

AGENDA HUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING November 19, 2024 9:00 AM 3555 Timmons Ln, Houston TX 77027 Houston, Texas 77027

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>
- 3. DECLARE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

#### ACTION

4. <u>CONSENTAGENDA</u>

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. <u>REGIONWIDE EMERGENCY RIDE HOME PILOT PROGRAM</u>

Request authorization to contract with firms in the order presented for a contract term of one year with three optional one year renewals, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. (Staff Contact: Jamila Owens)

b. <u>AMENDED TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS</u>

Request approval to amend the Regional Incident Management agreement with the City of Houston by \$1,820,000, in an amount not to exceed \$5,725,000, and to amend the Regional Incident Management contract with Harris County by \$3,082,000, in an amount not to exceed of10,432,000. (Staff Contact: Jamila Owens)

#### c. <u>REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY OUTREACH</u>

Request authorization for H- GAC contract with Connect Smart and Texas Department of Transportation Houston District, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to conduct Regional Transportation Safety Outreach. (Staff Contact: Jamila Owens )

d. <u>OPENGOV SOFTWARE LICENSE RENEWAL</u>

Request approval to renew OpenGov licenses for a total contract amount of \$67,626. (Staff Contact: Kristina Kollaja)

e. <u>CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM</u>

Request authorization to contract with firms in the order presented for a contract term of one year with up to two optional one year renewals, in an amount not to exceed \$210,000. (Staff Contact: Chau Le)

- 5. <u>DISCUSSION</u>
- 6. <u>FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE</u>
  - a. <u>MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT OCTOBER 2024</u>

Request approval of the monthly financial report ending October 31, 2024 (Staff

Contact: Christina Ordonez-Campos)

#### 7. <u>BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN</u>

#### a. <u>PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED H-GAC 2025 BUDGET & SERVICE</u> <u>PLAN</u>

Presentation and discussion of proposed H-GAC 2025 Budget & Service Plan. For information only, no action requested. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

#### 8. <u>COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN</u>

Presentation concerning current and possible future disaster recovery programs.

#### a. <u>CYCLE 7 FY2025-2028 LIVABLE CENTERS STUDIES INTERLOCAL</u> <u>CONTRACTS</u>

Request authorization to enter into interlocal agreements with the project sponsors listed in the chart for Livable Centers studies and to accept contributions to the Regional Strategic Transportation Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$538,000. (Staff Contact: Sarai Osorio)

#### 9 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

#### a. <u>SAFE STREETS FOR ALL ACTION PLANS</u>

Request authorization to contract with firms in the order presented for a contract term of eighteen months with two optional one year extensions, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000. (Staff Contact: Susan Jaworski)

#### 10. <u>REPORTS</u>

#### a. <u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u>

Report on current and upcoming H-GAC activities. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

#### 11. 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.

### **REGIONWIDE EMERGENCY RIDE HOME PILOT PROGRAM**

#### Background

Commute Solutions is preparing to pilot a regionwide Emergency Ride Home program in the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area. Commuters who work, attend college or university, or live in the metropolitan planning area and use transit, carpool, vanpool, or bike or walk to and from work or school would be eligible to register for the program.

Emergency Ride Home is a best practice transportation demand management marketing and outreach strategy that is designed to remove perceived barriers to adopting active and shared modes of transportation. The program provides a free or reduced cost trip back home, or to their vehicle, for users of shared and active transportation in the event of certain emergencies like illness, sickness of a family member, or unscheduled overtime.

Emergency Ride Home is already offered in the region by two providers; Fort Bend Transit and Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County. The pilot program would establish a region-wide, baseline program for all riders, expanding coverage to qualifying riders of the City of Conroe, the Woodlands Township, Island Transit, Gulf Coast Transit District, Harris County Transit, Colorado Valley Transit, and Brazos Transit District, and offering coverage to carpoolers, and those who bike or walk.

H-GAC's Commute Solutions program has been coordinating with the Texas Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and all area transit providers since 2019 to prepare for a pilot of this initiative.

