>				
Revenues	\$ 300,420,694	\$ 277,342,292	\$ (23,078,402)	-8%
Expenditures	(299,093,873)	(276,347,309)	22,746,563	-8%
<b>Change in Combined Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,326,821</b>	<b>\$ 994,982</b>	<b>\$ (331,839)</b>	

<b>Change in Fund Balance by Fund Type</b>				
Change in fund balance - General Fund	\$ (361,056)	\$ (153,732)	\$ 207,324	
Change in fund balance - Gulf Coast Regional 911	651,665	785,131	133,466	
Change in fund balance - Enterprise Fund	(1,263,039)	363,583	1,626,622	
<b>Total Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ (972,429)</b>	<b>\$ 994,982</b>	<b>\$ 1,967,412</b>	

**Variance Analysis**

The Board approved a reduction of H-GAC's fund balance for capital improvement in 2023. As a result, the budget year to date figures shown above will amortize the use of fund balance throughout the year. The actual balance will be shown in contrast so that the reader can see the comparison between budget and actual.

\* The Cooperative Purchasing program has contributed a \$325,592 increase toward the Enterprise fund balance YTD, and the EnergyPurchasing Corporation is reflecting a \$37,991 increase to the Enterprise fund balance.

**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL  
FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT  
For the Eight Months Ended August 2023**

	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date*	Actual Year to Date	Variance Dollar	%
<b>Revenues</b>					
<b>General and Enterprise Fund</b>					
Membership dues	\$ 462,136	\$ 446,747	446,747	-	0%
HGAC Energy Purchasing Corporation	75,000	46,328	87,585	41,257	89%
Cooperative Purchasing fees	5,500,000	3,490,850	3,270,130	(220,720)	-6%
Gulf Coast Regional 911 fees	2,605,121	2,452,461	2,819,052	366,591	15%
Interest Income (a)	200,000	147,760	194,210	46,450	31%
Other	7,781,387	3,577,104	5,423,650	1,846,546	52%
<b>Total General and Enterprise Fund revenues</b>	<b>\$ 16,623,644</b>	<b>\$ 10,161,249</b>	<b>\$ 12,241,373</b>	<b>\$ 2,080,124</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>					
Federal Grant	\$ 200,000	\$ 162,200	\$ 125,573	\$ (36,627)	-23%
State Grants (b)	474,015,106	290,097,245	264,975,345	(25,121,900)	-9%
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund revenues</b>	<b>\$ 474,215,106</b>	<b>\$ 290,259,445</b>	<b>\$ 265,100,918</b>	<b>\$ (25,158,526)</b>	<b>-9%</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 490,838,750</b>	<b>\$ 300,420,694</b>	<b>\$ 277,342,292</b>	<b>\$ (23,078,402)</b>	<b>-8%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Personnel	\$ 34,141,958	\$ 22,509,793	\$ 21,390,085	\$ (1,119,708)	-5%
Pass-through funds - grant (b)	431,342,942	262,860,389	241,963,961	(20,896,428)	-8%
Consultant and contract services	15,392,991	7,907,379	5,256,888	(2,650,491)	-34%
Lease of office space	1,827,797	1,150,781	1,164,234	13,453	1%
Equipment	4,943,200	1,443,909	3,335,024	1,891,115	131%
Travel (c )	687,449	274,292	244,078	(30,214)	-11%
Other expense	4,938,555	2,947,330	2,993,038	45,709	2%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 493,274,892</b>	<b>\$ 299,093,873</b>	<b>\$ 276,347,309</b>	<b>\$ (22,746,563)</b>	<b>-8%</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues over(under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (2,436,142)</b>	<b>\$ 1,326,821</b>	<b>\$ 994,982</b>	<b>\$ (331,839)</b>	

**Variance:**

**\* This month we are presenting a slightly different variance analysis format. The new analysis compares actual year-to-date expenses against the past five-year average percentage to date, which will more closely track actual revenue and expense throughout the year.**

a) Compare to the five year average, interest income continues to do well due to the increase rate this year.

b) State revenues and pass-through expenses are still behind. It is mainly in workforce program area. We anticipate they will pickup in the fourth quarter.

c) Travel expenses continues to pick up. We anticipate it will reach the projection level this year.

