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Brazoria County (Pearland) Public Meeting	No mass transit to and from Houston. Must be reliable and safe.	Highway and transportation projects need to be accelerated through use of design-build and construction manager at risk.
	I-45 construction / Beltway 8 construction.	1.) Traffic Congestion: No solution with 4 Million increase in population 2.) Roadway improvements: Replacing bad roadways 3.) Safety: Need better signage and contractors be required to improve their signage. - - - Meeting could be better if a slide show or other media showed a history of plans to completed parts. Alan's insight was impressive – thanks to him and the H-GAC staff. Finally, Alvin has a bike plan under going review with a consultant just being a visitor I was surprised HGAC staff were apparently unaware.
	Mykawa road needs to be completed ASAP! The only corridor road that generates local money in Pearland!	In no way shape or fashion should TxDOT or the City of Pearland spend funds on Max Rd. from McHard to Beltway 8 (MPOID #13565). Does not accomplish anything for our region of city! Spend those funds on other projects! SH 35 alignment (now been studied for 35+years I am aware of) needs to either happen or not, the newly improved SH 35 has really lowered traffic impact and if Mykawa were improved (40+ years overdue) it would be enough.
	Congestion on 288/Beltway 8 Corridor.	N/A
	Too many cars on the road.	I want more trains and buses- fewer cars on the road. Reduce emissions. More bike and trails for pleasure. Thanks for what you are doing.
	Sidewalks.	N/A
	Traffic Congestion 288/518.	Lack of sidewalks are an issue, if my kids missed the bus in the morning I would not let them to walk. I have lives here 6 years 288/518 congestion on the weekends is horrendous I find my trips to shops restaurants etc.. have decreased tremendously- head to Houston its easier.
	A little late in regards to reacting to population explosion should have been proactive before congestion got this bad.	We needed more communication to the public about the meeting.
Waller County (Prairie View A&M) Public Meeting	Owens rd. – upgrade help. 290 needs access roads., flood damage study.	N/A
	What is your area's biggest transportation issue? Congestion & lack of roadway space.	N/A
	Mass transit needs.	Interested in seeing what plans are for mass transit between Harris & Waller Counties via the 290 corridor / from I-10 to 290.
	Crabb River Road, US 69, FM 362.	Needs more planning on the west side of the metropolitan area. Lots of future development and needs through planning.
	Protect natural areas.	Thank you for considering value of unfragmented natural areas on the Katy Prairie Preserve area.
	We are interested in public transportation between Harris and Waller Counties, in relation to getting people to work at the Daikin Manufacturing plant in Waller.	There are 4,000 employees currently at the Daikin plant, with 2,000 more job opportunities. We would love to discuss public transportation plans to help get that workforce access to those jobs.
	Traffic.	N/A
	Roadway capacity and flooding.	Strongly support Texas Central Railways highspeed rail project.
	Lack of transit options.	We need better movement of people and goods and safety will take care of itself. Need to address bike & walking since society is moving in that direction.
We need commuter rail not bigger freeways.	Nice people to talk to.	

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Harris County (Alief) Public Meeting	Crowded freeways, flooded roadways.	It is important that commuters from outside Houston support mass transit and ride sharing rather than expecting to drive a car on local thoroughfare.
	Highway congestion.	The 2045 plan should focus on freeway and tollway expansion to reduce congestion. The 2045 plan should emphasize improvements which will be compatible with technology advancements as automated vehicles. The best type of improvement for potential future automated vehicles is a network of dedicated lanes, either HOT or MAX lanes. The plan should minimize the amount of fixed-rail transit. Fixed-rail transit is extremely expensive and often has poor ridership, for example the new Green and Purple lines in Houston. Dallas and Los Angeles have built extensive (and expensive) rail systems, and both have sustained declines in overall transit ridership. The 2045 plan should emphasize maintenance of arterial streets. Poorly maintained streets are common in Houston. I would like to see better standards for arterial street intersections, including greater use of dual left turn lanes and dedicated right turn lanes.