#### **Current Situation**

H-GAC issued a competitive, sealed solicitation to solicit qualified contractor(s) for the goods or services requested under TRN24-03 on May 1, 2024 and closed on June 27, 2024. Two responsive submissions were received and thoroughly evaluated by a committee of representatives from H-GAC, Fort Bend County Transit, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, and Texas Department of Transportation. Based on the committee's scoring and evaluation of the proposal responses, rankings are presented below:

1. On the Go

2. WHC HTX, LLC

#### **Funding Source**

Federal Highway Administration

#### Budgeted

Yes

### **Action Requested**

Request authorization to contract with firms in the order presented for a contract term of one year with three optional one year renewals, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. (Staff Contact: Jamila

Owens)

### AMENDED TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

#### Background

The Houston-Galveston Area Council works with local governments to implement the Tow and Go Program as part of the region's incident management activities. The purpose of the Tow and Go Program is to quickly remove stalled vehicles from area freeways to a nearby safe location at no cost to the motorist, thereby reducing traffic congestion and secondary crashes.

Currently, H-GAC has agreements with the City of Houston and Harris County to conduct this program. The Tow and Go service and related incident management activities currently operate within unincorporated Harris County, as well as the cities of Bellaire, Deer Park, Houston, Humble, Jersey Village, La Porte, Pasadena, and Webster.

Since the programs inception on May 1, 2018, there have been over 300,000 tows provided at no cost to the driver, and the average incident clearance time is less than 17 minutes. To continue funding the region's Traffic Incident Management partnerships, the H-GAC board and Transportation Policy Council recently approved staff's ability to enter an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to add funding to sustain the program through June 2025. This included adding:

- ~\$1.8M of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funding to the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Regional Freeway Incident Management Advanced Funding Agreement for the City of Houston partnership, and
- \$3.1M of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funding to the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Regional Freeway Incident Management Advanced Funding Agreement to support continued towing operations in Harris County.

#### **Current Situation**

H-GAC seeking permission to add these newly approved grant funds to the City of Houston's Tow and Go contract (an additional \$1,820,000) and Harris County's Tow and Go contract (an additional \$3,082,000) to reflect the additional funding being provided through the Texas Department of Transportation.

#### **Funding Source**

Federal Highway Administration

#### Budgeted

Yes

#### **Action Requested**

Request approval to amend the Regional Incident Management agreement with the City of Houston by \$1,820,000, in an amount not to exceed \$5,725,000, and to amend the Regional Incident Management contract with Harris County by \$3,082,000, in an amount not to exceed of10,432,000. (Staff Contact: Jamila Owens)

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### **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY OUTREACH**

#### Background

The Regional Transportation Safety Campaign goals include reducing the number of vehicle crashes, reducing the number of fatalities and serious injuries caused by vehicle crashes, educating people about bicycle and pedestrian safety, and teaching residents about "rules of the road." Outreach efforts aim to gain the interest of elected officials, bicyclists, pedestrians, and all motor vehicle drivers to broaden residents' safety knowledge.

#### **Current Situation**

The Regional Transportation Safety Campaign will include communications tools and tactics that provide residents with a quality service while delivering strategic messaging about transportation safety. Primary transportation safety topics include:

- Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety
  DWI Education and Safety
  Speeding Vehicles
  Distracted Driving
  Teen Driving
  Youth Traffic Safety

Communications tactics and tools are expected to include print and digital advertising, social media, billboards, radio, tv, streaming, and print and digital materials (flyers, postcards, etc.).

#### **Funding Source**

Federal Highway Administration

#### **Budgeted**

Yes

#### **Action Requested**

Request authorization for H- GAC contract with Connect Smart and Texas Department of Transportation Houston District, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to conduct Regional Transportation Safety Outreach. (Staff Contact: Jamila Owens)

### **OPENGOV SOFTWARE LICENSE RENEWAL**

#### Background

OpenGov was implemented as our agency's e-procurement system in 2022. It has allowed for increased productivity, efficiencies, and transparency for our procurement function. We seek to renew our subscription for the next three years, payable annually.

