



**AGENDA
HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA
COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 19, 2021 10:00 AM
3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor
Conference Room B
Houston, TX 77027**

1. INVOCATION
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC COMMENT – Members of the public may participate by registering to attend onsite; by sending comments to BoardPublicComments@h-gac.com; by joining online via our website; or by dialing 1-877-853-5247 or 1-888-788-0099 (Webinar ID 856 7591 7730; Participant ID 109881; Passcode 544998)
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. H-GAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Request approval of the minutes of the September 21, 2021 H-GAC Board Meeting. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

b. DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION GRANTS – HOUSTON FREIGHT DISTRIBUTION ELECTRIFICATION CONTRACT WITH HIRSBACH MOTOR LINES

Request authorization to enter into a contract with Hirschbach Motor Lines for an amount of \$778,726. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

c. TEXAS CLEAN RIVERS PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Request authorization to amend existing contract with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for regional water quality monitoring in a total amount of \$2,231,230 with an increase of \$300,000. (Staff Contact: Todd Running)

d. LIVABLE CENTERS PLANNING STUDIES

Request authorization to execute interlocal contracts totaling \$107,500 with the recommended local study partners. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

6. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Report on activities and Committee recommendations.

a. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2021

Request approval of monthly financial report ending September 30, 2021. (Staff Contact: Nancy Haussler)

7. BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN

- a. ORIENTATION TO BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN PROCESS
No action requested. For information only. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)
 - b. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED H-GAC 2022 BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN
Presentation and discussion of proposed H-GAC 2022 Budget and Service Plan.
No action requested. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)
8. WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE
- a. WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE UPDATE
Request approval of Water Resources Committee recommendations to H-GAC Priority Flood Mitigation Projects list. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)
9. H-GAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
- a. H-GAC 2021 ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
Request approval of appointments to H-GAC advisory committees. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

INFORMATION

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON H-GAC BOARD COMPOSITION
- a. SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT – H-GAC BOARD COMPOSITION
Report from Special Committee on H-GAC Board Composition. No action requested. For information only. (Contact: Chair, Commissioner Adrian Garcia)
11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- a. H-GAC SPOTLIGHT – CENSUS UPDATE
No action requested. For information only. (Staff Contact: Pramod Sambidi, PhD)
 - b. CURRENT AND UPCOMING H-GAC ACTIVITIES
Report on current and upcoming H-GAC activities. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)
12. 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.

H-GAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Background

The H-GAC Board of Directors convenes on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Meeting minutes are prepared following each Board meeting to summarize any action taken and document the attendance of Board members.

Current Situation

A summary of the September 21 meeting of the H-GAC Board of Directors is attached and recommended for approval.

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Request approval of the minutes of the September 21, 2021 H-GAC Board Meeting. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ Board Meeting Minutes - September 21 2021 Cover Memo

MEETING MINUTES
H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 21, 2021

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

The following members of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) were present for all or a portion of the September 21, 2021 Board meeting, in person* or via videoconference:

Austin County Judge Tim Lapham ⁺ (audio only)	City of Houston Council Member Amy Peck (Alternate)
Colorado County Judge Ty Prause	City of Huntsville Mayor Andy Brauninger
Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers	City of La Porte Councilmember Bill Bentley ⁺ (Alternate; audio only)
Galveston County Commissioner Ken Clark*	City of League City Council Member Larry Millican
Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia	City of Missouri City Council Member Jeffrey Boney
Liberty County Judge Jay Knight	City of Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole
Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald	City of Sugar Land Mayor Joe Zimmerman
Walker County Commissioner Jimmy Henry	City of Texas City Commissioner Jami Clark
Waller County Judge Trey Duhon	
Wharton County Judge Phillip Spenrath*	
City of Baytown Council Member Charles Johnson	<i>Home Rule Cities (Less than 25,000):</i>
City of Conroe Mayor Pro Tem Raymond McDonald	City of Dickinson Councilmember William King III*
City of Deer Park Councilman Tommy Ginn (Alternate)	City of Sealy Mayor Carolyn Bilski
City of Friendswood Councilmember Sally Branson	<i>General Law Cities:</i>
City of Galveston Mayor Pro Tem David Collins (Alternate)	City of Waller Council Member Nancy Arnold
	City of Pattison Mayor Joe Garcia

The following Board members were not marked in attendance at the September 21, 2021 Board meeting:

Brazoria County Commissioner Stacy Adams	City of Lake Jackson Mayor Gerald Roznovsky
Chambers County Commissioner Mark Tice	City of Pasadena Councilmember Cary Bass
Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo	City of Rosenberg Mayor Kevin Raines
Montgomery County Commissioner Charlie Riley	<i>Independent School Districts:</i>
City of Houston Council Member Letitia Plummer	Huntsville ISD Trustee Rissie Owens

⁺ Member present via audio-only without video; did not satisfy minimum Open Meetings Act requirements to be counted in quorum or take action on agenda items.

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CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair, Wharton County Judge Phillip Spenrath in person at 3555 Timmons Lane, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 with videoconference participants online and via telephone at 1-877-853-5247.

ROLL CALL

Chair Spenrath asked Rick Guerrero, Houston-Galveston Area Council Director of Intergovernmental Relations, to conduct the Board of Directors roll call. Mr. Guerrero conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present. Mr. Guerrero then welcomed several special guests, including Brooke Bacuetes, Melissa Washington and Shannon Longoria from the General Land Office; Hudson Peterson from Senator Cornyn's office; the Executive Director of the Texas Association of Regional Councils, Ginny Lewis Ford; and Special Advisor Suzanna Hupp with the Texas Office of the Attorney General. Several of our H-GAC Board Alternates were also present: City of Bunker Hill Village Councilmember Susan Schwartz and City of Kemah Council Member Teresa Vazquez-Evans, representing General Law cities.

1. INVOCATION

Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald gave the invocation.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Waller County Judge Trey Duhon led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher – The Importance of Infrastructure

Chair Spenrath called on our first guest speaker, Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher, to provide an update on the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, including the Build Back Better Act that are currently before the Congress. The Congresswoman began by stating Harris County is the third fastest growing county in the country and that the American Society of Civil Engineers gave Texas a C- on its infrastructure report card. The bipartisan Infrastructure Bill included \$26.9 billion for repairing Texas highways and more than half a billion for bridge replacement and repair in the state. Texas can compete for funds for major projects that deliver economic benefits to our communities, it also includes \$39 billion to modernize public transit and improve accessibility. Texas is expected to receive \$3.3 billion for public transportation options, \$1.2 billion for airport infrastructure, and \$17 billion for port infrastructure projects to reduce congestion and emissions. She continued with \$5 billion would be used for the Department of Energy RAMP program to reduce consequences that impact the electric grid from extreme weather and other natural disasters; and another \$65 billion would be used to ensure that every American has access to reliable, high-speed internet, with a real investment in broadband infrastructure deployment; as well as \$10 billion toward upgrading existing 911 infrastructure to next generation.

