




**HOUSTON- GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL**  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**TO:** H-GAC Board of Directors  
**SUBJECT:** Board Report  
**FROM:** Chuck Wemple   
**DATE:** November 12, 2024

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We are closing in on the end of our fiscal year, finishing strong, and preparing for an exciting launch of 2025. The two remaining Board meetings for 2024 include important actions for your consideration. Our November meeting is rapidly approaching, and I'm looking forward to seeing each of you next week. A summary of the November Board packet is included below.

**Consent Agenda** – The consent agenda includes six items that are routine, continuation of ongoing activities, and/or opportunities to expand our service to the region. The combined items represent over \$5.9 million in contracts.

The Transportation Policy Council recently approved three programs in mid-October. The next step is H-GAC Board approval of the associated agreements and contracts. We have our first opportunity to explore a regionwide Emergency Ride Home for commuters who rely upon transit, vanpooling and other modes of work-related travel. This pilot project will expand efforts currently underway by transit providers in our area. We have completed our procurement and have a recommended provider for your consideration. Contract amount of \$600,000.

Last month we brought you the advance funding agreement with TxDOT which will continue funding of our highly successful Tow and Go Program. The next step in the process is to approve amending our existing contracts with the City of Houston and Harris County to put the additional funds to work. Contract increases of \$1,820,000 and \$3,082,000, respectively.

The third item includes working with Connect Smart and the Texas Department of Transportation on the Regional Transportation Safety Campaign outreach efforts. Contracts total \$200,000.

The consent agenda also includes approval of renewal of the electronic procurement system licenses, a new customer relationship management system, and the October 2024 Board Meeting minutes.

**Legislative Committee – will meet at 8:00 a.m.** to review the draft H-GAC Legislative Priorities for the 89<sup>th</sup> session. No action will be taken at this meeting.

**Finance and Budget Committee – will meet at 9:00 a.m.** to consider the monthly financial report and other finance-related items on the Board agenda, including our second review of the draft H-GAC 2025 Budget and Service Plan. Members of the committee will receive a committee agenda and meeting notice, in addition to the general Board packet.

**Budget and Service Plan** – We will have our second review of the draft H-GAC 2025 Budget and Service Plan this month. The budget process includes three steps: presentation of a draft budget in

October; presentation of any revisions in November; and action on the final version in December. Our current draft budget shows our anticipated 2025 budget as \$593,124,189, up \$51,379,779 (9.48%) over 2024. A few entries may look new and different than in previous years and we will spend some additional time orienting you to these changes and following up on our discussion from last month.

**Community and Environmental Planning** – Over the past 16 years our Livable Centers Program has helped communities establish priorities and develop projects that improve quality of life through a transportation lens. These neighborhood and city-center scale plans are highly sought after. We have completed 46 to date and are prepared to begin the next three-year cycle, which includes 13 community partners with contracts totaling \$538,000.

**Transportation Planning** – In October 2020, the H-GAC Transportation Policy Council adopted a Regional Vision Zero Policy, which has a goal to eliminate all traffic fatalities in the region by 2050. The Regional Safety Action Plan is the first step to realizing the region’s Vision Zero policies. The Plan will help identify transportation system improvements at the regional and community level. The work will include completion of our regional safety plan and 11 local plans, and take approximately 2 years to complete. Contract amount is \$5,000,000.

**H-GAC Advisory Committee Appointments** – This month we have nominations to the Gulf Coast Economic Development District, the Regional Flood Management Committee, and the HGAC Energy Board.

**2024 Election Committee – Developing 2025 Slate** – Chair Alcorn will activate the Election Committee and issue the charge of developing a slate of Board Officers for consideration at the December Board meeting. The steps after December include issuing ballots to the General Assembly and official canvassing of ballots at the Annual Meeting in January.

**Spotlight** – Our spotlight this month will focus on public safety grant opportunities.

**Outreach and Government Affairs Report** – Rick Guerrero, Chief Outreach and Government Affairs Officer, will provide an update on current and upcoming public affairs activities.

**Executive Director’s Report** – I will provide an overview of our current and upcoming activities.

I appreciate your engagement and deliberation on the important action items before us. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the agenda items.



**AGENDA**  
**HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
November 19, 2024 | 10:00 AM  
3555 Timmons Lane,  
Conference Room B, 2nd Floor  
Houston, TX 77027

1. INVOCATION
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
4. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
5. SAFETY BRIEFING

**ACTION**

6. 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 – OCTOBER 15, 2024  
Request approval of the minutes of the October 15, 2024, H-GAC Board Meeting. (Staff Contact: Vanessa McKeehan)
- b. REGIONWIDE EMERGENCY RIDE HOME PILOT PROGRAM  
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)
- c. AMENDED TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS 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 \$10,432,000. (Staff Contact: Jamila Owens)
- d. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY OUTREACH  
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)
- e. OPENGOV SOFTWARE LICENSE RENEWAL  
Request approval to renew OpenGov licenses for a total contract amount of \$67,626. (Staff Contact: Kristina Kollaja)
- f. CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
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)