	Boulevard completion on Westheimer and Kirkwood.	Assuming there is a project in the planning stage to finish Westpark as a boulevard between Wilcrest and Dairy Ashford, I would like to add a similar project for Kirkwood between Richmond and Westpark.
Fort Bend County (Sugar Land) Public Meeting	Congestion/Responding to growth.	N/A
	Managing growth & keeping up with adequate transportation infrastructure to support the growth. The appropriate type of land uses at key locations; thinking about how land use impacts traffic.	N/A
	Too much traffic congestion.	The pedestrian signals are not checked often – not enough time to cross, or broken signal.
	The biggest problem I face in transportation is travel times because of high traffic volumes.	I ride the Park & Ride & then the METRO rail to school. I have no problems with these forms of transportation because of where I live, but many people live in areas that do not get service.
	1.) Smooth flow 2.) No bike lanes at traffic lanes	Interested in knowing who to contact regarding the expansion of Benton Rd. & FM 723
	Heavy traffic on US 59/ I 69 Freeways in the AM & PM. Too many cars on the road.	Pease be very aware... public transit brings in criminals, as well as moves residents around town. From experience, criminals ride in on buses and drives out with our stuff.
	Lack of light rail.	Would like to see commuter rail in Fort Bend County to connect to Houston/Harris Co.
	Congestion.	I would like to have more options for transportation. Bus routes/light rail to extend beyond City of Houston and into region since many in the region work in Houston. Chicago rail is the best example I can think of. Something like that for this region or extension of bus services/ park & rides outside of Harris County would benefit the region. Trails connecting communities would be good.
	N/A	I volunteer with a non-profit that serves those with a mental health condition called Fort Bend Club House. Many of our members do not have transportation to get around the county. They need to get to doctor appointments and classes that are available often on a Saturday morning. They have no way to get around. They must plan and sometimes even if they have called the transit they may not be well enough to travel on that day so they may miss their scheduled ride with the transit. Having a regular bus schedule that operates like the 3 transit areas in Richmond would be a great help. Perhaps they could run a transit route from Highway 6 to 90 and connect the East and northern parts of the county to the Richmond /Rosenberg area as this is where the Texana and county offices are located. On a personal note, having lived in Europe for many years, a train system is essential as well as an intricate bus system. Gone are the days of only cars for transit. We need more mass transit and I would like to see it happen in my lifetime... we better get moving.
	Fort Bend – protected cycling lanes – education for motorist & cyclist.	Thanks for hosting & hope you will do more meetings – maybe online to increase attendance.
Peak hour congestion on I-10 no alternate viable routes.	N/A	

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	Demand response availability seamless fare payments between FB Transit and METRO (ability to use same fare card), getting more people to use public transit commuter buses instead of using own car.	N/A
	Transportation to work. The lengthy amount of time spent trying to get to work.	Paying attention to all modes of transportation that is available as commuters are commuting on a daily basis.
	Not enough public transportation.	Bike/ped safety go together as a big need in Fort Bend County. We need to have more walkable communities – with transit & bike routes between towns.
	Not enough freeways to accommodate the traffic flow causing traffic jams and delayed timeframe for work.	N/A
Harris County (Kashmere Gardens) Public Meeting	Gets easily congested.	N/A
	Traffic.	Safety and traffic are top issues.
	Bike lanes.	Good job. Good staff!
	Traffic/congestion & roads need repair	Very informational to inform me on current and future concerns.
Montgomery County Public Meeting, Oscar Johnson Community Center	Paying for mobility.	The thoroughfare plan has had the widening of Harden Store Rd. for 30 years, no action. 1488 also need to be widened and completed to the west county line with 105 and the Grand Parkway. They are major East and West roads.
	Rush hour traffic along I-45 and being only one route North and South from northern Montgomery County to Harris County. Accidents can cause serious congestion and only one main traffic route.	N/A
	Traffic Congestion	N/A
	Mobility / Traffic	N/A
Harris County Public Meeting (Cloverleaf) Grayson Community Center	Fix holes on roads. Raise bridges on I-10 to stop truck damage. Complete Hwy 90 to Crosby – needs bridges.	N/A
	Where is METRO on the east side? Channelview has poor air.	When will METRO rail be on I-10 east from Downtown to Uvalde?