She concluded her presentation by stating we must all work together to identify, prioritize, and make possible these investments across our region.

b. Office of the Texas Attorney General – Global Opioid Settlement

Chair Spenrath then invited our second guest speakers, Rick Berlin and Amanda Sanders from the Office of the Attorney General to provide an update on the global opioid settlement. Ms. Sanders began the presentation by stating the opioid crisis has not been at the forefront of the news cycle and it is a pressing issue in our state and in our nation. Drug overdose deaths in Texas increased by nearly 32% and has been heavily impact-driven by the pandemic. Before allowing her colleague Rick Berlin to continue the presentation, Ms. Sanders did comment that there would be funding made available in the coming months to assist cities and counties with this crisis.

Mr. Berlin began by stating this was an ongoing public health crisis and hoped with this settlement, that quick funding could be provided to our communities to resolve this opioid litigation. There were two settlements with the first being a settlement for \$21 billion with three distributors: McKesson, Cardinal Health and Amerisource Bergen. The second settlement was with Johnson & Johnson who agreed to a settlement of \$5 billion and to stop production of opioids for the next ten years. In total, the settlement amount was \$26 billion nationally and \$1.5 billion for the state of Texas and its communities to assist in abating the opioid crisis. The communities and political subdivisions in Texas have until January 2, 2022 to determine to sign onto the settlement; we ask that our communities join as early as possible. Mr. Berlin continued by stating the goal for the Attorney General's office was to help alleviate this public health crisis and have reached out to 406 general purpose subdivisions in the State of Texas with populations over 10,000 to have them participate in this settlement. He stated if everyone participates there is \$1.5 billion in funding for the state; if the number of participants drops the funding amount will decrease. To conclude his presentation, Mr. Berlin stated communities needed to sign onto the settlement and execute a release and execute the Texas Term Sheet, which would be done by Resolution. To assist in participation in the settlement, a model Resolution can be found on the Texas Attorney General's website. Mr. Berlin provided his email address rick.berlin@oag.texas.gov to answer any further questions or to request an in person visit to any community in the region.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Spenrath invited comments from any members of the public who wished to participate during the call and asked Mr. Guerrero if any public comments had been received via email prior to the meeting. Mr. Guerrero stated that no members of the public were at the onsite meeting nor had we received any public comments via the email address posted publicly. He then opened the floor for public comments to those who had joined the meeting via videoconference or telephone. Mr. Guerrero announced if there was anyone on the line who would like to make a public comment, they could do so now by stating their name and they will have three minutes to make a public comment. He asked them to unmute their microphones at this time.

Judge McDonald asked if he could make a comment and congratulated Councilmember Nancy Arnold on being elected as an officer with the Texas Association of Regional Councils Board of Directors.

There were no additional public comments, therefore, Chair Spenrath proceeded to the

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next item on the agenda.

5. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Chair Spenrath called for any Board member with a conflict of interest to declare it at that time. Hearing none, Chair Spenrath proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Spenrath called for the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he entertained motions from the floor for approval of the thirteen items on the Consent Agenda.

Galveston County Commissioner Ken Clark moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Waller County Judge Trey Duhon seconded the motion. Chair Spenrath then called for a vote which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

The following items were acted on by approval of the consent agenda:

- a. **H-GAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 17, 2021** – approved the minutes of the August 17, 2021 H-GAC Board Meeting.
- b. **HGACBUY – ALL HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS, PLANNING, CONSULTING, AND RECOVERY SERVICES** – authorized to negotiate a contract with each respondent listed in the Contract Award Recommendation Table for all hazards preparedness, planning, consulting, and recovery services.
- c. **FISCAL YEAR 2022 – INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE** – authorized to contract with the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office in the amount of \$335,140.
- d. **REGIONAL AERIAL AND REMOTE SENSING DATA** – authorized to extend the current aerial imagery contract for an additional two years with Surdex Corporation to deliver digital aerial imagery data products and services for a total amount of \$951,000.
- e. **AGENCY CLOUD MIGRATION CONSULTANT** – authorized to negotiate a contract with the recommended proposers in order ranked for the planning, analysis, and development of H-GAC cloud migration strategy and roadmap in the amount of \$240,000.
- f. **WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS ENTERPRISE ZOOM MEETING LICENSES** – approved to purchase 500 meeting and 20 webinar licenses with CDW for a one year prepay of total contract amount of \$93,750.
- g. **WORKFORCE SYSTEM WEBSITE CONTRACT** – approved to renew vendor agreement with the Ingenuix Corporation to continue managing the Workforce Solutions website in the amount of \$87,000.

- h. WORKFORCE SYSTEM CONTRACT ONLINE APPLICATION** – approved to contract with Ingenuix Corporation for programming updates to the online financial aid application and participation in the 30-hour monthly website development service; combined total is \$62,750.
- i. CARES ACT LOAN FUNDING** – authorized to execute contract with the Economic Development Administration on behalf of the Gulf Coast Economic Development District; total amount of \$1,121,000.
- j. OST/PALM CENTER LIVABLE CENTERS STUDY** – authorized to contract with firms in order ranked to conduct Livable Centers Study for the Greater Southeast Management District; total amount of \$241,680.
- k. TITLE VI PROGRAM** – approved of the H-GAC’s Title VI Program.
- l. TOW AND GO PROGRAM – AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS COUNTY** - authorized to enter into interlocal agreements with Harris County in the amount of \$6,548,000 for the Tow and Go Program.
- m. CLEAN VEHICLES AND HEAVY-DUTY DIESEL REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT** – authorized agreements for the acquisition of one new truck in the amount of \$178,255.

7. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

a. Monthly Financial Report – August 2021

Vice Chair Kenneth Clark recognized Nancy Haussler, H-GAC Chief Financial Officer, to present the Financial Report for August. Ms. Haussler stated our revenues and expenditures were equally off by about 18% at this point in the year. However, she reminded the board that fall is the busiest time of the year for H-GAC, so projections are expected to be met. Cooperative Purchasing was behind, but she was confident it would catch up. This lag was due to supply slowdowns for our Cooperative Purchasing Program. She also stated revenues and our federal grants are behind as well, due to a timing issue in our Transportation Federal Program. Ms. Haussler asked if there were any questions on the Financial Report. There being none, City of Friendswood Council Member Sally Branson moved to approve, and the City of Dickinson Mayor Pro Tem William King III seconded the motion. Vice Chair Clark called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

8. HUMAN SERVICES

a. Workforce Agreement – Houston Housing Authority

Chair Spenrath recognized Mike Temple, Director of Human Services. Mr. Temple requested approval to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Houston Housing Authority for workforce development services in the amount of \$540,000.