## **DISCUSSION**

### **7. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Report on activities and Committee recommendations.

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

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

### **8. BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN**

#### **a. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED H-GAC 2025 BUDGET & SERVICE PLAN**

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

### **9. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING**

#### **a. CYCLE 7 FY2025-2028 LIVABLE CENTERS STUDIES PROGRAM** Request approval of thirteen Livable Center studies in Cycle 7 FY 2025-2028.(Staff Contact: Sarai Osorio)

#### **b. CYCLE 7 FY2025-2028 LIVABLE CENTERS STUDIES INTERLOCAL CONTRACTS**

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)

### **10. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

#### **a. SAFE STREETS FOR ALL ACTION PLANS**

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)

### **11. H-GAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

#### **a. NOVEMBER 2024 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATE GROUP APPOINTMENTS**

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

### **12. ELECTION COMMITTEE**

#### **a. 2024 ELECTION COMMITTEE – DEVELOPING 2025 SLATE**

No action requested. For information only. (Contact: Sallie Alcorn, Board Chair)

### **13. REPORTS**

#### **a. H-GAC SPOTLIGHT - PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

For information only. No action requested. (Staff Contact: Laura Glaspie and Justin Riley )

b. OUTREACH AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT

Update on important current and upcoming public affairs activities. No action requested. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

c. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

14. 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 – OCTOBER 15, 2024**

### **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 October 15 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 October 15, 2024, H-GAC Board Meeting. (Staff Contact: Vanessa McKeehan)

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

▫ October 15, 2024 Minutes

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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**H-GAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**October 15, 2024**

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**ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

The following members of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) attended all or a portion of the October 15, 2024, Board meeting:

Austin County Judge Tim Lapham	City of Huntsville Mayor Russell Humphrey
Brazoria County Commissioner Stacy Adams	City of La Porte Council Members Bill Bentley (Alternate)
Colorado County Judge Ty Prause	City of League City Council Member Tommy Cones
Chambers County Commissioner Tommy Hammond	City of Missouri City Council Member Jeffrey Boney
Fort Bend County Judge KP George	City of Pasadena Council Member Dolan Dow
Galveston County Commissioner Joseph Giusti	City of Pearland Mayor Kevin Cole
Harris County Commissioner Lesley Briones	City of Rosenberg Mayor William Benton
Liberty County Judge Jay Knight	City of Sugar Land Stuart Jacobson
Matagorda County Judge Bobby Seiferman	City of Texas City Commissioner Jami Clark
Montgomery County Judge Mark Keough	
Walker County Commissioner Brandon Decker	General Law Cities:
Wharton County Judge Phillip Spenrath	City of Bunker Hill Councilmember Susan Schwartz (Alternate)
City of Baytown Councilmember Laura Alvarado	City of Pattison Mayor Pro Tem Joe Garcia
City of Deer Park Council Member Tommy Ginn	
City of Friendswood Council Member Sally Branson	Home Rule Cities (Less than 25,000):
City of Galveston Mayor Pro Tem Marie Robb	City of Bellaire Council Member Ross Gordon
City of Houston Council Member Sallie Alcorn	
City of Houston Vice Mayor Pro Tem Amy Peck	Huntsville ISD Trustee Rissie Owens

The following Board members were not marked in attendance at the October 15, 2024, Board Meeting:

Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia  
Waller County Judge Trey Duhon  
City of Alvin Council Member Martin Vela  
City of Conroe Council Member Howard Wood  
City of La Porte Council Member Chuck Engelken  
City of Lake Jackson Mayor Gerald Roznovsky  
City of Waller Council Member Nancy Arnold  
City of Dickinson Mayor Pro Tem Johnnie Simpson

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Honorable Sallie Alcorn, City of Houston Council Member and Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 3555 Timmons Lane.

### **1. INVOCATION**

City of Huntsville Mayor, Russell Humphrey, gave the invocation.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City of Huntsville Mayor, Russell Humphrey, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

## **ROLL CALL**

Chair Alcorn asked Vanessa McKeehan to conduct the Board of Directors roll call. Ms. McKeehan conducted the roll call and announced that a quorum was present. Mr. Guerrero introduced special guests in the audience: Freddy Guerra (Office of Commissioner Briones) Jean Mann (Office of Judge Keough), Shaneka Smith (Office of Judge George), Mark Guthrie (Chair of Gulf Coast Workforce Board).

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Alcorn invited comments from any members of the public who wished to participate during the meeting and asked Mr. Guerrero if any requests for public comments had been received. Mr. Guerrero stated that there were no public comments. There being no public comments Chair Alcorn proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

### **4. DECLARE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Chair Alcorn called for any Board member with a conflict of interest to declare it at that time. Hearing no conflicts, Chair Alcorn proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

### **5. SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH**

Chair Alcorn asked Scott Young, H-GAC Facilities Manager, to bring this month's safety tip. Mr. Young gave a brief presentation regarding Fire Wardens and their roles inside the conference room and identified the exits in case of an emergency.

### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Alcorn called for the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions or items that required discussion. There being no questions, City of Friendswood Councilmember Branson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Montgomery County Judge Keough seconded the motion. Chair Alcorn 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 – SEPTEMBER 17, 2024** - Approved the minutes of the September 17, 2024, H-GAC Board Meeting.
- b. **FUNDING INCREASE FOR TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT** - Approved to enter into an agreement with The Texas Department of Transportation to amend the advanced funding agreements by increasing the values for projects MPO ID 11917 for an



amount not to exceed \$1,800,000 and MPO ID 17020 for an amount not to exceed \$3,100,000.

- c. **CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD MASTER TRAILS PLAN** – Approved authorization to contract with firms in the order presented for a contract term of one year, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.
- d. **COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICE AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT 2024** – Approved authorization to enter into a project agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to support coordinated human service and public transportation planning, in an amount not to exceed \$255,000.
- e. **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS FOR REGIONAL STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION FUND** - Approved authorization to execute Interlocal Agreement with the sponsors identified in the attached table to receive a minimum of \$5,550,000 into the Regional Strategic Transportation Fund.
- f. **TITLE VI PROGRAM UPDATE** - Approved of H-GAC's updated Title VI Program.
- g. **HGACBUY SOLAR LIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES** – Approved authorization to negotiate contracts with respondents listed in the Award Recommendation Table for SL12-24 Solar Lighting Equipment and Related Services.
- h. **HOMEOWNER WASTEWATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS** - Approved authorization to conduct work with prequalified Septic System Contractors for the Homeowner Wastewater Assistance Program for the term of one year and extend the work for up to two additional one-year terms. Total amount not to exceed \$300,000.
- i. **QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT - THIRD QUARTER 2024** – Approve of the Third Quarter 2024 Investment Report.

## 7. **FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

### a. **Monthly Financial Report – SEPTEMBER 2024**

Chair Alcorn announced that the Finance and Budget Committee met before the Board of Directors meeting under the leadership of the Committee Chair, City of Pattison Mayor Pro Tem Garcia. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia reported that the committee met with a quorum to consider several items on the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia recognized Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, H-GAC Chief Financial Officer, to present the financial status report for July. Ms. Ordonez-Campos requested approval of the monthly financial report ending September 30, 2024.

Ms. Ordonez-Campos asked if there were any questions regarding the September financial report. There being none, Montgomery County Judge Keough moved to approve, and, City of Friendswood Councilmember Branson seconded the motion. With no additional discussion, Chair

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Alcorn called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

**b. RECOMMENDED 2025 SALARY PROGRAM**

Request approval of the recommended employee salary ranges for 2025.

Mr. Garcia recognized Teri Ramsey, H-GAC Director of Human Resources, to present the H-GAC Recommended 2025 Salary Program. Ms. Ramsey requested approval of the Recommended 2025 Salary Program.

Ms. Ramsey asked if there were any questions regarding the H-GAC Recommended 2025 Salary Program. There being none, Montgomery County Judge Keough moved to approve, and City of Friendswood Councilmember Branson seconded the motion. Mr. Garcia moved to the next item.

**c. INTEREST REINVESTMENT FUND**

Request approval to implement the interest reinvestment fund and the related designation and utilization strategy.

Mr. Garcia recognized Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, H-GAC Chief Financial Officer, to present the H-GAC Interest Investment Fund. Ms. Ordonez-Campos requested approval Interest Investment Fund.

Ms. Ordonez-Campos asked if there were any questions regarding the H-GAC Interest Investment Fund. City of Missouri City Council Member Boney moved to approve and amend the item to 40% for 2025 board initiatives and 60% seed money for a new grant writing, development, administration, and support section. Montgomery County Judge Keough seconded the motion.

With no additional discussion, Chair Alcorn called for the vote, which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

**8. BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN**

Chair Alcorn called on Chuck Wemple, H-GAC Executive Director to discuss the 2025 Budget and Service Plan. Mr. Wemple reviewed the 2025 Budget and Service Plan.

**a. ORIENTATION TO BUDGET & SERVICE PLAN**

For information only. No action required.

**b. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED H-GAC 2025 BUDGET & SERVICE PLAN**

Presentation and discussion of proposed H-GAC 2025 Budget & Service Plan.

For information only, no action requested.

Mr. Wemple asked if there were any questions. There being no action, Chair Alcorn moved to the next item.

**9. H-GAC ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Chair Alcorn moved to the next agenda item. Chair Alcorn called on William Matthews, H-GAC Policy and Governance Coordinator. Mr. Matthews requested approval of one

a. **OCTOBER 2024 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATE GROUP APPOINTMENTS** – Approved appointments to H-GAC advisory committees.

Chair Alcorn asked if there were any questions. There being none, City of Friendswood Councilmember Branson moved to approve, and City of Pearland Mayor Cole seconded the motion. With no additional discussion, Chair Alcorn called for the vote which resulted in unanimous approval by all members present.

## INFORMATION

### 10. REPORTS

- a. **H-GAC Spotlight – CYBER SECURITY-** Chair Alcorn called on John Tran, H-GAC Data Services Senior Manager, to speak on Cyber Security. For more information about the program, contact John.Tran@h-gac.com. There being no action, Chair Alcorn moved to the next item.
  
