2045 Regional Transportation Plan



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2045 RTP Overview

- Update to current 2040 RTP
- Vision, goals, strategies
- Performance measures/targets
- Future available revenue forecasts
- Recommendations/projects list



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Household Population



Employment



Travel Trends

2020 Congestion





Travel Trends

2045 Congestion







2045 RTP Projects





Regional Safety Plan Focus Areas



- Impaired driving
- Speeding
- Distracted driving
- Bicycle & pedestrian safety
- Intersections





Traffic Safety Strategies



- Launch Regional Safety Campaign (e.g., Distracted Driving)
- Expand existing traffic safety programs
- Coordinate Regional DWI STEP activities
- Collaborate with regional DA Offices on DWI offenses
- Review high crash intersections for short-term improvements
- Develop consensus for additional plan countermeasures



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Freight Recommendations



- Work with Partners to mitigate short-term deficiencies on the freight –significant network
- Develop a concept of operations for a freight ITS program
- Improve flow of containers through a virtual container yard to reduce truck trips
- Provide access to growing economic centers outside the urban core



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ITS/Operations Recommendations



- Travel Demand Management Strategies/Programs
 Carpool/Vanpool
- Freeway Incident Management
- Access Management
- Intersection Improvements
- Intelligent Transportation Systems







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Planning Factors



Resiliency

- Intercity buses
- Enhance travel & tourism
- Automated & connected vehicles
- Natural hazard mitigation



High Capacity Transit



Where Are We Headed?

- Widening highways alone cannot handle growth.
- How can we carry more people & goods faster?





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What is High Capacity Transit?





Vision



It's Not Just High Capacity...

- Expanded local services (areas indicating high transit need that do not currently have service, e.g. Pasadena, Channelview, etc.)
- Regional services (connecting outlying communities to each other and to core)
- Flex Zones (Community Connectors)
- "Non-Traditional" Express Bus Service
 - Reverse Commutes / Suburb-to-Suburb



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Comparison of Capital Cost Scenarios



	Existing (2017 NTD Data)	HCTTF Vision Low	HCTTF Vision Medium Low	HCTTF Vision Medium High	HCTTF Vision High
Annual Boardings, All Services	90.4M	515.2M	542.8M	636.3M	852.8M
Annual Passenger Miles, All Services	595.2M	2.7B	3.0B	3.7B	5.6B
Annual Passenger Hours, All Services	n/a	155.3M	164.7M	176.3M	251.2M
Capital Cost, Cumulative 2020- 2045	n/a	\$ 34.7B	\$ 43.2B	\$ 81.3B	\$ 100.4B
Annual Net O&M Cost, All Services, Full Buildout	\$551M	\$ 1.4B	\$ 1.4B	\$ 1.4B	\$ 1.4B
Transit Mode Share: Home- Bound Work Trips	2.3%	11.5%	12.3%	14.2%	20.2%
Comparable City/Metro (per US Census ACS Data)	Houston	Chicago	Boston	Washington, DC	2nd only to NYC



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Societal (User) Benefits



Economic Impact



Regional Economic Impact (In Billions)



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Priority Network Objectives



- Expansions of commuter and local transit services in all eight counties of region
- Better service for employment centers and commute patterns not well-served by current transit network
- Alignment with METRONext
- Leverage existing infrastructure/ROW



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Priority Network



General Principles/Supporting Concepts

- Regional Fare & Marketing
- Universal Accessibility
 - "People can't use transit if they can't get to it"
 - No new service without access
- First Mile/Last Mile
- Transit-friendly design/parking
- Automated Vehicles
 - Opportunities and Challenges







Conceptual Examples



Automated Bus Platoon





Transit Priority Infrastructure 34th Street, Manhattan

Complete Street College Street, Toronto



Online Bus Station I-35W @ E 46th St, Minneapolis

Priority Network: Preliminary Figures

- Capital cost: \$21.7 Billion
- Annual O&M cost: \$1.14 Billion
- Ridership estimate: 277 Million boardings/year (all services)
- Estimated user benefit: \$520 Billion



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High Capacity Transit Task Force



Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized.

Daniel Burnham

h-gac.com/high-capacity-transit-task-force/ high-capacity-transit-summary-report.aspx



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2045 Active Transportation Plan



Sidewalk Network



19,300 miles existing

43,900 miles needed

Source: H-GAC Regional Sidewalks, 2018



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Sidewalk Network





Bikeway Network





Bikeway Network



Bike Lane

Shared-Use Path/Trail

Signed Shared Roadway

- Signed Shoulder Bike Route

Proposed



A Vision for 2045

Pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities can travel conveniently and comfortably in all communities using interconnected, well-maintained networks of walkways and bikeways.



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Recommendations

PRIORITIZE SAFETY

Improve safety for people walking, biking, and rolling.

ENSURE EQUITY

Ensure that all people – regardless of age, ability, or location within the region – have access to walkways and bikeways that are safe, convenient and comfortable.

CONNECT

Build interconnected networks of walkways and bikeways in Focus Areas.



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Recommendations, cont'd.

MAINTAIN & MONITOR

Maintain and improve the existing network of walkways and bikeways in the region and coordinate regional data collection for active transportation infrastructure.

ENCOURAGE

Encourage and incentivize the use of walkways and bikeways to mitigate congestion, improve air quality, and increase physical activity.



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Fiscal Constraint





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What is Conformity?



- Links the air quality State Implementation Plan (SIP) with regional roadway planning (RTP/TIP)
- Coordination with consultation partners (EPA, FHWA, TCEQ, and TxDOT)
- Uses the latest EPA-approved emissions model
- Ensures transportation plans do not delay attainment of NAAQS



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Air Quality Budgets



- Houston region in non-attainment for 2008 8-hr Ozone Standard & 2015 8-hr Ozone Standard
- Latest emission budgets from Air Quality State Implementation Plan

RFP Demonstration Budgets (t/d)					
Year	NOx	VOC			
2017	121.81	68.04			



Draft Conformity Results

Year	NOx Emissions (tons/day)	NOx Budget (tons/day)	VOC Emissions (tons/day)	VOC Budgets (tons/day)	VMT
2020	79.62	121.81	45.92	68.04	186,102,566
2030	47.47	121.81	30.37	68.04	227,527,778
2040	43.09	121.81	22.87	68.04	261,487,989
2045	47.43	121.81	23.89	68.04	284,677,064



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2045 RTP Schedule

	201	8	2019				
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
2045 Update							
Develop 2045 recommendations and planning							
analysis							
2045 Update		••					
30 Day Public Comment							
Draft recommendations/assumptions				••			
2045 RTP Workshop							
Draft RTP for Preview					••		
30 Day Public Comment							
Final Draft RTP for Action						•• *	••*

- TIP/RTP Subcommittee Meeting
- Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting



Transportation Policy Council Meeting



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Questions/Comments





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