

10. CRITICAL URBAN FREIGHT CORRIDORS

BACKGROUND

A key deliverable for the ongoing Regional Goods Movement Plan update is the identification of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) region's Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFC). CUFC are public roads that connect freight generators to the Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS), and expand the PHFS to increase economic competitiveness, reduce congestion, and reduce freight costs. The designated corridors expand the state National Highway Freight Network and are eligible for funding from the National Highway Freight Program.

CURRENT SITUATION

The Texas Department of Transportation allotted the H-GAC region 90.72 miles of the 372.78 miles allocated to the State of Texas. In collaboration with the Greater Houston Freight Committee, H-GAC designated the first iteration of Critical Urban Freight Corridors in 2017. Of the 36 corridors designated, 30 corridors were improved. The current iteration developed a new methodology using data driven measures to identify new corridors and rolled the corridors with no improvements into the new list. The new Critical Urban Freight Corridors, if approved, will be certified by the Federal Highway Administration and included in the Texas Freight Mobility Plan.

ACTION REQUESTED

For Information and Discussion