#### **Current Situation**

Our current subscription for H-GAC is at the end of a two-year agreement as of December 18, 2024 and will require a new subscription to continue operation. Staff recommends renewing the subscription for a total cost of \$67,626 across three years, paid annually. The subscription licenses will be purchased through the State of Texas government contract: TX-DIR:DIR-CPO-5327.

#### **Funding Source**

Local Funds

#### Budgeted

Yes

#### **Action Requested**

Request approval to renew OpenGov licenses for a total contract amount of \$67,626. (Staff Contact: Kristina Kollaja)

### CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

#### Background

The purpose of the Customer Relationship Management System is to manage and enhance the agency's interactions with current and potential contacts. The initiative is geared towards fostering improved relationships, facilitating cross-agency collaboration, and augmenting overall operational efficiency. The current systems being utilized are Goldmine and ZoHo. The CRM system aims to achieve the following key objectives:

- Centralize contact information into a unified, easily accessible database.
- Automate the processes of tracking interactions, marketing efforts, and customer support.
- Elevate the level of customer service, thereby increasing satisfaction and retention rates.
- Equip the agency with advanced analytics and reporting tools for informed decision-making.

#### **Current Situation**

H-GAC solicited proposals on May 8, 2024 and closed May 23, 2024 from vendors with approved cooperative purchasing contracts for the solution requested. Two responsive submissions were received and thoroughly evaluated by a committee of representatives from H-GAC. Based on the committee's scoring and evaluation of the proposal responses, the rankings are presented below:

1. Catalyst Consulting Group, Inc.

2. StackNexus, Inc.

**Funding Source** 

Local Funds

#### **Budgeted**

Yes

#### **Action Requested**

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### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - OCTOBER 2024**

#### Background

N/A

## **Current Situation**

N/A

## **Funding Source**

N/A

### Budgeted

N/A

### **Action Requested**

Request approval of the monthly financial report ending October 31, 2024 (Staff Contact: Christina Ordonez-Campos)

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Description
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### **HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)**



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#### **FY24 Monthly Financial Report**

#### For Month Ending October 31, 2024

Prepared on November 6th, 2024

Esteemed H-GAC Board of Directors and Executive Director Wemple, please find attached the financial report for last month. The information contained within is intended for managerial reporting purposes. All figures are unaudited and subject to change. Should you have any questions, please feel free to let me or a member of my staff know. Respectfully submitted, Christina Ordóñez-Campos, CPA - Chief Financial Officer.

#### SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES

#### REVENUES

> The Energy Corporation's revenues have surpassed projected levels, and we anticipate continued revenue growth moving forward.

> Interest income experienced a slight decline from September to October, primarily driven by the Federal Reserve's recent interest rate cut. However, we have successfully achieved our projected interest income target for 2024.

> The Cooperative Purchasing revenue cycle remains atypical, with October revenue showing a notable increase compared to September, rising to \$804K from \$515K. We are confident that revenue will meet the projected level by December.

#### EXPENDITURES

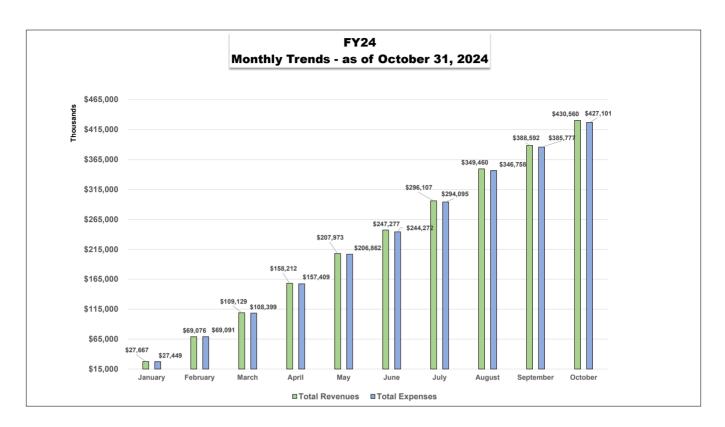
> Personnel expenditures continue to stay within budget as we fill vacant positions. To date, we have spent 79% of 83.33% of the year that has elapsed so far.

> This month's travel expenses have risen in comparison to previous periods, primarily driven by attendance at conferences, business promotion efforts, and training activities.