Mr. Temple presented an agreement with the Houston Housing Authority to assist residents at Oxford Place apartments in gaining and retaining employment. The Housing Authority proposed to give Workforce \$540,000 over a 54-month period to assist those residents

in gaining employment and/or increasing skills they may need to stay employed. Mr. Temple asked if there were any questions, and Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald asked if this agreement was exclusive to only this complex? Mr. Temple responded that this project was part of the US Housing and Urban Development's Job Plus Program and it was exclusive to this specific apartment complex. Judge McDonald asked how large the complex was in point of units (i.e., 100 or 1,000 units) which Mr. Temple responded with 300 to 500 units. Chair Spenrath called for a motion to approve the request. City of Sugar Land Mayor Joe Zimmerman moved to approve, and Mayor Pro Tem King III seconded the motion. Chair Spenrath called for the vote which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

b. Workforce Payroll Contract

Chair Spenrath once again recognized Mike Temple who requested authorization to renew the contract with ProSource Solutions, Inc. through September 30, 2022, for up to \$2,025,000 in funding for work experience services to 700 individuals with disabilities

He stated this was a contract renewal with ProSource to work as the employer of record and payroller for at least 700 individuals with disabilities. This is temporary, part time, or tryout employment for individuals who have not worked or have not worked in a while, and we have been successful, particularly with young people with disabilities with this service to assist them learn how to work and go on to permanent employment.

Chair Spenrath asked for a motion to approve, Mayor Pro Tem King III moved to approve, and Mayor Zimmerman seconded the motion. Chair Spenrath called for the vote which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present. the Elder Justice Program. Commissioner Meyers moved to approve, and Councilmember King seconded the motion. Chair Spenrath called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

9. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

a. Regional Broadband Action Plan

Chair Spenrath recognized Jeff Taebel, Director of Community and Environmental. Mr. Taebel requested approval to apply for a grant to develop a Regional Broadband Market Analysis & Feasibility Study for an amount of \$550,000.

The grant will conduct the market study and feasibility analysis. An estimated 100,000 households in the region do not have the basic infrastructure necessary for broadband service, and an additional 350,000 households do not currently have a subscription to broadband. This grant would assist in devising a strategy to tackle both of these objectives and bring high-speed service throughout our 13 counties.

Chair Spenrath called for a motion to approve the request, Commissioner Ken Clark moved to approve, and Judge Duhon seconded the motion. Chair Spenrath called for the vote which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

b. Contract with Texas General Land Office

Mr. Taebel took the floor again to request authorization to negotiate a contract with the

Texas General Land Office to develop the Method of Distribution for a total amount of \$105,400.

This contract is to provide funding support for the staff work necessary to develop our Citizen Participation Plan and develop a final method of distribution of nearly \$500 million allocated by H-GAC through the Regional Mitigation Program. H-GAC will have six months to complete the method of distribution under this contract, and initial public planning meetings are anticipated sometime this year. We expect a contract soon from the General Land Office; however, we do not have a specific date or schedule. Commissioner Ken Clark moved to approve, and Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers seconded the motion. Chair Spenrath called for the vote which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

10. PLANS AND PROJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

a. Sprint Fort Bend County Landfill

Chair Spenrath recognized Plans and Projects Committee Chair Trey Duhon who stated the committee convened earlier in the morning to approve two items that were to be presented to the board for recommendation. Chair Duhon then recognized staff member Erin Livingston, Principal Planner for Solid Waste in Community & Environmental to present item a, Sprint Fort Bend County Landfill.

Ms. Livingston began her presentation by stating H-GAC's role is to review applications for consistency with our Regional Solid Waste Management Plan. Goals in this plan is to encourage facilities that reduce, reuse, or recycle waste materials, and encourage expansion over siting of new facilities. Other considerations during the review process include odor management, traffic, and visual screening. We do not have the authority to deny or approve permits, authority rests only with the TECQ.

Sprint Fort Bend County Landfill has applied for a major amendment to expand their landfill footprint, approximately 65 acres from 192 to 256.5 acres; and the height of the landfill will remain at 200.3 feet. This is a privately owned and operated type 4 landfill, which means they accept construction and demolition materials for disposal, putrescible waste is not accepted. This requested expansion would extend the life of the landfill until 2045, and the primary land uses within a one-mile radius are residential at 54% and undeveloped property and roads at 21%. The landfill is currently partially within the limits of the 100-year flood plain. Sprint has entered into an agreement with Fort Bend County to relocate Red Gully from running through the middle of the property to along the southern border; once the work is completed the landfill will no longer be in the 100-year flood plain.

In July, H-GAC reached out to staff and elected officials with the city of Houston, Fort Bend County and the City of Sugar Land. To date, no comments have been received. The landfill has a compliance rating of 0.0, which is the best rating possible, and the Landfill Siting Ordinance for the county designated seven areas in the county as approved for solid waste disposal, one of which encompasses the Sprint Fort Bend County Landfill. Staff is requesting the project be found consistent with plans, policies, and H-GAC review criteria.

Commissioner Meyers moved to approve, and Mayor Zimmerman seconded the motion. Chair Duhon called for the vote which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

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b. Diesel Emission Reduction Grants Port Houston Clean Diesel Grant Application

Chair Duhon recognized Andrew DeCandis, Principal Planner in the Transportation department to present a request for review of a proposal sponsored by Port Houston to be funded under the EPA's Diesel Emission Reduction Act Program, more commonly referred to as the DERA program.

This project will fund a portion of the cost to replace older engines in diesel-powered tugboats that currently operate within the Houston Ship Channel and region. This project will replace four tier zero engines with new tier four engines that will result in significant emission reductions and contribute to improved air quality through the reduction of approximately 1400 tons of nitrogen oxides over the next seven years. The total project funding is \$8,400,000 and should Port Houston receive final funding approval from the EPA, project activities will begin prior to the end of this year. This proposed project is consistent with the goals and strategies identified in the Unified Plan A Work Program for the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area, the Our Great Region 24 Plan and the 20045 Regional Transportation Plan. It is also supported by H-GAC's policies and efforts to improve regional air quality and has met the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ozone.

Commissioner Ken Clark moved to approve, and Commissioner Meyers seconded the motion. Chair Duhon called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

11. WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

a. Water Resources Committee Update

Chair Spenrath recognized Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers, chairman of the Water Resources Committee. Commissioner Meyers took the floor and recognized Mr. Jeff Taebel to present the request for approval of the Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou Study be added to the Flood Mitigation Priority Project list as a Tier 1 project. Mr. Taebel stated the reason for moving this project to Tier 1 status is due to other fundable projects could come from this specific project. Commissioner Ken Clark moved to approve, and Commissioner Meyers seconded the motion. Chair Spenrath called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

12. H-GAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

H-GAC 2021 Advisory Committee Appointments

Chair Spenrath recognized Rick Guerrero, Director of Intergovernmental Relations to request approval of appointments to our H-GAC Advisory Committees. Mr. Guerrero took to the floor and presented 12 nominations to 8 of H-GAC's Advisory Committees and requested approval from the Board for the appointments. Mayor Pro Tem King III moved to approve, and Commissioner Meyers seconded the motion. Chair Spenrath called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

13. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON H-GAC BOARD COMPOSITION

a. Select Committee Report – H-GAC Board Composition

Chair Spenrath recognized Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia to provide an update on the special committee for board composition.

