

10. 2023 REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

BACKGROUND

The 2023 Regional Goods Movement Plan (RGMP) Update serves as a framework that supports the region's economic activity through efficient, safe, and connected freight movement while addressing the externalities associated with freight transportation. The RGMP Update builds upon and complements previous freight studies and plans, including the 2013 Regional Goods Movement Plan and the Ports Area Mobility Study. This plan identifies actionable, operational, logistical, and technological policies, programs, and projects that improve goods movement, leverage private and public investment, and further the goals outlined in the Regional Transportation Plan. The Houston Galveston Area eight-county region has one of the fastest growing economic sectors in the United States. Moving forward, freight tonnage is expected to grow at 2.1 percent annually until 2050 to a total of 1.7 billion tons annually. For the region to maintain its economic competitiveness, it must support a growing demand for goods moving from, to, and through the region.

CURRENT SITUATION

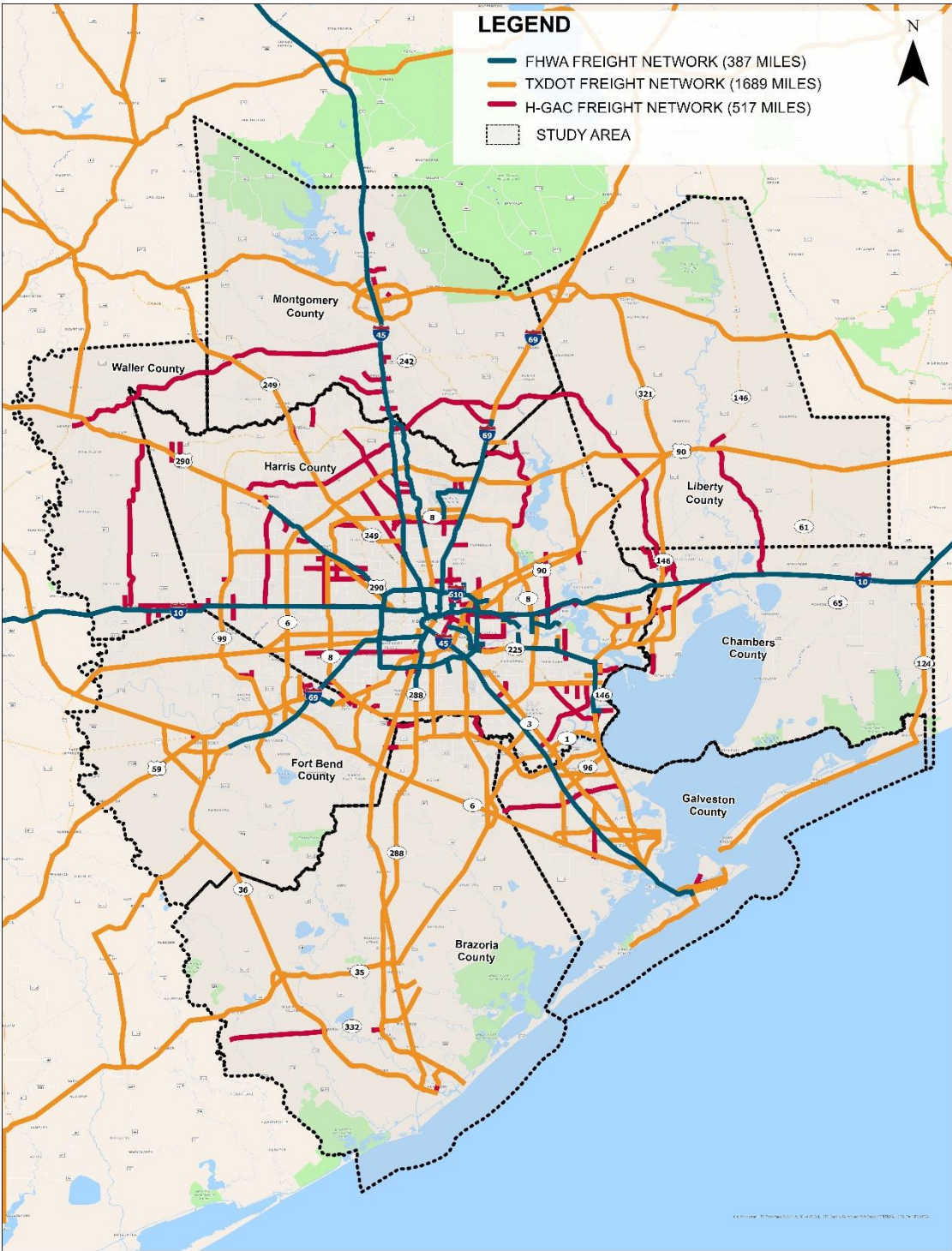
The Regional Goods Movement Plan Update study was completed in August 2023. This plan has identified key recommendations associated with a wide range of policies and programs that various stakeholders from both the private and public sectors could adopt to address safety and reduce congestion, emissions, and residential and community impacts from freight activity. In addition to the policy and project recommendations, the following products were developed.