## **SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL ACTION PLAN GRANT PROGRAM**

### **Background**

Improving transportation safety throughout our region is a priority for the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Our region suffered 3,140 crash fatalities from 2016-2021, resulting in an annual fatality rate of 9.2 roadway fatalities per 100,000 residents. The Metropolitan Planning Organization is committed to develop programs and projects to address our transportation safety crisis, as evidenced by the Transportation Policy Council's resolution supporting the elimination of regional traffic fatalities by 2050. Our 2045 Regional Transportation Plan focuses significant resources towards improving transportation safety. In an effort to advance this goal, the Metropolitan Planning Organization sought grant funding through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program to develop a Safety Action Plan for the region, as well as focused Safety Action Plans for Joint Applicants: Conroe, Friendswood, Galveston, Gulf Coast Rail District, La Marque, League City, Missouri City, Pearland, Sugar Land, Waller County, and the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO).

### **Current Situation**

The Houston-Galveston Area Council was awarded an Action Plan grant from the Safe Streets and Roads for All discretionary grant program in the amount of \$4,000,000. Funding from the grant will be used to develop Safety Action Plans for the Joint Applicant entities as well as a region-wide Safety Action Plan for the Metropolitan Planning Organization's 8-county region.

### **Funding Source**

Federal: \$4,000,000

Local: \$1,000,000

### **Budgeted**

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request resolution and authorization to enter into an agreement between the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and H-GAC to conduct activities necessary to complete Action Plans that meet the requirements of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan Grant Program in the amount of \$4,000,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

## **CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT – FUNDING AGREEMENT**

### **Background**

The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act provided \$5 billion to support efforts by states and governmental entities to develop and implement greenhouse gas reduction strategies. On March 1, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency released the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program. The primary goal of the program is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while supporting the creation of jobs, delivering cleaner air, and lowering energy costs for families.

The first phase of this grant program is providing \$250 million in non-competitive grants to states and the 60 largest large metropolitan regions to develop climate action plans. The nine-county Houston-The Woodlands-Sugarland Metropolitan Statistical Area received a \$1 million planning grant to support this first phase. The second phase, scheduled for fall 2024, will award \$4.6 billion in competitive implementation grant to support the policies, programs, and projects that are included in the phase one plan.

### **Current Situation**

The Environmental Protection Agency has approved H-GAC's non-competitive federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program request. This grant will support development of a climate action plan, which will identify options for reducing regional greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollutants, the creation of jobs, identifying economic development opportunities, and establish eligibility to compete for the \$4.6 billion available for implementation grants. The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program allows flexibility to tailor voluntary reductions strategies that work for individual stakeholders and the overall region. The resulting plan will also address associated criteria pollutants such as ozone, particulate matter, and toxic air pollution to amplify existing regional planning efforts and move the region towards meeting its air quality improvement goals.

The grant amount is \$1,000,000. No local matching funds are required.

### **Funding Source**

Federal – Environmental Protection Agency

### **Budgeted**

No

### **Action Requested**

Request authorization to enter into an agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program activities in the amount of \$1,000,000.  
(Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

## **CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT – CONTRACTS**

### **Background**

The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act provided \$5 billion to support efforts by states and governmental entities to develop and implement greenhouse gas reduction strategies. On March 1, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency released the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program. The primary goal of the program is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while supporting the creation of jobs, delivering cleaner air, and lowering energy costs for families.

The first phase of this grant program is providing \$250 million in non-competitive grants to states and the 60 largest large metropolitan regions to develop climate action plans. The nine-county Houston-The Woodlands-Sugarland Metropolitan Statistical Area received a \$1 million planning grant to support this first phase. The second phase, scheduled for fall 2024, will award \$4.6 billion in competitive implementation grant to support the policies, programs, and projects that are included in the phase one plan.

### **Current Situation**

The Environmental Protection Agency has approved H-GAC's non-competitive federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grants request. This grant will support development of a climate action plan, which will identify options for reducing regional greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollutants, the creation of jobs, identifying economic development opportunities, and establish eligibility to compete for the \$4.6 billion available for implementation grants. Staff is proposing to partner with Fort Bend County, Harris County, and City of Houston to build on existing related efforts, as well as Houston Advance Research Center for technical assistance. H-GAC will actively engage stakeholders in adjacent counties and municipalities to ensure full opportunities to participate in the planning process, develop strategies appropriate to them, and meet all the requirements of the grant program.

### **Funding Source**

Federal – Environmental Protection Agency

### **Budgeted**

No

### **Action Requested**

Request authorization to enter into interlocal agreements with Fort Bend County, Harris County, City of Houston, and Houston Advance Research Center for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program activities; contracts total \$750,000. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### **Background**

N/A

### **Current Situation**

N/A

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

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