Commissioner Garcia stated the committee had been looking at possible changes in the composition of the H-GAC Board considering the 2020 census numbers. He continued that this is an opportunity to look at growth across our region and discuss adjustments regarding ten seats on our Board. The committee met in May and have continued meeting monthly over the summer to discuss the option of, number one, keeping the process as it is, two, modifying the number of seats on the board and three, adding a weighted voting option. Our most recent meeting included reviewing the proposed options using new census numbers and how the Board conversation could change, and the future based on H-GAC's population forecast. Commissioner Garcia concluded by stating he anticipated bringing a recommendation before the Board in October, but in the meantime, they would continue discussions and keep an open mind.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. H-GAC Spotlight – Improving Radio Communications in the Region

Mr. Wemple recognized Justin Riley, Senior Planner with the Emergency Preparedness Program in the Public Services Department. Mr. Riley began his presentation by defining radio interoperability as the ability for public safety and service agencies to talk within and across agencies and jurisdictions via radio and associated communication systems. Radio interoperability was made a priority after the September 11, 2001 terror attacks and agencies have moved toward the adoption of 800-megahertz radio equipment; this initiative is referred to as Project 25 or P25. Our region has made significant progress in migrating from Legacy Systems to the P25 system, however, there are still challenges and that is why the Regional Interoperable Communications Plan was designed to address. This plan was first drafted in 2010 and is now in its fourth iteration, the latest version was completed utilizing contractor support and made possible by participation from each of the 13 county radio system operators.

The plan contains two volumes and has four main objectives. First, it provides operational standards for use across jurisdictions; secondly, provides a snapshot of current regional public safety radio equipment; thirdly, illustrates regional public safety radio infrastructure in the form of maps; and finally, it makes recommendations for future investments in public safety radio infrastructure. Volume II provides standard operating procedures for utilizing P25 radio equipment across the regional radio system known as TxWarn. Volume II is a new addition, and it provides maps of public safety radio infrastructure, both regionally and by individual county. Utilizing the data collected, radio system operators worked to make key recommendations on how the region should allocate resources to address radio system coverage gaps. Currently, H-GAC has been awarded a grant to construct a tower in Austin county to address coverage gaps in Austin, Colorado and Wharton counties. He concluded his presentation by stating H-GAC will continue to apply for funding as they are available and work with our partners to address radio interoperability needs.

b. Current and Upcoming H-GAC Activities

Mr. Wemple took to the floor to report on current and upcoming H-GAC activities. Mr. Wemple began by stating that one major item for October would be the review of our 2022

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annual budget.

Other items of importance; H-GAC's 55th Anniversary Symposium scheduled for October 15, 2021, with University of Houston Chancellor Renu Khator as our keynote speaker. He mentioned there would be panels to discuss the importance of regionalism, working together to make our communities better, and remain a stellar example of public service through our agency. Mr. Wemple concluded by stating the National Association of Regional Councils would be hosting the first ever Executive Director's Council Meeting in our region in Galveston beginning the week of September 26, 2021. It would allow Executive Directors from across the country to come together and collaborate on ideas, challenges and processes each of them face in leading their respective organizations.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Spenrath adjourned the September Meeting of the H-GAC Board of Directors at 11:55 a.m.

DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION GRANTS – HOUSTON FREIGHT DISTRIBUTION ELECTRIFICATION CONTRACT WITH HIRSBACH MOTOR LINES

Background

The United States Environmental Protection Agency awarded \$40 million in grants to eligible entities with the 2019 Diesel Emission Reduction Act Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. The program solicited proposals nationwide for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in regions such as ours that have been designated as poor air quality areas.

Current Situation

The United States Environmental Protection Agency approved H-GAC's competitive federal grant request for the Houston Freight Distribution Electrification project. This project will replace existing diesel vehicles operating as terminal tractors at warehouses within the region with all-electric models, as well as provide funding to purchase charging equipment to facilitate operation of these vehicles. Staff proposes to partner with Hirschbach Motor Lines to provide funding assistance for vehicle and infrastructure purchases.

Hirschbach Motor Lines will provide local match to satisfy grant requirements for their portion of the project. The project funding for the Hirschbach Motor Lines portion of the project will not exceed \$778,726 with \$333,740 to be provided by United States Environmental Protection Agency, and an estimated \$444,986 in match to be provided by Hirschbach Motor Lines.

Funding Source

Environmental Protection Agency and Local Match – \$778,726

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Request authorization to enter into a contract with Hirschbach Motor Lines for an amount of \$778,726. (Staff Contact: Craig Raborn)

TEXAS CLEAN RIVERS PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Background

The Texas Clean Rivers Program is a partnership between the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, regional agencies, and local governments, with the aim of improving the quality of surface water that flows through our landscapes, cities and towns. Since 1992, H-GAC has been the lead agency responsible for implementing the Texas Clean Rivers Program in four major basins that cover over 66% of the H-GAC region. The work that H-GAC conducts under contract with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality includes water quality monitoring, analysis, stakeholder involvement and public awareness.

Current Situation

H-GAC has worked with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and local partners to develop a two-year work plan, under which H-GAC is:

- Conducting water quality assessments that address specific concerns of local governments and other stakeholders.
- Continuing to serve as a water quality data clearinghouse for environmental agencies, local governments and the public.
- Coordinating multiple state and local agencies in the planning and implementation of water quality monitoring programs.
- Providing data to support the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in evaluating permits for wastewater treatment and conducting Total Maximum Daily Load studies.
- Continuing to produce and distribute high quality publications to raise public awareness of water quality issues.

New tasks under this amendment include conducting targeted bacteria monitoring in up to ten highly polluted watersheds and the purchase of new water quality monitoring equipment for H-GAC and its local partners, to replace aging equipment that is no longer supported by maintenance providers.

This work will be added through an amendment to the existing Clean Rivers Program contract. The contract will increase by \$300,000. There is no change in the timeframe of the contract.

Funding Source

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Budgeted

No

Action Requested

Request authorization to amend existing contract with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for regional water quality monitoring in a total amount of \$2,231,230 with an increase of \$300,000. (Staff Contact: Todd Running)

LIVABLE CENTERS PLANNING STUDIES

Background

H-GAC's Livable Centers program was established to support local governments in creating quality places that provide alternatives to vehicle travel, provide opportunities for economic development, and enhance quality of life in communities. Since 2008, H-GAC has worked with local partners to complete thirty-five Livable Centers studies. Four new studies are underway, and two more are planned. Funding is allocated through the Texas Department of Transportation and approved through H-GAC's 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

Current Situation

H-GAC issued a competitive call for local sponsors in March of 2021. Eight applications were received from the following applicants: City of Alvin; City of Bellaire; City of Dayton; City of Houston's Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation; Harris County Precinct 2 on behalf of the City of South Houston; City of Pasadena; City of Prairie View; and the City of Sugar Land. Four are recommended to be funded as Full Livable Centers studies and one is recommended to be funded as a Focused Livable Center. Focused Livable Centers target small areas, such as a community node or destination; or focus on a specific livable centers goal, such as last-mile connections. Based on the scoring committee's evaluation and available funds, five studies are recommended for funding for a total amount of \$967,500.