> Year-to-date expenditures for consultant and contract services currently stand at 57% of the budget. From September to October, these costs have increased by 62%, primarily due to the completion of the Aging and Transportation grants' fiscal period. We anticipate additional consultant expenses by year-end, which will bring overall spending closer to the budgeted amount.

\*\*\* Please note: the financial activity outlined above and in the report falls within the past trends observed in H-GAC's operations and is not out of the ordinary. \*\*\*

#### Monthly Trends Chart



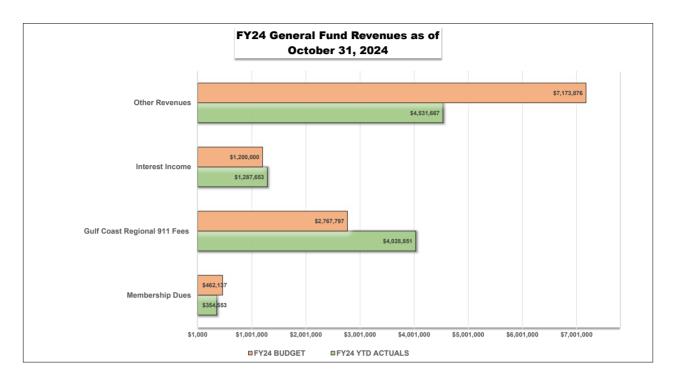
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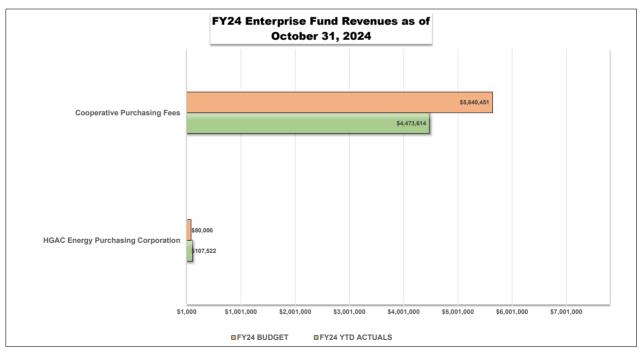
FY24 Monthly Trends Report

For Month Ending October 31, 2024

	Japua	ıry 2024	February 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	Sontombor 2024	October 2024
Revenues	Janua	ily 2024	Tebruary 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024	OCIODEI 2024
General & Enterprise Fund Revenues											
Membership Dues	\$	189,246	\$-	\$ 14,595	5 \$ 51,2	54 \$ 62,25	2 \$ 200	\$ 2,970	s -	\$ 33,349	\$ 68
HGAC Energy Purchasing Corporation		3,255	26,686	2,224	16,5	38 10,13	1 6,084	8,146	18,396	9,832	6,23
Cooperative Purchasing Fees		109,150	511,950	186,188	767,5	384,96	5 235,098	358,053	600,776	515,357	804,57
Gulf Coast Regional 911 Fees		309,252	71,612	762,248	229,44	39 470,56	2 2,093,198	(1,019,232	) 436,847	342,168	332,70
Interest Income		118,379	109,411	121,458	3 143,93	33 131,33	7 134,782	135,595	159,398	122,507	110,85
Other Revenues		172,202	1,466,466	80,450	476,2	632,02	6 548,270	159,854	234,000	510,057	252,05
Total General & Enterprise Fund Revenues	\$	901,483	<u>\$ 2,186,125</u>	\$ 1,167,163	\$ 1,685,01	3 \$ 1,691,27	3 \$ 3,017,631	\$ (354,613	\$ 1,449,416	\$ 1,533,270	\$ 1,507,100
Special Revenue Fund Federal Grants	s	7,032	\$ 12,085	\$ 123,566	5 \$ 20,41	02 \$ 22,08	5 \$ 24,442	\$ 10,350	\$ 16.818	\$ 47,569	\$ 33.0
Special Revenue Fund											
State Grants		26,758,098	39,211,007	38,762,715							40,428,18
Total Special Revenue Fund Revenues		.765,130	\$ 39,223,091	\$ 38,886,281							
Total Revenues											
Expenditures	-				1		-1		1	1	1
Personnel	\$	3,072,047	\$ 3,129,111	\$ 2,889,904	\$ 3,076,8	53 \$ 3,133,19	4 \$ 2,935,699	\$ 2,671,050	\$ 3,410,466	\$ 3,178,134	\$ 3,469,2
Pass-through Funds - Grant	2	23,403,312	37,448,526	35,343,961	44,343,6	44,324,31	9 32,742,985	45,240,570	47,988,263	34,212,737	36,121,25
Consultant and Contract Services		138,372	687,224	671,183	779,3	77 1,370,42	4 1,059,782	1,357,689	760,774	618,811	1,002,70
Lease of Office Space		119,958	109,693	134,809	122,1	122,16	2 122,365	123,441	122,848	122,661	123,22
Equipment	_	11,352	3,246	246,854	48,6	90 99,51	6 25,098	47,713	19,838	16,460	12,5
Travel	_	27,362	18,646	21,380	49,5	32,08	2 40,390	48,581	29,931	48,531	85,3
Other Expenses		676,879	245,283		589,84	18 370,79	6 484,012	333,665	331,217	821,837	509,8
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 27</u>	,449,281	<u>\$ 41,641,729</u>	<u>\$ 39,308,091</u>	\$ 49,010,11	2 \$ 49,452,49	<u>3 \$ 37,410,330</u>	\$ 49,822,708	\$ 52,663,338	\$ 39,019,172	\$ 41,324,1
ess of Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures	\$	217,332	\$ (232,513)	\$ 745,353	\$ 72,19	9 \$ 309,30	<u>8</u> \$ 1,893,161	\$ (992,880	\$ 689,881	\$ 112,614	\$ 644,20