- b. **OUTREACH AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT**– Chair Alcorn called on Rick Guerrero, H-GAC Chief Outreach and Government Affairs Officer, who gave a brief overview of the Legislative Committee that met before the Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Guerrero also mentioned the Caucus scheduled for November 7, 2024. Mr. Guerrero discussed a productive meeting with Council Member Ross Gordon of the City of Bellaire who is looking to build a new park utilizing H-GAC’s 501c3. Mr. Guerrero also welcome the Youth Leadership Academy from Matagorda County and Fort Bend County.
  
- c. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT** – H-GAC Executive Director Chuck Wemple thanked Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, H-GAC Chief Financial Officer for her contributions to the Budget and Service Plan and Reinvestment Program. Mr. Wemple announced that the 2024 Audit is underway. Mr. Wemple also mentioned the consideration of the H-GAC Texas County and District retirement plan. Mr. Wemple shared that the search for the next Transportation Director is underway. Mr. Wemple discussed the fee for services program where H-GAC is launching a pilot program where 2 local governments will receive a free 2-minute video. Mr. Wemple shared that the Economic Development Comprehensive Strategy Plan is ready for public comment. Mr. Wemple updated that the personnel matter has been resolved. Mr. Wemple is working with state agencies to come together when some of our peers who encounter a natural disaster. Mr. Wemple attended a Baytran meeting with Mayor Cole, City of Pearland. Mr. Wemple met with the Executive Director of Texas Workforce Board to address the Adult Education Literacy issue.

### 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Alcorn adjourned the October 15, 2024, meeting of the H-GAC Board of Directors at 11:12 a.m.

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## **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 \$10,432,000. (Staff Contact: Jamila Owens)

## **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

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)



## 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:**

- Monthly Financial Report - OCTOBER 2024      Cover Memo



# HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)

## 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

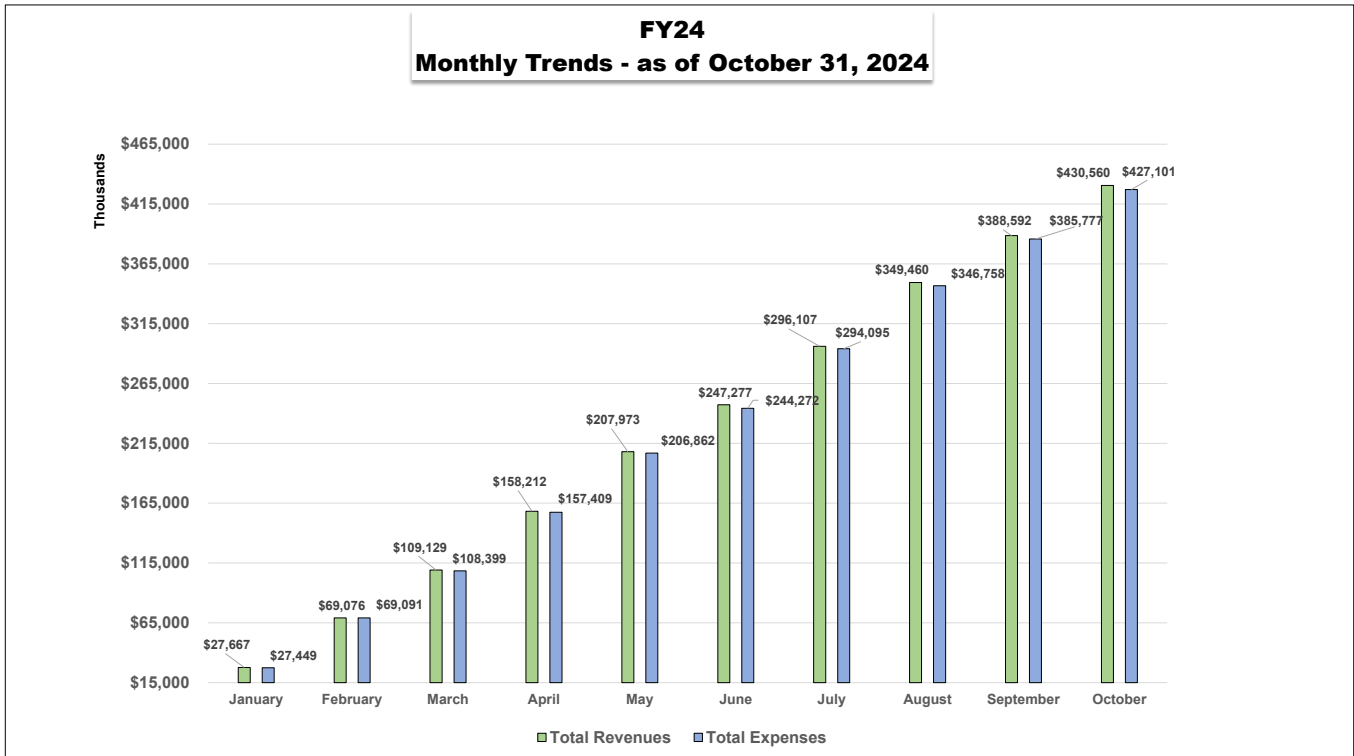
- > The Energy Corporation's revenues have surpassed projected levels, and we anticipate continued revenue growth moving forward.
- > Interest income experienced a slight decline from September to October, primarily driven by the Federal Reserve's recent interest rate cut. However, we have successfully 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