Applicant	Study Type	Total	Federal	10% Match
Recommended for Funding				
City of Pasadena	Full	\$220,000	\$198,000	\$22,000
Harris County Precinct 2	Full	\$250,000	\$225,000	\$25,000
City of Alvin	Full	\$220,000	\$198,000	\$22,000
City of Sugar Land	Focused*	\$185,000	\$166,500	\$18,500
City of Prairie View	Full	\$200,000	\$180,000	\$20,000
Not Recommended for Funding				
Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation	Focused*			
City of Bellaire	Full			
City of Dayton	Full			
*Focused Livable Centers targets small areas, such as a community node or destination, or focus on a specific livable centers goal.				

City of Pasadena: The Healthy Pasadena Livable Centers study area is focused on the medical cluster anchored by Hospital Corporation of America Houston Healthcare Southeast bounded by Strawberry Road, Spencer Highway, Tulip Street and Fairmont Parkway. The Livable Centers study seeks to create a vibrant urban center for all ages that connects diverse housing and thriving parks with employment opportunities to support healthy lifestyles, including senior citizens.

Harris County Precinct 2: The South Houston Livable Centers study incorporates the City of South Houston bounded by Kolb Road, South Shaver Street, Genoa Street, and Canniff Road. The Livable Centers study in South Houston seeks to establish a framework to plan, fund, and implement multimodal transportation network that connects people to a variety of destinations in the study area.

City of Alvin: City of Alvin Livable Centers encompasses Alvin's historic downtown and is bordered by Shirley Street to the East, Dickinson Road to the North, Dilling Street headed Northwest, 2nd to the west and Stadium Drive to the south. The study aims to provide equitable access and connectivity between Alvin's historic downtown and adjacent neighborhoods, as well as address challenges to sustainable downtown growth including aging infrastructure, congestion and parking.

City of Sugar Land*: The City of Sugar Land Livable Center study is bounded by Oyster Creek, First Colony Boulevard, Lexington Boulevard, and Williams Trace Boulevard. The Livable Centers study a Focused Livable Centers study with an emphasis on creating multimodal connections within and between activity centers. The study will aim to address the mobility needs of the vulnerable populations within the study area and fulfill the community's desire to have multimodal connections between some of the City's most popular destinations, including possible Fort Bend County expansion of transit services.

City of Prairie View: The City of Prairie View Livable Centers study is centered on the city's central business district bordered by Highway 290, Sandra Bland Blvd, Santee Street and Owens Road. The Prairie View Livable Centers study seeks to leverage future growth, public projects and private investment for improved quality of life in central business district which has not been developed upon since its inception in 1969.

Each local sponsor will provide a 10% local match. Studies are anticipated to begin in the summer of 2021 and last approximately ten months each.

Funding Source

Texas Department of Transportation

Budgeted

Yes: Federal: \$967,500

10% Match: \$107,500

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Action Requested

Request authorization to execute interlocal contracts totaling \$107,500 with the recommended local study partners. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2021

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ Monthly Financial Report - September 2021 PDF

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FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
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		Budget		Actual		Variance	
		Year to date		Year to date		Dollar	%
Combined Revenues and Expenditures							
	Revenues	\$	304,561,226	\$	253,095,360	\$	(51,465,865)
	Expenditures		(304,068,056)		(251,206,717)		52,861,339
							-17%
							-17%
	Change in Combined Fund Balance	\$	493,169	\$	1,888,642	\$	1,395,473

Change in Fund Balance by Fund Type							
	Change in fund balance - General Fund	\$	60,364	\$	316,670	\$	256,307
	Change in fund balance - Gulf Coast Regional 911		671,632		1,420,283		748,652
	Change in fund balance - Enterprise Fund		183,933		151,689		(32,244)
	Total Change in Fund Balances	\$	915,929	\$	1,888,643	\$	972,714

Variance Analysis

The presentation of the change in fund balance by fund type is intended to highlight the effects of revenue and expenditure transactions by fund. The General Fund (GF) consists of those funds not associated with grant programs or enterprise activities. The Special Revenue Fund (SRF) consists of those funds that are restricted for a specific purpose. HGAC's grant programs are in this fund. The Enterprise Fund is used to track activities of the Cooperative Purchasing program and the Energy Purchasing Corporation. The variances of specific revenues and expenditures are explained on the second page of this report.

*** The Cooperative Purchasing program has contributed a \$158,589 an increase toward the Enterprise fund balance YTD, and the Energy Purchasing Corporation is reflecting a (\$6,900) decrease to the Enterprise fund balance.

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	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date	Variance Dollar	%
Revenues					
General and Enterprise Fund					
Membership dues	\$ 395,538	\$ 395,538	\$ 361,328	\$ (34,210)	-9%
HGAC Energy Purchasing Corporation (a)	90,000	67,500	61,301	(6,199)	-9%
Cooperative Purchasing fees (b)	5,500,000	4,125,000	3,248,097	(876,903)	-21%
Gulf Coast Regional 911 fees	2,728,558	2,046,419	3,061,721	1,015,303	50%
Interest Income (c)	25,000	18,750	2,723	(16,027)	-85%
Other	5,667,519	4,250,639	3,341,514	(909,125)	-21%
Total General and Enterprise Fund revenues	\$ 14,406,615	\$ 10,903,846	\$ 10,076,685	\$ (827,161)	-8%
Special Revenue Fund					
Federal Grant (d)	\$ 3,483,782	\$ 2,612,837	\$ 238,844	\$ (2,373,992)	-91%
State Grants (e)	388,059,391	291,044,543	242,779,829	(48,264,714)	-17%
Total Special Revenue Fund revenues	\$ 391,543,173	\$ 293,657,380	\$ 243,018,673	\$ (50,638,707)	-17%
Total Revenues	\$ 405,949,788	\$ 304,561,226	\$ 253,095,358	\$ (51,465,867)	-17%
Expenditures					
Personnel	\$ 27,109,725	\$ 20,332,294	\$ 19,745,791	\$ (586,503)	-3%
Pass-through funds - grant (e)	363,718,774	272,789,081	222,178,714	(50,610,366)	-19%
Consultant and contract services	8,030,158	6,022,619	5,738,591	(284,028)	-5%
Lease of office space	1,851,444	1,388,583	1,297,131	(91,452)	-7%
Equipment	1,920,640	1,440,480	401,333	(1,039,148)	-72%
Travel (f)	263,448	197,586	59,390	(138,196)	-70%
Other expense	2,529,886	1,897,415	1,785,767	(111,647)	-6%
Total Expenditures	\$ 405,424,075	\$ 304,068,056	\$ 251,206,716	\$ (52,861,340)	-17%
Excess of Revenues over(under) Expenditures	\$ 525,713	\$ 493,169	\$ 1,888,642	\$ 1,395,472	

Variances:

- a). The Energy Purchasing Corporation will not meet revenue projections this year. A new vendor has been engaged to improve performance, but results may lag in the short-term
- b). Cooperative Purchasing is not meeting projections due to supply chain issues; however, activity in the program is robust and revenue projections may carry forward into 2022 before being realized.
- c). Interest income is down due to the Federal Reserve holding interest rates low. H-GAC will have some investment maturities before the end of the year.
- d) Federal pass-through revenue and expense in an EPA program administered by the Transportation department is delayed in 2021. This funding and revenue will be included in the 2022 fiscal year budget.
- e) Pass-thru expenses and corresponding revenue is down in three major program areas: Transportation, Workforce, and Criminal Justice. Transportation and Workforce received additional funds in 2021 that will carry forward in 2022.
- f) The travel budget was anticipating that Covid restrictions would end in 2021. We are starting to see some easing of restrictions and requests for in-person events that include in-region and out-of-region travel, so we expect that our expenses will increase later in the year.

