

14. PREVIEW FOR ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL GOODS MOVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

### **BACKGROUND**

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The Regional Goods Movement Plan (RGMP) Update serves as a framework that supports the region's economic activity through efficient, safe, and connected freight movement, at the same time 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 (2020). 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**

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The Regional Goods Movement Plan Update 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, map attached
5. Critical Urban Freight Corridors, map attached
6. 2045 RTP Project Categorization and Future RTP Considerations
7. Intelligent Transportation System Considerations

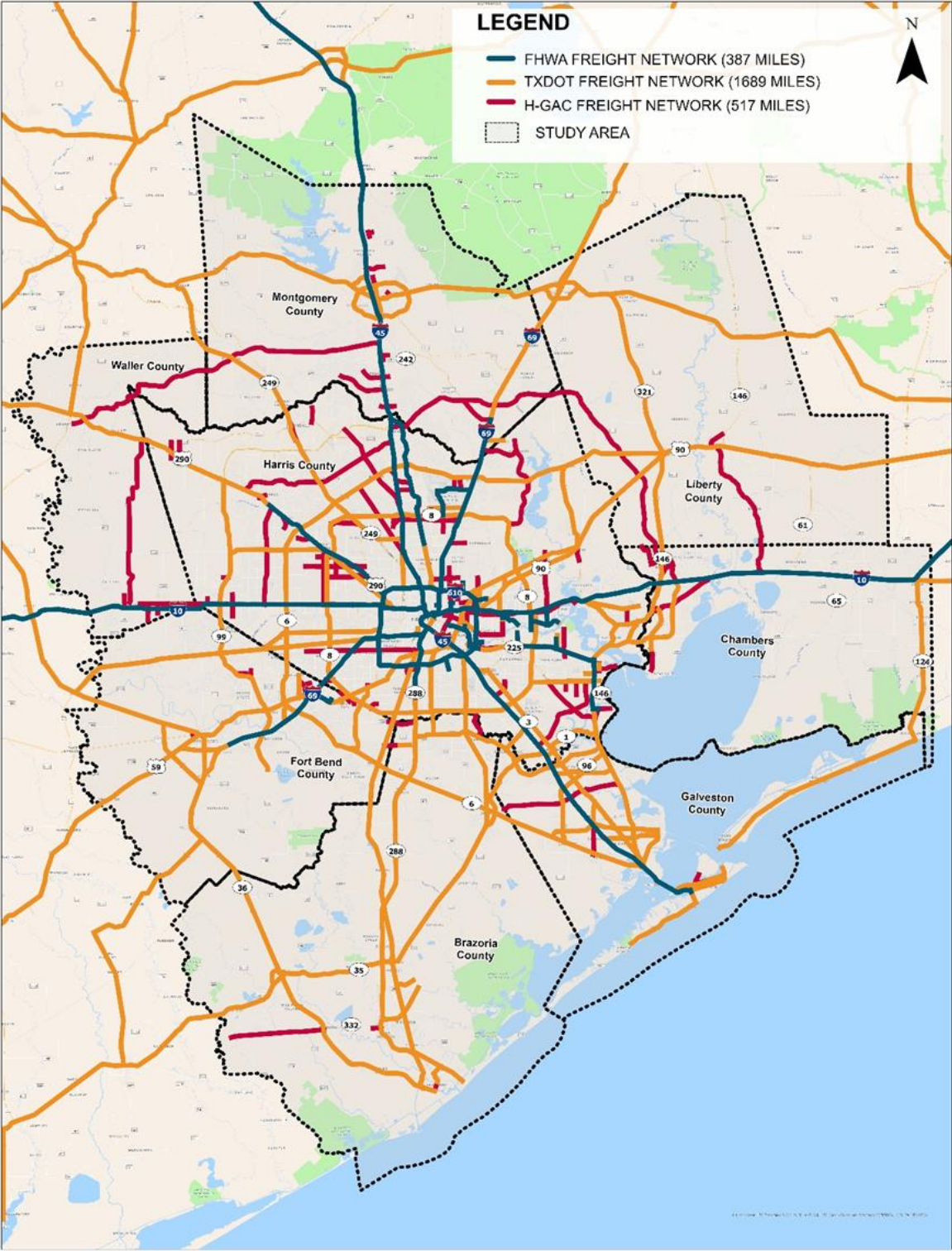
The Draft 2023 RGMP Update document is available at the following link: <https://www.h-gac.com/getmedia/6bc1f128-ed0-4219-b323-d69078e0ee4d/DRAFT-2023-Regional-Goods-Movement-Plan>