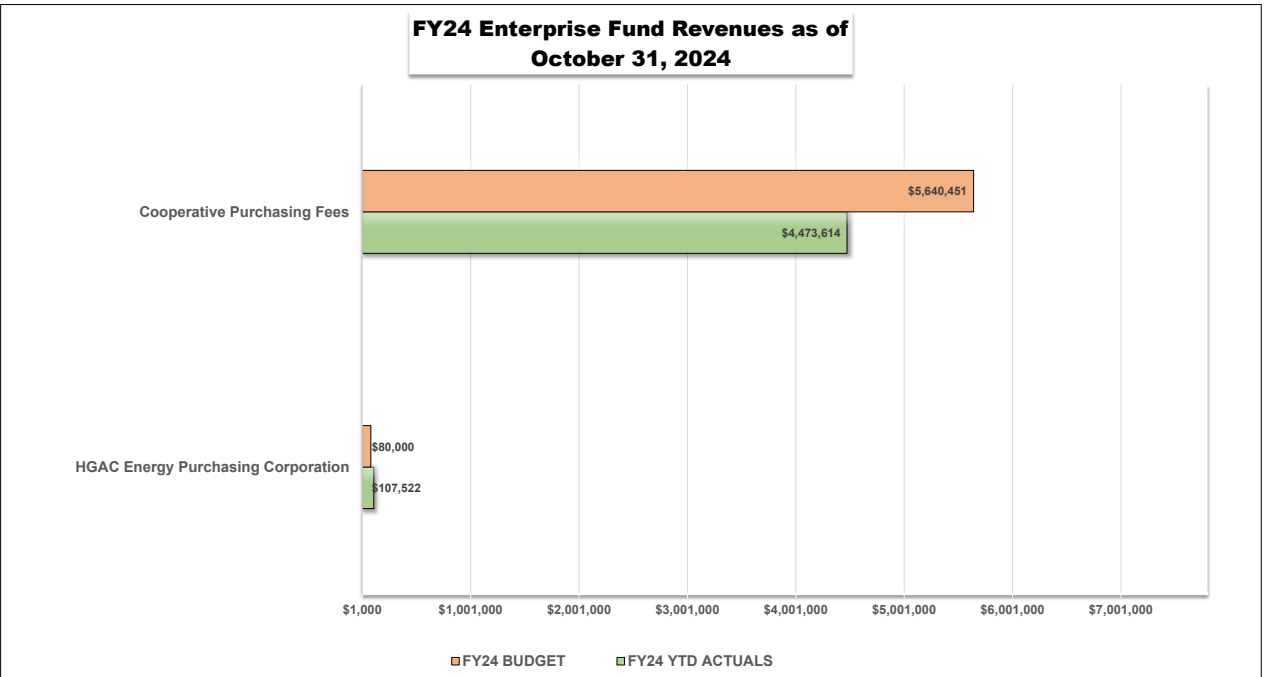
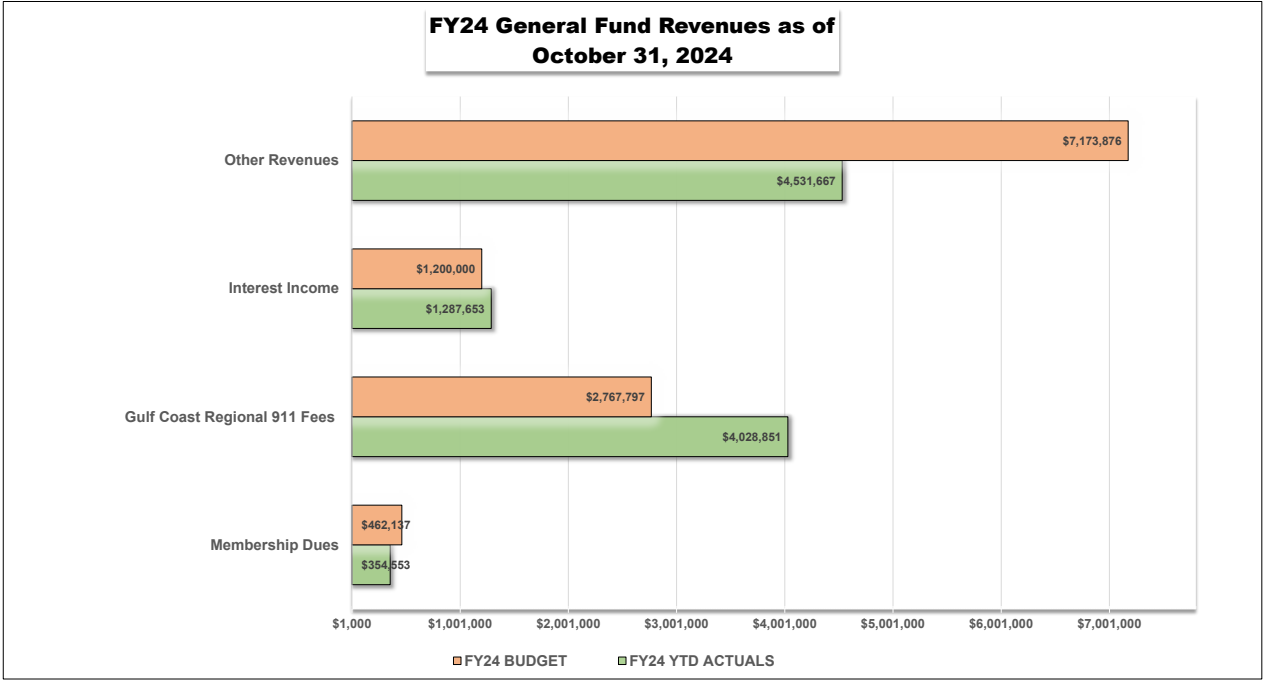