ORIENTATION TO BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN PROCESS

Background

N/A

Current Situation

N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

No action requested. For information only. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED H-GAC 2022 BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN

Background

N/A

Current Situation

N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Presentation and discussion of proposed H-GAC 2022 Budget and Service Plan. No action requested. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ Proposed H-GAC 2022 Budget and Service Plan Cover Memo
- ▢ 2022 Budget Summary Cover Memo



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Annual Service Program and Budget Review

Session October 19, 2021

Agenda

1. Call to Order – Judge Phillip Spenrath, Chair
2. Chair’s Remarks – Judge Phillip Spenrath, Chair
3. Session Overview – Chuck Wemple, Executive Director
4. Draft Budget and Service Plan Review – Chuck Wemple and Nancy Haussler, Chief Financial Officer
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment

2022 PROPOSED BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN SUMMARY

Unified Budget			\$477,445,933
	Increase	17.76%	72,021,855
Pass-through funds			427,314,603
	Increase	17.48%	63,595,829
Operations			50,131,330
	Increase	20.20%	8,426,028
Increases			
Workforce		18.66%	64,439,694
Transportation		20.72%	4,133,275
Shared Services		43.33%	1,699,619
Local Capital		110.55%	1,473,800
Community & Environmental		14.07%	599,707
Data Services		12.36%	540,218
Aging		1.18%	183,289
Decreases			
Public Services		9.86%	1,042,898
Local Activities		3.86%	4,850
Employee Benefits			
Released Time		14.50%	\$2,990,209
Insurance, Retirement and Social Security		<u>32.10%</u>	<u>6,635,627</u>
Total Benefits & Release Time		46.60%	\$9,625,836

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE UPDATE

Background

The H-GAC Board of Directors Water Resources Committee has been working to identify and support flood mitigation projects of regional significance. The committee also deliberates and provides recommendations to the Board regarding significant funding and policy issues pertaining to flood mitigation and water supply.

Current Situation

The H-GAC Water Resources Committee will meet on October 13, 2021. At this meeting, the committee will consider the following recommended changes to the H-GAC Priority Flood Mitigation Project list:

Elevate from Tier 2 to Tier 1

San Jacinto Regional Watershed Master Drainage Plan – multiple local jurisdictions worked to develop the San Jacinto Regional Watershed Master Drainage Plan. Using Atlas 14 rainfall data to develop inundation maps and estimates of impacted areas, the plan identified flood mitigation projects and policies that can be implemented in the near- and long-term to reduce flood risks to people and property throughout the San Jacinto watershed. (Harris County Flood Control District, San Jacinto River Authority, Montgomery County, City of Houston).

Create New Project Category: add project

URGENT NEED: Projects that are not necessarily regional but which are time sensitive, address significant threats, and lack reasonable mitigation alternatives.

City of Columbus Wastewater Plant Replacement – The City of Columbus wastewater treatment plant is threatened by erosion caused by recent flood events on the Colorado River. The project would entail the City building a new facility further from the banks of the river. Urgent assistance is needed to prevent loss of service and potential impacts to the Colorado River from the current plant if it is compromised by erosion. (City of Columbus). *(Staff Contact: Justin Bower)*

Other agenda items will include a recap of an October 12 workshop for General Law Cities on Priority Flood Mitigation projects and plans for similar Home Rule Cities workshop and an update and continued discussion on the development of a Method of Distribution for the regional allocation of Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation funds.

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Request approval of Water Resources Committee recommendations to H-GAC Priority Flood Mitigation Projects list. (Staff Contact: Jeff Taebel)

ATTACHMENTS:

- ▢ Priority Flood Mitigation Projects List
- Cover Memo

H-GAC PRIORITY FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS

For consideration by the H-GAC Board of Directors on October 19, 2021

The H-GAC Board of Directors has approved this project priority list, grouped into priority tiers indicating the level of engagement and support H-GAC could provide, and identifying a separate group of projects of urgent need. This list will be regularly reviewed and updated, as necessary.

TIER 1: Projects benefitting multiple jurisdictions for which there are specific opportunities for H-GAC to provide support, coordination, or to serve as the lead in securing funding.

Cedar Bayou Alliance – Judge Sylvia of Chambers County appointed H-GAC to lead a coalition of governments and industry in the Cedar Bayou watershed of Harris, Chambers, and Liberty Counties to identify joint flood mitigation projects. H-GAC has been working with Cedar Bayou Alliance partners to identify and promote projects of shared priority and to coordinate activities among the entities involved. Longer term steps may include creating a special district/authority to develop revenue and implement resiliency projects in the watershed (*Harris, Liberty and Chambers Counties; Cities of Baytown, Mont Belvieu*).

Lower Colorado River and San Bernard River Flood Warning System – Wharton, Colorado, and Matagorda Counties, and the Cities of Bay City, Columbus, and Wharton, along with the Lower Colorado River Authority, have collaborated on a study of the Lower Colorado River, post-Harvey. This project involves new inundation maps that can be used to enhance flood warning information. H-GAC and Wharton County are considering potential funding opportunities to mirror this modeling and mapping project in the San Bernard River and Caney Creek Watersheds and install river gauges in both Lower Colorado and San Bernard systems (*Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Lee, Matagorda, Wharton*).

Chambers County and City of Mont Belvieu Flood Protection Planning for Watersheds Chambers County and the Cities of Liberty, Dayton and Mont Belvieu, in coordination with other local entities, are initiating a flood protection planning project for approximately 900 miles of watersheds in Chambers, Liberty, Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties. The project will develop hydrologic models for the study area and produce inundation maps for a variety of storm events. The project will also seek to identify areas of highest risk, recommend flood mitigation measures to address them and develop planning level estimates of provable costs. (*Chambers, Liberty, Harris, Galveston, and Jefferson counties; Cities of Mont Belvieu, Liberty and Dayton*).

