

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

BACKGROUND

As the designated lead agency for public transportation coordination planning for the 13-County Gulf Coast Region, H-GAC is required to update the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (RPTCP) every five years in accordance with federal and state coordinated planning requirements.

The RPTCP serves as the region’s strategic framework for coordinating public transportation and human services transportation. The plan inventories transportation providers, evaluates demographic and geographic needs, identifies service gaps, and recommends strategies to improve mobility, with particular focus on seniors, individuals with disabilities, low-income populations, youth, veterans, and other transit-dependent populations.

Since the adoption of the 2022 plan, several recommendations have advanced, including enhancements to Mobility Links (the region’s one-click transportation resource), regional fare coordination initiatives, and expanded collaboration among transit and human service providers.

The 2027–2031 update builds on this foundation by incorporating updated demographic data, service area mapping, and a refreshed Transit Need Index (TNI). The plan is guided by the Regional Transit Coordination Subcommittee (RTCS), serving as the steering committee.

CURRENT SITUATION

The RPTCP 2027–2031 update is being developed in-house by H-GAC staff in coordination with TxDOT guidance. Current work includes updated demographic and service data analysis, refinement of the Public Engagement Plan and Provider Inventory, and tracking implementation of prior recommendations while identifying new regional priorities.

The plan will assess regional needs and service gaps and establish updated goals and strategies. A final plan is due to TxDOT by October 2026.

ACTION REQUESTED

Discussion only.