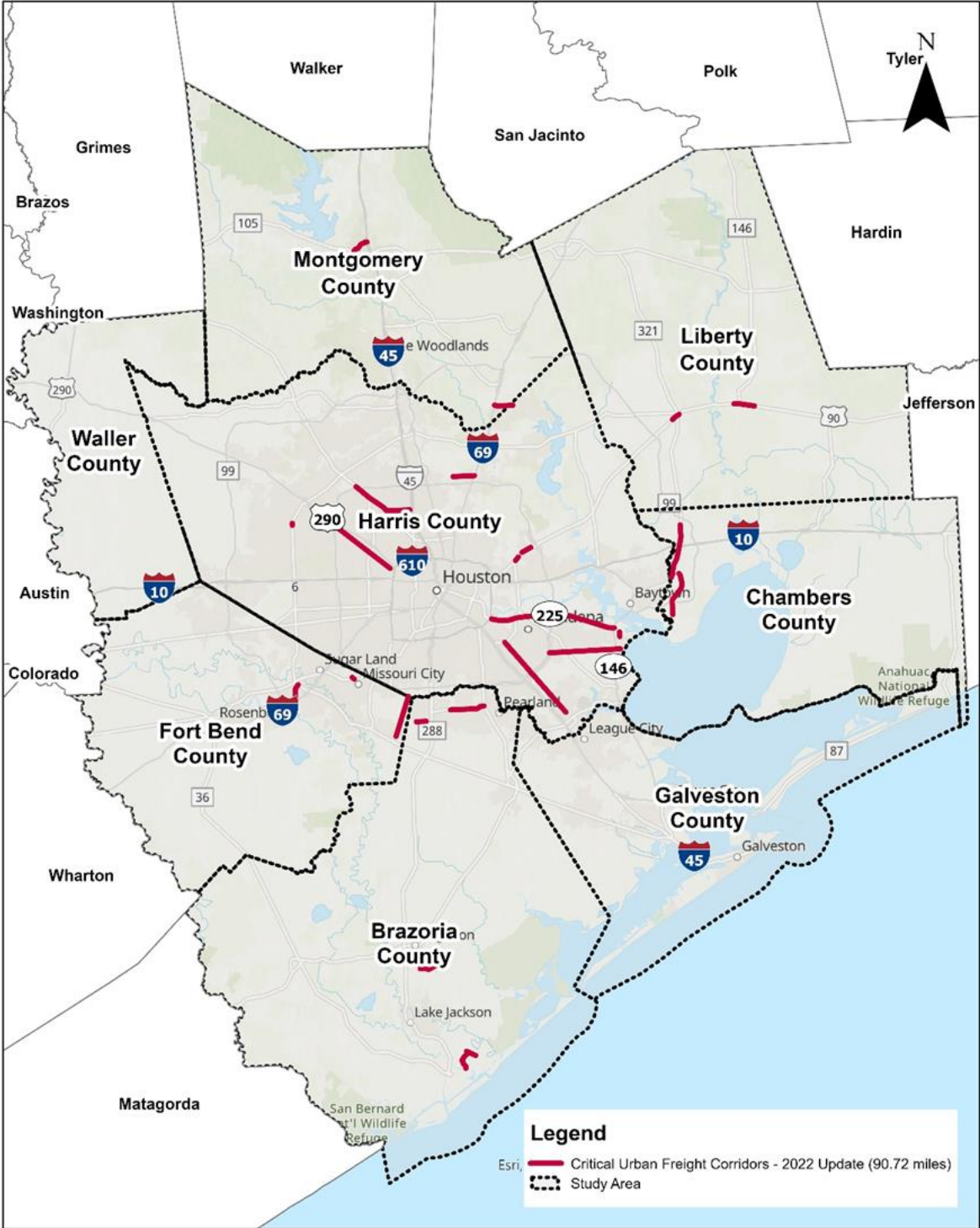
Associated documents, data story boards, recordings of a virtual public and steering and stake holder meetings, are available at the following link: <https://engage.h-gac.com/regional-goods>

### **ACTION**

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For Information and Discussion.





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Scale: 1" = 15 miles

### Regional Goods Movement Plan National Highway Freight Network