**HOUSTON GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC)**

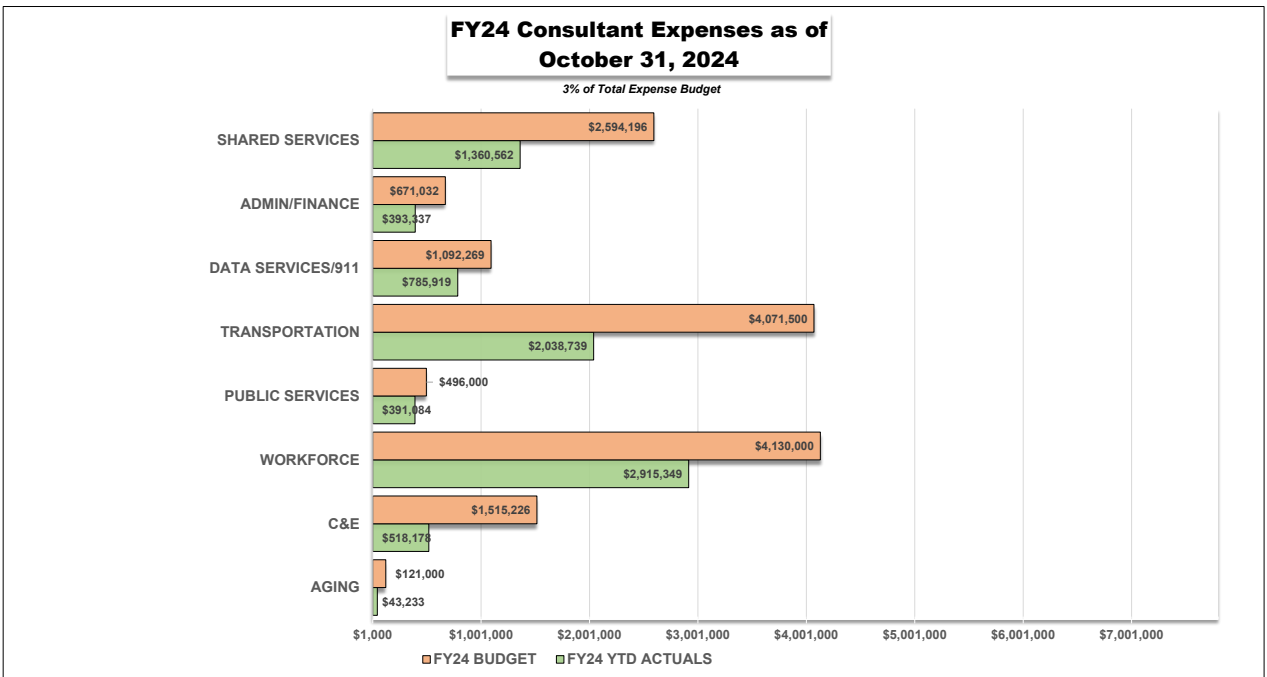
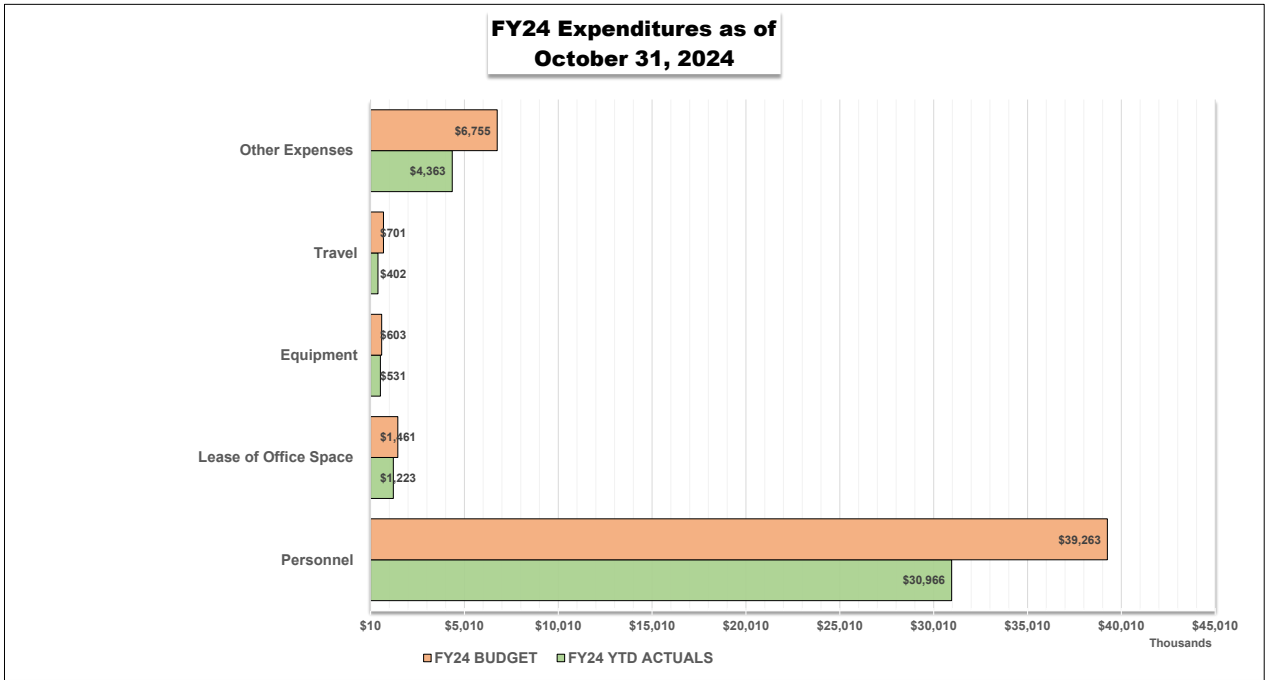
**FY24 Monthly Trends Report**  
**For Month Ending October 31, 2024**