Lower Brazos Flood Protection Planning Study –Includes analysis of medium- to large-scale structural solutions and buyouts, and recommendations for additional modeling, engineering, and environmental studies that benefit parts of the region along the lower Brazos River. The study involved several of H-GAC's local governments and includes some projects inside the region and others that, while outside the region, would benefit H-GAC counties and their communities (*Fort Bend, Brazoria, Austin, and Waller Counties*).

Brazos River Pinch Point Project - This project would use structural barriers to prevent further erosion of a new channel through a pinch point of the Brazos River near Simonton, at a cost of \$25.8 million. The barriers would protect area landowners and communities, prevent

higher river velocities downstream, and ensure the viability of existing emergency evacuation routes and the Allen's Creek Reservoir project (*Fort Bend County, Missouri City, Richmond, Rosenberg, Simonton, Sugar Land, Thompsons, Weston Lakes*).

Coordinated Detention Pilot Project – Waller County is seeking funding to implement a study and pilot implementation of coordinated detention basin network and technologies in multiple watersheds. The pilot study would involve two phases of initial evaluation of potential downstream impacts from coordinated releases, focusing on risk mitigation effectiveness and potential adoption of practices by the County. A third phase would involve installation of networked sensors on existing detention basins at multiple locations in the County. The pilot project will evaluate hydrological benefits for potential flood loss reduction, positive impacts to low-to-moderate income communities, and water quality and conservation benefits. The project will also assess how the data may support alternative engineering, construction and maintenance of detention-retention assets and how it may impact placement of future retrofits (*Waller County*).

Lower Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou Flood Mitigation Plan Study – Multiple local partners worked with the US Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a \$1.5 million flood mitigation study of the Lower Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou watersheds of Galveston County. The local participants included League City, Friendswood, Harris County Flood Control District, and Galveston County, with Brazoria County and Pearland as potential contributing participants. The study was finalized in 2021, and evaluated combinations of detention, conveyance improvements, flood tunnels and other alternatives ranging from \$275 million to \$1.25 billion for Lower Clear Creek and \$220 to \$500 million for Dickinson Bayou. The primary recommendation of the study is a subsequent evaluation to refine estimates of costs and benefits and recommend a preferred alternative. (<https://www.leaguecity.com/3645/Lower-Clear-Creek-Dickinson-Bayou-Waters>) (*Covered areas noted in description*).

San Jacinto Regional Watershed Master Drainage Plan Projects – multiple local jurisdictions worked to develop the [San Jacinto Regional Watershed Master Drainage Plan](#). Using Atlas 14 rainfall data to develop inundation maps and estimates of impacted areas, the plan identified flood mitigation projects and policies that can be implemented in the near- and long-term to reduce flood risks to people and property throughout the San Jacinto watershed. (*Harris County Flood Control District, San Jacinto River Authority, Montgomery County, City of Houston*).

TIER 2: Projects that H-GAC endorses which benefit individual or multiple jurisdictions and for which funding already exists or is programmed.

Metropolitan Houston Regional Watershed Assessment – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a 22-watershed assessment of drainage planning and flood mitigation in the Houston area in conjunction with the Harris County Flood Control District and other local partners. As part of the study, the project partners are considering a recommendation for a regional coordinating body for flood management. (*22 watersheds in Harris County and adjacent counties*).

Southeast Texas Flood Control District – Liberty and Chambers counties are participating in ongoing flood control studies and efforts as part of an 8-county southeast Texas area effort that also includes several area river authorities. Additional work is ongoing through 2021 as a continuation of these studies (*Liberty and Chambers Counties; areas outside the region*).

Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) Bond Projects – Projects arising from HCFCD’s [2018 bond program](#) are moving forward throughout the county, and the District is coordinating with local partners (*Harris County*).

Harris County Flood Tunnel Study – the first phase of the study identified [flood tunnels as a viable flood management option](#) to study further. The second phase is currently underway, looking at potential routing, and will complete soon. A third phase looking at more specific design will take an additional 12-18 months (*Harris County*).

TIER 3: Projects that do not currently have specific components identified that could be advanced for funding. H-GAC will continue to track progress on these projects and provide coordination or support as warranted.

River Authority Flood Mitigation Implementation– The committee discussed the potential future role for river authorities to implement flood mitigation planning and implementation activities. San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) is considering this type of approach and also developing a [Flood Forecasting and Reservoir Operations Tool](#) to help predict peak releases from Lake Conroe and better coordinate with local emergency management entities. The expected completion is Spring, 2021 (*Montgomery and Harris Counties; additional counties covered by other Authorities*).

Flood Upgrades – Fort Bend County – Fort Bend County is working to improve its flood readiness by incorporating Atlas 14 into its infrastructure planning and design and flood risk assessments as part of an interim drainage criteria manual. Portions of Fort Bend County, especially those areas impacted by Barker Reservoir during Hurricane Harvey, have also been the focus of several recent studies and efforts, including a 2018 study on the feasibility of a levee on the western end of Barker reservoir and a 2019 desilting project (*Fort Bend County*).

River Authority Flood Mitigation Implementation– The committee discussed the potential future role for river authorities to implement flood mitigation planning and implementation activities

URGENT NEED: Projects that are not necessarily regional, but which are time-sensitive, address significant threats, and lack reasonable alternatives.

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Summary of Projects by Tier and H-GAC Local Governments Benefitting

Tier 1	H-GAC Local Governments Benefitting
Cedar Bayou Alliance	Harris, Liberty and Chambers Counties; Cities of Baytown and Mont Belvieu.
Lower Colorado River and San Bernard River Flood Warning System	Portions of Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda, and Wharton counties and cities therein; portions of Fayette and Lee Counties outside of H-GAC region.
Chambers County and City of Mont Belvieu Flood Protection Planning for Watersheds	Chambers, Liberty, Harris, Galveston, and Jefferson Counties; Cities of Mont Belvieu, Liberty and Dayton.
Lower Brazos Flood Protection Planning Study	Areas within the Lower Brazos River watershed; including some outside the region.
Brazos River Pinch Point Project	Fort Bend County, Missouri City, Richmond, Rosenberg, Simonton, Sugar Land, Thompsons, Weston Lakes
Coordinated Detention Pilot Project	Waller County
Lower Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou Study	Areas in Harris and Galveston County, League City, Friendswood and other area municipalities within the Clear Creek and Dickinson Bayou watersheds.
San Jacinto River Master Drainage Plan	Harris County, Montgomery County, City of Houston, other local governments and organizations in the San Jacinto River Basin above Highway I-10.
Tier 2	
Metropolitan Houston Regional Watershed Assessment	22 watersheds in Harris, Chambers, Liberty, Galveston, Brazoria, Fort Bend County, Montgomery, and Waller Counties.
Southeast Texas Flood Control District	Liberty and Chambers Counties; six (6) other southeast Texas counties outside the region; River authorities in the study area.
Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) Bond Projects	Harris County
Harris County Flood Tunnel Study	Harris County
Tier 3	
River Authority Flood Mitigation Implementation	Harris and Montgomery Counties, potentially other river authorities and counties.
Flood Upgrades -- Fort Bend County	Areas within Fort Bend County, including those impacted by Barker Reservoir.
Urgent Need	
City of Columbus Wastewater Plant Replacement	City of Columbus and areas immediately downstream on the Colorado River.