1. ArcGIS storyboards for regional freight data
2. Origin-Destination Tableau Dashboard
3. Freight Commodity Tableau Dashboard
4. H-GAC Freight Network
5. Critical Urban Freight Corridors
6. 2045 RTP Project Categorization and Future RTP Considerations
7. Intelligent Transportation System Considerations

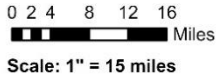
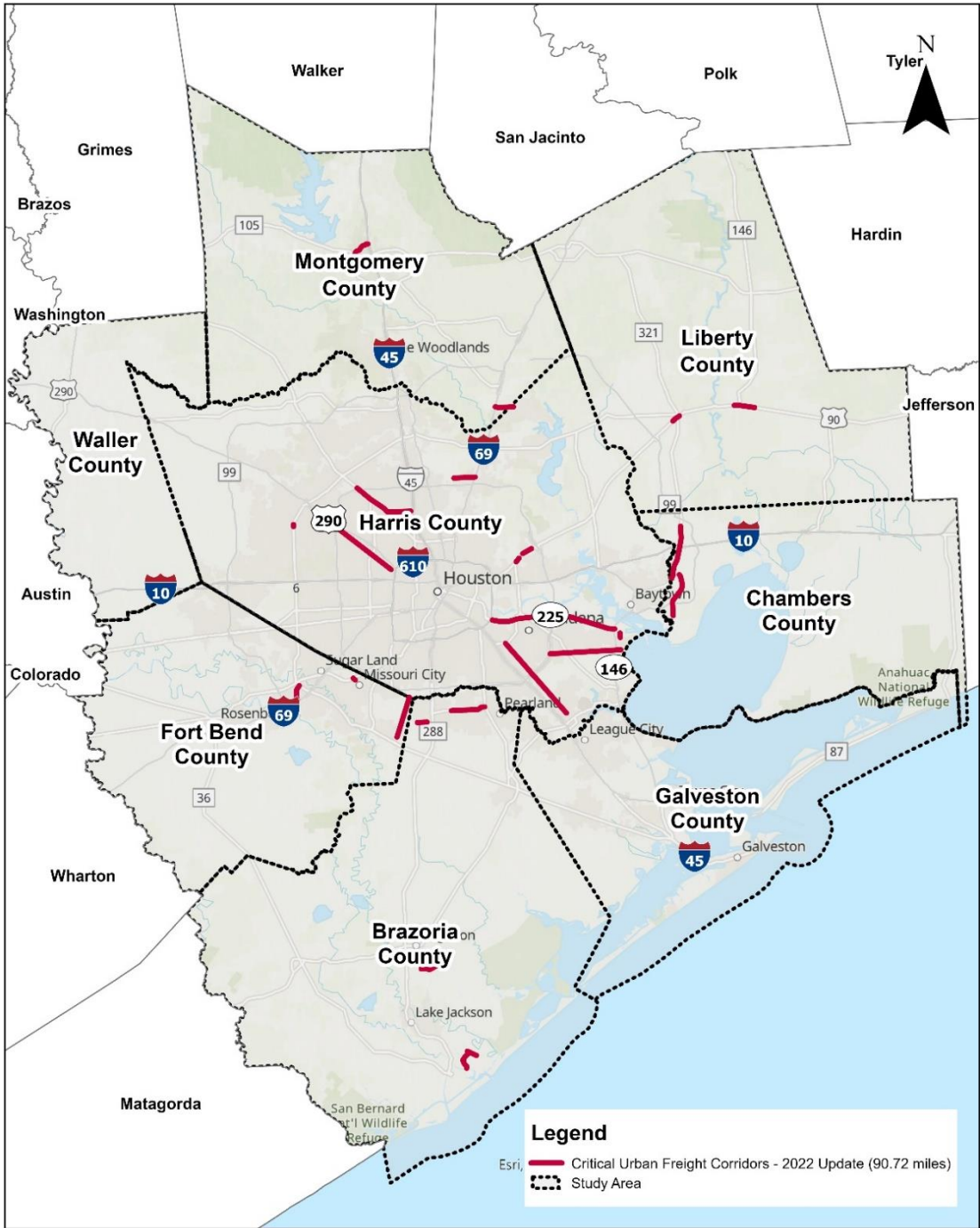
The full 2023 RGMP Update document, along with associated documents, data storyboards, recordings of a virtual public meeting, and steering and stakeholder meetings, is available at the following link [HERE](#).

ACTION

Staff requests adoption of the (RGMP) and incorporation into the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan



Regional Goods Movement Plan
Freight Network Map



Regional Goods Movement Plan National Highway Freight Network



Resolution

NO. 2024-11

AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN (RGMP) UPDATE AND THE INCLUSION OF THE RGMP INTO THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP)

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Houston - Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law, and;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) is the regional transportation policy body, and;

WHEREAS, the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan was adopted by the Transportation Policy Council on May 19, 2023; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL (TPC) FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA THAT THE 2023 REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN BE ADOPTED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL AND BE AMENDED INTO APPENDIX P OF THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of April 2024, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

Hon. Justin Beckendorff, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

ATTEST:

Hon. Nancy Arnold, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council