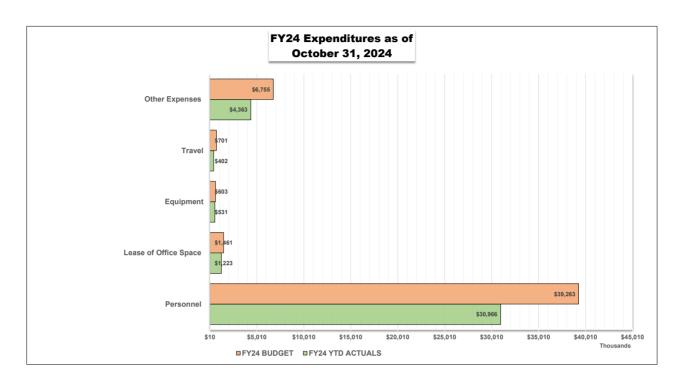
#### **Budget to Actual Charts**

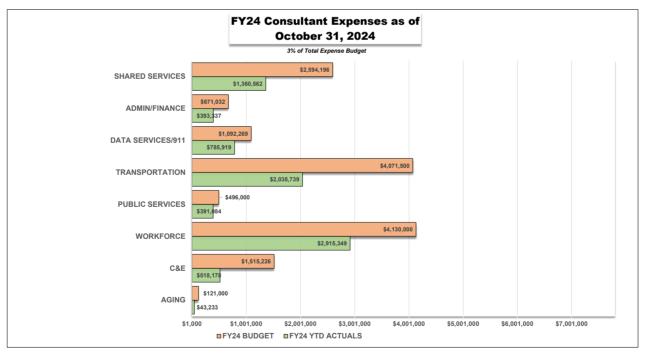




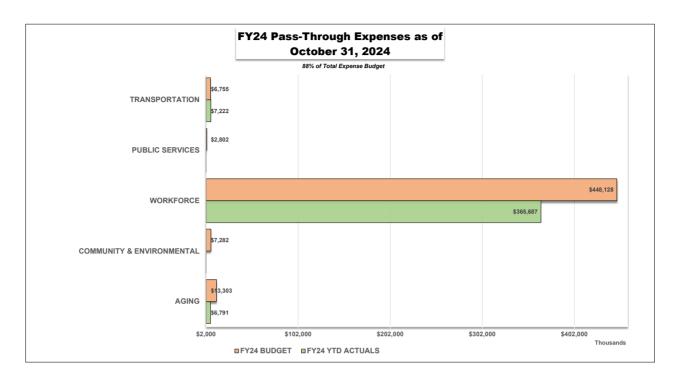
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#### **Budget to Actual Charts**