	Too much congestion on freeway.	There are too many trees on the side of the freeway. The trees keep businesses from being seen from the freeway. Cost too much to maintain, money could be spent to improve freeway. Need more restrooms at park and ride facilities.
	Congested streets where most of the cities shops etc., are on one busy street. FM 2100 & Garth.	N/A
Liberty County Public Meeting (Cleaveland High School)	Fast growing traffic congestion in Cleveland area.	59 is an emergency evacuation route but has been closed three times in the past due to flooding.
	Rail (U.P.) to ruck terminal is needed south of Dayton, TX (convenience to Barbour's cut & Bayport)	Four-lane from Dayton (SH 146) to Cleveland, TX SH 321 & feeder to I-69. Freeway exit numbers should be coordinated with mile marker numbers. Please review. Help all drivers especially tourist and emergency vehicles.
	Reduce congestion on 59 and Belcher / Old Coldspring Rd. intersection.	Having a light rail to connect to Houston would be great.

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	Congestion on 45.	The HOV entrance ramps need better signs when trying to find them in the communities of Houston. Example near 610 and 45 many intersections say Houston (and directional "stay right") but it is too easy to miss the sign of where to turn while in traffic. Why are the signs not up by the stop lights? Or many street signs are covered by branches of trees or a large truck in front of you. By the lights and larger would help. This is also the first place I have lived that has one lane Hov for a road as congested as 45. The Hov lanes in and round Washington, D.C. work beautifully and should be looked at as a better example for around the city of Houston. Houston is #4 in population and D.C. is #21 as of 2016, and yet they have wider HOV lanes. I've even wondered if having a dedicated tracker trailer / MAC Truck lane would help during high traffic times.
	Traffic.	N/A
Chambers County Public Meeting (Eagle Pointe Golf Club)	No Public Comments	No Public Comments
Harris County Public Meeting (Houston METRO)	No sidewalks.	N/A
	Daily commute congestion.	Multimodal transportation means all options being on the table including light rail.
	Traffic & lack of public transportation.	This forum was very informative, as Houston's surrounding area grows in population, public transit (direct access to Houston's City Center is needed (without having to connect multiple buses).
	Many. Will discuss upon request.	N/A
	METRO takin Richmond Ave for BRT or light rail – where it is not needed or wanted.	Richmond Ave. was not on the 2003 referendum, it is not wanted or needed. Put the buses where they are needed the north, northeast, south, southeast.
	60 – minute headways and operation errors – "getting lost", run early, don't read paddle with specific instructions! Customers repeatedly get shafted, go into debt to buy a car.	N/A
	N/A	The METRO rail platforms need to have brighter lights and more security on the northside. A METRO rail platform to be considered at Fulton and Patton.
	Houston's lack of high speed transit.	The North Freeway – I-45 Project should be terminated with its \$7 Billion price tag allocate \$5 Billion to improving I-45 along its current route around the west side of downtown Houston. The remaining \$2 Billion would go to the city (\$1.5Billion) and \$.5 Billion for Harris County. The I-45 North Freeway project will result in 1. The east side____ (It will flood) 2. A park that sits on top of an air pollution pit (who sends their kids to play in auto exhaust fumes?) 3. The same number of lanes as we have today 4. In time, another toll road (unless additional funding is identified) 5. Plunging Houston's newest and largest hotels, its downtown baseball park and basketball arena into construction zone abyss (construction will kill these venues in the peak of their economic live)
	Expansion of service .	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Close Main St. to cars & make it pedestrian & light rail only. 2. We need more BRT or light rail connecting Houston areas, e.g. between the red line and the under-construction Post Oak BRT. 3. We need better transit options to IAH & Hobby. 4. Commuter rail to the Woodlands, Katy, Sugar Land, Missouri City, Baytown, and Kingwood. 5. Biking infrastructure in the Uptown & Galleria areas. 6. Improved biking infrastructure in Montrose area.
