

10. REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLAN (RPTCP) 2027-2031

BACKGROUND

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), as the designated lead agency for public transportation coordination planning for the 13-county Gulf Coast region, is required by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to prepare and update a Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (RPTCP) every five years.

This five-year coordinated plan serves as the regional framework to improve public and human service transportation through regional coordination, mobility planning, and strategic investments that target specific gaps identified during the plan's development. The plan inventories transportation providers, evaluates demographic and geographic conditions, identifies transportation needs and service gaps, and establishes regional goals, strategies, and implementation priorities. The 2027–2031 RPTCP development included coordination with the Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee (RTCS), public transportation providers, local governments, human service organizations, regional stakeholders, and members of the public. In addition to engagement, this planning process included demographic and geographic analysis, updates to the Transportation Provider Inventory, transportation needs and gap analyses, and development of RPTCP-specific regional goals, strategies, and priorities. These goals complement the broader regional transportation goals established through H-GAC's 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

In accordance with federal requirements, projects and strategies identified in the RPTCP support eligibility for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding.

CURRENT SITUATION

H-GAC staff prepared the Draft 2027–2031 Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan for the public comment period. Beginning on October 1, 2026, staff began accepting comments on the plan on its public engagement platform, engage.h-gac.com, and will conclude on October 30, 2026. Following the comment period, staff will review comments received and prepare the document for formal adoption by the Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee and submit to TxDOT by December 31, 2026.

ACTION REQUESTED

Discussion only.