#### **Budget to Actual Charts**



# **HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)**

## FY24 Budget to Actual Report - All Funds

For Month Ending October 31, 2024

				83.33% of Year Elapsed			
	FY24 Bud	get	FY24 Year-to- Date Actuals	FY24 % of Actuals to Budget	FY23 Budget	FY23 Year-to- Date Actuals	FY23 % of Actuals to Budget
Revenues							
General & Enterprise Fund Revenues							
Membership Dues	\$ 46	2,137	\$ 354,553	77%	\$ 462,136	\$ 446,747	
HGAC Energy Purchasing Corporation	8	0,000	107,522	134%	75,000	108,911	14
Cooperative Purchasing Fees	5,64	0,451	4,473,614	79%	5,500,000	4,280,051	
Gulf Coast Regional 911 Fees	2,76	7,797	4,028,851	146%	2,605,121	3,414,662	1
Interest Income	1,20	0,000	1,287,653	107%	200,000	538,994	20
Other Revenues	7,17	3,876	4,531,667	63%	7,781,387	5,517,898	
Total General & Enterprise Fund Revenues	\$ 17,324	,261	\$ 14,783,860	85%	\$ 16,623,644	\$ 14,307,263	8
State Grants	523,30		415,458,783	79%	474,015,106	336,499,736	
Federal Grant	\$ 69	5,000	\$ 317,417	46%	\$ 200,000	\$ 150,850	
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	\$ 524,000		<u>\$ 415,776,201</u>	<u>79%</u>		<u>\$ 336,650,586</u>	7
	1.1	<u>,,,,,,,</u>	<u>\$ 430,560,061</u>	<u>80%</u>	<u>\$ 490,838,750</u>	<u>\$ 350,957,849</u>	<u> </u>
Expenditures		<u>,0-0</u>   .	<u>\$ 430,560,061  </u>	<u>          80%  </u>	<u>  \$ 490,838,750</u>	<u>  \$350,957,849</u>	
<u>Expenditures</u> Personnel		3,214		<u>80%</u> 79%	\$ 490,838,750 \$ 34,141,958	\$ 27,168,351	
		3,214					
Personnel	\$ 39,26 478,27	3,214	\$ 30,965,695	79%	\$ 34,141,958	\$ 27,168,351	
Personnel Pass-through Funds - Grant	\$ 39,26 478,27 14,69	3,214 ±	\$ 30,965,695 381,169,561	79%	\$ 34,141,958 431,342,942	\$ 27,168,351 307,022,803	
Personnel Pass-through Funds - Grant Consultant and Contract Services	\$ 39,26 478,27 14,69 1,46	3,214 0,303 1,223	\$ 30,965,695 381,169,561 8,446,402	<u>79%</u> 80% 57%	\$ 34,141,958 431,342,942 15,392,991	\$ 27,168,351 307,022,803 6,599,968	
Personnel Pass-through Funds - Grant Consultant and Contract Services Lease of Office Space	\$ 39,26 478,27 14,69 1,46 60	3,214 : 0,303 1,223 1,237	\$ 30,965,695 381,169,561 8,446,402 1,223,355	79% 80% 57% 84%	\$ 34,141,958 431,342,942 15,392,991 1,827,797	\$ 27,168,351 307,022,803 6,599,968 1,439,745	
Personnel Pass-through Funds - Grant Consultant and Contract Services Lease of Office Space Equipment	\$ 39,26 478,27 14,69 1,46 60 70	3,214 3 0,303 1,223 1,237 2,696	\$ 30,965,695 381,169,561 8,446,402 1,223,355 531,286	79% 80% 57% 84% 88%	\$ 34,141,958 431,342,942 15,392,991 1,827,797 4,943,200	\$ 27,168,351 307,022,803 6,599,968 1,439,745 3,967,653	
Personnel Pass-through Funds - Grant Consultant and Contract Services Lease of Office Space Equipment Travel	\$ 39,26 478,27 14,69 1,46 60 70	3,214 3 0,303 1,223 1,237 2,696 0,865 4,873	\$ 30,965,695 381,169,561 8,446,402 1,223,355 531,286 401,761	79% 80% 57% 84% 88% 57%	\$ 34,141,958 431,342,942 15,392,991 1,827,797 4,943,200 687,449 4,938,555	\$ 27,168,351 307,022,803 6,599,968 1,439,745 3,967,653 348,332	
Personnel Pass-through Funds - Grant Consultant and Contract Services Lease of Office Space Equipment Travel Other Expenses	\$ 39,26 478,27 14,69 1,46 60 70 6,75 <b>\$ 541,744</b>	3,214 3 0,303 1,223 1,237 2,696 0,865 4,873	\$ 30,965,695 381,169,561 8,446,402 1,223,355 531,286 401,761 4,363,343 \$ 427,101,404	79% 80% 57% 84% 88% 57% 65%	\$ 34,141,958 431,342,942 15,392,991 1,827,797 4,943,200 687,449 4,938,555	\$ 27,168,351 307,022,803 6,599,968 1,439,745 3,967,653 348,332 3,823,253 <b>\$ 350,370,105</b>	
Personnel Pass-through Funds - Grant Consultant and Contract Services Lease of Office Space Equipment Travel Other Expenses Total Expenditures	\$ 39,26 478,27 14,69 1,46 60 70 6,75 <b>\$ 541,744</b> <b>\$ (419</b>	3,214 3 0,303 1,223 1,237 2,696 0,865 4,873 4,873	\$ 30,965,695 381,169,561 8,446,402 1,223,355 531,286 401,761 4,363,343 \$ 427,101,404 \$ 3,458,657	79% 80% 57% 84% 88% 57% 65%	\$ 34,141,958 431,342,942 15,392,991 1,827,797 4,943,200 687,449 4,938,555 <b>\$ 493,274,892</b>	\$ 27,168,351 307,022,803 6,599,968 1,439,745 3,967,653 348,332 3,823,253 \$ 350,370,105 \$ 587,744	