H-GAC 2021 ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Background

H-GAC advisory committees are appointed by H-GAC's Board as a whole, based upon nominations from individual Board members and other groups. This month there are nominations to the Gulf Coast Economic Development District, H-GAC Energy Purchasing Corporation, Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation and the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council.

Current Situation

N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Request approval of appointments to H-GAC advisory committees. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

ATTACHMENTS:

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|  H-GAC OCTOBER 2021 ADVISORY
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS | Cover Memo |
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H-GAC OCTOBER 2021 ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Gulf Coast Economic Development District

Provides oversight to H-GAC's economic development planning program.

Nominations received for terms expiring May 2024:

Name	Representing	Nominated by
Courtland Holman	Regional Economic Interests	GCEDD
Lance Dean	Regional Economic Interests	GCEDD

H-GAC Energy Purchasing Corporation

The H-GAC Energy Purchasing Corporation Board governs the Corporation and its electricity aggregation program. The board is comprised of H-GAC Board members from electricity purchasing aggregation jurisdictions.

The current board is eligible for reappointment for 2022:

Name	Representing	Nominated by
Commissioner Andy Meyers	Fort Bend County	H-GAC
Councilman Chuck Engelken	City of La Porte	H-GAC
Judge Nate McDonald	Matagorda County	H-GAC
Council Member William King	City of Dickinson	H-GAC

Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation

Implement small business loan program by receiving loans for fixed assets; Small Business Administration provides financing.

Nomination received for term expiring May 2023:

Name	Representing	Nominated by
Dr. April Day	Small Business	H-GAC

Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council

Coordinates local planning for Homeland Security.

Nominations received for terms expiring May 2023:

Name	Representing	Nominated by
R.W. "Bob" Royall, Jr. (Primary)	Harris County	Judge Hidalgo
Mark Sloan (Alt.)	Harris County	Judge Hidalgo

SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT – H-GAC BOARD COMPOSITION

Background

In April 2021, Board of Directors Chair Judge Phillip Spenrath appointed a special committee of Board members to analyze the results of the most recent federal census, identify potential impacts on representation for the region, and make recommendations to the H-GAC Board on possible bylaw amendments.

Current Situation

Members of the Special Committee on Board Composition met on October 13, 2021 to discuss various voting options and composition scenarios.

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

Report from Special Committee on H-GAC Board Composition. No action requested. For information only. (Contact: Chair, Commissioner Adrian Garcia)

H-GAC SPOTLIGHT – CENSUS UPDATE

Background

H-GAC regularly collects, processes, and manages Census data as part of its regional planning efforts. U.S. Census Bureau produces various data products related to population, but the decennial census, which is conducted every 10 years is the only census product that provides actual population counts. The decennial census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is used to distribute federal funds to local communities. It also helps in redistricting, creating, or redrawing geographic political subdivisions with relatively equal-sized populations.

Current Situation

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released the Decennial Census 2020 redistricting data. It includes population counts by race and Hispanic origin; voting age; and housing unit data for counties, places, census tracts and blocks. According to the data, the 13-county Houston-Galveston region experienced significant growth during the last ten years and added 1.2 million people. Additionally, the results indicate that the region is becoming increasingly more diverse.

Get a closer look at the census results for the region by using H-GAC's 2020 Census Data Redistricting Tool. The interactive tool provides visual breakdowns of census data by age, demographics, geographic areas, congressional districts, school districts, and much more. View the tool online at datalab.h-gac.com/2020census.

For more information, please contact Psambidi@h-gac.com.

Funding Source

N/A

Budgeted

N/A

Action Requested

No action requested. For information only. (Staff Contact: Pramod Sambidi, PhD)

CURRENT AND UPCOMING H-GAC ACTIVITIES

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)

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AUSTIN COUNTY

County Judge Tim Lapham
VACANT

BRAZORIA COUNTY

Commissioner Stacy Adams
Commissioner Ryan Cade

CHAMBERS COUNTY

Commissioner Mark Tice
Commissioner Billy Combs

COLORADO COUNTY

County Judge Ty Prause
Commissioner Darrell Gertson

FORT BEND COUNTY

Commissioner Andy Meyers
County Judge K.P. George

GALVESTON COUNTY

Commissioner Ken Clark
Commissioner Joseph Giusti

HARRIS COUNTY

Judge Lina Hidalgo
Commissioner Rodney Ellis
Commissioner Adrian Garcia
VACANT

LIBERTY COUNTY

County Judge Jay Knight
Commissioner Greg Arthur

MATAGORDA COUNTY

County Judge Nate McDonald
Commissioner Kent Pollard

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Commissioner Charlie Riley
Judge Mark L. Keough

WALKER COUNTY

Commissioner Jimmy Henry
Commissioner Bill Daugette

WALLER COUNTY

County Judge Trey Duhon
Commissioner Justin Beckendorff

WHARTON COUNTY

County Judge Phillip Spenrath
Commissioner Richard Zahn

CITY OF BAYTOWN

Council Member Charles Johnson
Council Member Chris Presley

CITY OF CONROE

Mayor Pro Tem Raymond McDonald
Mayor Jody Czajkoski

CITY OF DEER PARK

Council Member Bill Patterson
Council Member Tommy Ginn

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD

Councilmember Sally Branson
Councilmember Mike Foreman

CITY OF GALVESTON

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Council Member David Collins

CITY OF HOUSTON

Council Member Sallie Alcorn
Council Member Amy Peck
Council Member Letitia Plummer
Council Member Edward Pollard

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE

Mayor Andy Brauning
VACANT

CITY OF LA PORTE

Councilmember Chuck Engelken, Jr.
Councilman Bill Bentley

CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

Mayor Gerald Roznovsky
Councilmember Ralph Buster Buell

CITY OF LEAGUE CITY

Council Member Larry Millican
Council Member Andy Mann

CITY OF MISSOURI CITY

Council Member Jeffrey Boney
Council Member Lynn Clouser

CITY OF PASADENA

Councilmember Cary Bass
Council Member Phil Cayten

CITY OF PEARLAND

Mayor Kevin Cole
Council Member Tony Carbone

CITY OF ROSENBERG

Mayor Kevin Raines
Councilor Tim Krugh

CITY OF SUGAR LAND

Mayor Joe Zimmerman
Council Member Stewart Jacobson

CITY OF TEXAS CITY

Commissioner Jami Clark
Mayor Dedrick Johnson, Sr.

HOME RULE CITIES

Councilmember William King III, Dickinson
Mayor Cecil Willis, Stafford
Mayor Carolyn Bilski, Sealy
VACANT

GENERAL LAW CITIES

Council Member Nancy Arnold, Waller
Council Member Susan Schwartz,
Bunker Hill Village
Mayor Joe Garcia, Pattison
Councilmember Teresa Vazquez-Evans, Kemah

ISDs

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