	Need a comprehensive network of max lanes connecting all job centers to all parts of the metro!	Bike lanes should not remove lanes from major thoroughfare, neighborhoods & power lane rights of way much safer & better.

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Galveston County Public Meeting (Helen Hall Public Library)	Congestion, Safety	Need more connecting bike/pedestrian trails & hopefully the widening of I-45 will alleviate some congestion. Need North Landing Blvd. to be constructed as another evacuation route over Clear Creek.
	Not biker friendly, but for me personally, I need a better commute option. 45 has gotten better but it still gets congestion between Exit 38 & exit 43. I would love a light rail to replace the HOV lane.	I would like to recommend permanent conversion of left lane on 45 to HOV and convert HOV lanes to light rail. Thank you!
	I- 610 S freeway eastbound exiting to I-45 southbound. 1- lane exit traffic extending 1 miles- really? Also, HOV I-45 northbound to I-610 westbound – no connect.	N/A
Harris County Public Meeting (Houston-Galveston Area Council)	I don't drive so public transportation is important. However, most people have their own transportation and therefore public transportation is not needed for others.	It amazes me how ya'll plan in advance and build roads before they are needed. Keep up the great job!
	Railroad congestion in 5th ward, pollution from trucks / I-10 / scrapyard industry pollution in 5th Ward, not enough bike lines in 5th Ward, no pedestrian overpasses for railroad crossings in 5th Ward.	The 5th Ward community is lacking infrastructure CIP support to improve our sidewalks and bike lanes. We need pedestrian overpasses at all of the railroad crossings on Lyons Ace, we need wider sidewalks & a new bike lane on Schweikhardt to help connect Finnigan Park to Boyce Park. We need air monitoring stations to help monitor an increase in freight traffic & congestion on I-10. We have emergency vehicles that cannot reach the residents in a timely manner because of railroad DOT # 758203B & rail road DOT 755707R having trains that sit on the tracks in excess of 15 minutes. With new construction & the future expansion of I-10, Lyons Ave. which also has a bike lane, will be impossible to use. With all of the congestion issues going we have an underpass being constructed on Lyons in an area densely populated which makes no sense. Union Pacific has a railroad yard nearby that consistently contributes to the noise pollution all day & all night. Councilman Davis has been historically unresponsive to the needs of his constituents and his office simply are not interested in dialog which is extremely unfortunate. The railroad issues negatively impact school attendance, mobility, safety, & our overall quality of life. Please do not forget this segment of the population made up of black & brown residents who has historically felt underserved and underrepresented.
	Congestion – traffic through, not into neighborhoods. Westheimer signalized intersections. Need grade separation.	N/A
	Would like to see LRT connect to airports.	N/A
	Congestion & lack of transportation options (light rail, transit).	Would love to see light rail lines along major freeways/corridors since they all run into downtown area. This city is far too large to not have a variety of transportation options and or services.
	Buses.	Improve bus routes would greatly improve commuting.
	Too much single person vehicle traffic.	With the projected growth of the area, some type of mass transit / commute service is the only solution.
	Public transportation access to common areas (Downtown, airports).	More public transportation, less congestion.
	Incomplete roads extend TC Jester and Hollister.	Please be sure to incorporate findings & recommendations of -Northwest Mobility Study (city) -SH 249 Access Management Study (TxDOT) -Complete Communities when its prepared (city)
	Not enough transportation - too much traffic from cars (downtown).	N/A
In-Person Comments Received (by Staff) at Public Meetings:		
	RTP should emphasize importance of frequency of transit services	
	RTP should emphasize importance of transit service to/between major activity centers	
	How is the RTP handling autonomous vehicles?	
	Interest in extending high capacity transit, such as light rail, into Montgomery County (got this comment from four different people in Conroe)	
	Consider holding daytime meetings for the next round of public outreach – not everybody can attend in the late afternoon/evening	
	Don't take any technology off the table	

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	Work with City of Houston and Harris County Flood control district to create combined/symbiotic transit/drainage projects that can kill two birds with one stone	