	January 2024	February 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024
<b>Revenues</b>										
<b>General &amp; Enterprise Fund Revenues</b>										
Membership Dues	\$ 189,246	\$ -	\$ 14,595	\$ 51,254	\$ 62,252	\$ 200	\$ 2,970	\$ -	\$ 33,349	\$ 688
HGAC Energy Purchasing Corporation	3,255	26,686	2,224	16,538	10,131	6,084	8,146	18,396	9,832	6,230
Cooperative Purchasing Fees	109,150	511,950	186,188	767,506	384,965	235,098	358,053	600,776	515,357	804,572
Gulf Coast Regional 911 Fees	309,252	71,612	762,248	229,489	470,562	2,093,198	(1,019,232)	436,847	342,168	332,707
Interest Income	118,379	109,411	121,458	143,933	131,337	134,782	135,595	159,398	122,507	110,853
Other Revenues	172,202	1,466,466	80,450	476,292	632,026	548,270	159,854	234,000	510,057	252,050
<b>Total General &amp; Enterprise Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 901,483</b>	<b>\$ 2,186,125</b>	<b>\$ 1,167,163</b>	<b>\$ 1,685,013</b>	<b>\$ 1,691,273</b>	<b>\$ 3,017,631</b>	<b>\$ (354,613)</b>	<b>\$ 1,449,416</b>	<b>\$ 1,533,270</b>	<b>\$ 1,507,100</b>
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>										
Federal Grants	\$ 7,032	\$ 12,085	\$ 123,566	\$ 20,402	\$ 22,085	\$ 24,442	\$ 10,350	\$ 16,818	\$ 47,569	\$ 33,069
State Grants	26,758,098	39,211,007	38,762,715	47,376,896	48,048,443	36,261,419	49,174,091	51,886,984	37,550,947	40,428,183
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 26,765,130</b>	<b>\$ 39,223,091</b>	<b>\$ 38,886,281</b>	<b>\$ 47,397,298</b>	<b>\$ 48,070,528</b>	<b>\$ 36,285,860</b>	<b>\$ 49,184,442</b>	<b>\$ 51,903,802</b>	<b>\$ 37,598,516</b>	<b>\$ 40,461,252</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 27,666,613</b>	<b>\$ 41,409,216</b>	<b>\$ 40,053,444</b>	<b>\$ 49,082,311</b>	<b>\$ 49,761,801</b>	<b>\$ 39,303,491</b>	<b>\$ 48,829,828</b>	<b>\$ 53,353,218</b>	<b>\$ 39,131,785</b>	<b>\$ 41,968,352</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>										
Personnel	\$ 3,072,047	\$ 3,129,111	\$ 2,889,904	\$ 3,076,863	\$ 3,133,194	\$ 2,935,699	\$ 2,671,050	\$ 3,410,466	\$ 3,178,134	\$ 3,469,228
Pass-through Funds - Grant	23,403,312	37,448,526	35,343,961	44,343,633	44,324,319	32,742,985	45,240,570	47,988,263	34,212,737	36,121,255
Consultant and Contract Services	138,372	687,224	671,183	779,377	1,370,424	1,059,782	1,357,689	760,774	618,811	1,002,766
Lease of Office Space	119,958	109,693	134,809	122,194	122,162	122,365	123,441	122,848	122,661	123,224
Equipment	11,352	3,246	246,854	48,690	99,516	25,098	47,713	19,838	16,460	12,519
Travel	27,362	18,646	21,380	49,507	32,082	40,390	48,581	29,931	48,531	85,352
Other Expenses	676,879	245,283	-	589,848	370,796	484,012	333,665	331,217	821,837	509,806
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 27,449,281</b>	<b>\$ 41,641,729</b>	<b>\$ 39,308,091</b>	<b>\$ 49,010,112</b>	<b>\$ 49,452,493</b>	<b>\$ 37,410,330</b>	<b>\$ 49,822,708</b>	<b>\$ 52,663,338</b>	<b>\$ 39,019,172</b>	<b>\$ 41,324,151</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 217,332</b>	<b>\$ (232,513)</b>	<b>\$ 745,353</b>	<b>\$ 72,199</b>	<b>\$ 309,308</b>	<b>\$ 1,893,161</b>	<b>\$ (992,880)</b>	<b>\$ 689,881</b>	<b>\$ 112,614</b>	<b>\$ 644,201</b>