(1) Jan. 1, 2024 beginning fund balance is based on the 2023 ACFR which was presented during the May 2024 Board.

(2) All ending fund balances are as of October 31 for each year.

### PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED H-GAC 2025 BUDGET & 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 2025 Budget & Service Plan. For information only, no action requested. (Staff Contact: Chuck Wemple)

ATTACHMENTS:

 Description

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 FY2025 Budget Summary

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### 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN SUMMARY

Unified Budget	_		\$593,124,189
	Increase	9.48%	51,379,779
Pass-through funds			501,113,097
Tass-unough funds	Increase	4.78%	22,842,794
	meredse	4.7070	22,042,794
Operations			92,010,092
1	Increase	44.96%	28,536,983
T			
Increases			
Capital Expenditures	1,283.90%		\$3,428,000
Local Activities	942.71%		1,890,887
Transportation	50.85%		10,001,618
Data Services	53.14%		643,416
Enterprise Solutions	32.29%		3,155,366
Community & Environmental	20.36%		3,363,078
Shared Services	9.74%		906,583
, Workforce	5.93%		27,640,465
Aging	1.91%		350,366
Employee Benefits			
Released Time	14.39%		\$4,923,450
Insurance, Retirement and			
Social Security	<u>32.32%</u>		<u>11,059,278</u>
Total Benefits & Release Time	46.71%		\$15,982,727

### CYCLE 7 FY2025-2028 LIVABLE CENTERS STUDIES INTERLOCAL CONTRACTS

#### Background

Funding has been allocated in H-GAC's FY2025-2028 Unified Planning Work Program for the Livable Centers program. This program has funded 46 planning studies in the region since 2008. For this round of studies, H-GAC issued a competitive call for study partners and convened a five-person evaluation committee comprised of H-GAC staff, TxDOT staff, and past study partners. The evaluation committee ranked applications received based on established evaluation criteria and recommended 13 studies to receive \$3,170,000 in Transportation Planning Funds for Livable Centers planning. All 13 recommended study sponsors were approved by the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Policy Council at their October 2024 meeting:

Study Sponsor	Study					
St. George Place Redevelopment Authority	St. George Place and Uptown Livable Center Study: Bridging the Gap with Equitable Investment for Community					
City of Magnolia	Magnolia Livable Centers Study: Enhancing Community Connectivity, Resilience and Economic Vitality					
City of La Marque*	La Marque Focused Livable Centers Study: Developing Equitable and Resilient Multimodal Transportation Choices for Community					
Downtown Houston	South Downtown Livable Center Study					
Harris County, Precinct 4	Park Row Transportation and Development Livable Center Study					
Harris County, Precinct 2 – South Belt	Harris County South Belt Livable Center Study					
Kemah Community Development Corporation*	The Kemah Downtown Livable Center Study					
Harris County, Precinct 2 – Webster	Harris County Precinct 2 Webster Livable Centers Study					
City of Humble	Downtown Humble Reimagination - Main St					
Fort Bend County, Precinct 4*	Kendleton Livable Centers Study					
Missouri City	Texas Parkway Livable Centers Study					
City of La Porte	La Porte Livable Center Study					
Fort Bend County, Precinct 2	Fresno Livable Centers Study					

\*Focused Livable Center Studies

The studies will include the development of plans, feasibility analysis, and strategies for creating public/private partnerships to implement Livable Centers concepts. Each study will also identify specific transportation investments, including estimated costs and air quality benefits.

#### **Current Situation**

H-GAC will be the project manager for the studies and will negotiate with the local government sponsors to develop a detailed scope of service for each study. H-GAC staff will procure consultants to produce the studies which are anticipated to begin in the summer of 2025 and last approximately 9-10 months each. Each local sponsor will provide a local contribution to the Regional Strategic Transportation Fund, not to exceed \$538,000 in total.

#### **Funding Source**

**Transportation Planning Funds** 

#### Budgeted

Yes

#### **Action Requested**

Request authorization to enter into interlocal agreements with the project sponsors listed in the chart for Livable Centers studies and to accept contributions to the Regional Strategic Transportation Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$538,000. (Staff Contact: Sarai Osorio)

### SAFE STREETS FOR ALL ACTION PLANS

#### Background

In October 2020, the H-GAC Transportation Policy Council adopted a Regional Vision Zero Policy, which is to eliminate all traffic fatalities in the region by 2050. The 2045 Regional Transportation Plan Update conveyed in its action plan that updating the Regional Safety Action Plan is the first step to realizing the region's Vision Zero policies. The Metropolitan Planning Organization will support transportation projects, programs and policies that significantly improve safety outcomes for all transportation network users.

The purpose of this project is to develop a Regional Safety Action Plan and Local Safety Action Plans for eleven local jurisdictions in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) region. As part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program has made implementation funding available to entities that have a qualifying Safety Action Plan. Recommendations included in a Safety Action Plan will be eligible for future rounds of funding to implement the recommendations. Safety Action Plans are comprehensive safety plans aimed at reducing and eliminating serious-injury and fatal crashes affecting all roadway users. These Plans use data analysis to characterize roadway safety problems and strengthen a community's approach through projects and strategies that address the most significant safety risks.

#### **Current Situation**

H-GAC issued a competitive, sealed solicitation to solicit qualified contractor(s) for the services requested under TRN24-06 on August 1, 2024 and closed on September 5, 2024. Five responsive submissions were received and thoroughly evaluated by a committee of representatives from H-GAC and Texas Department of Transportation. Based on the committee's scoring and evaluation of the proposal responses, the rankings are presented below:

- 1. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
- 2. TJKM Transportation Consultants
- 3. AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
- 4. Huitt-Zollars, Inc.
- 5. Rodriguez Transportation Group, Inc.

#### **Funding Source**

**Planning Funds** 

#### Budgeted

Yes

#### **Action Requested**

Request authorization to contract with firms in the order presented for a contract term of eighteen months with two optional one year extensions, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000. (Staff Contact: Susan Jaworski)

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

## 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)