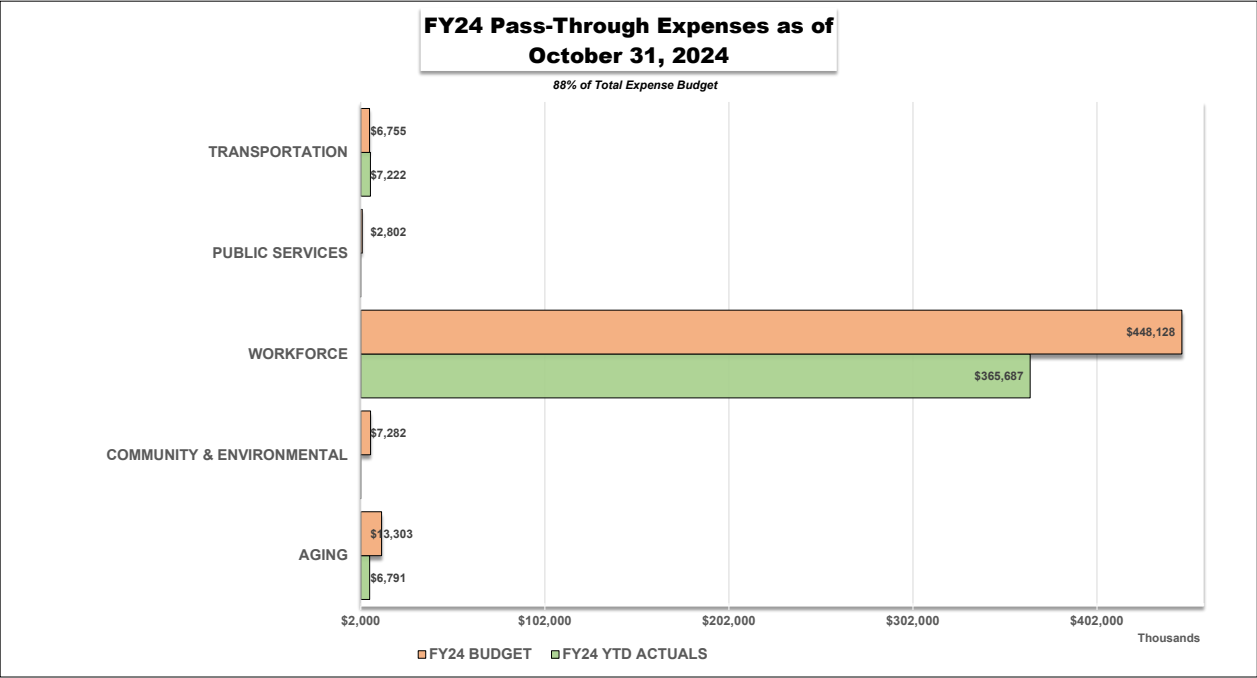
**Budget to Actual Charts**



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# 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 Budget	FY24 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY24 % of Actuals to Budget	FY23 Budget	FY23 Year-to-Date Actuals	FY23 % of Actuals to Budget
<b>Revenues</b>						
<b>General &amp; Enterprise Fund Revenues</b>						
Membership Dues	\$ 462,137	\$ 354,553	77%	\$ 462,136	\$ 446,747	97%
HGAC Energy Purchasing Corporation	80,000	107,522	134%	75,000	108,911	145%
Cooperative Purchasing Fees	5,640,451	4,473,614	79%	5,500,000	4,280,051	78%
Gulf Coast Regional 911 Fees	2,767,797	4,028,851	146%	2,605,121	3,414,662	131%
Interest Income	1,200,000	1,287,653	107%	200,000	538,994	269%
Other Revenues	7,173,876	4,531,667	63%	7,781,387	5,517,898	71%
<b>Total General &amp; Enterprise Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 17,324,261</b>	<b>\$ 14,783,860</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>\$ 16,623,644</b>	<b>\$ 14,307,263</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>						
Federal Grant	\$ 695,000	\$ 317,417	46%	\$ 200,000	\$ 150,850	75%
State Grants	523,305,764	415,458,783	79%	474,015,106	336,499,736	71%
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 524,000,764</b>	<b>\$ 415,776,201</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>\$ 474,215,106</b>	<b>\$ 336,650,586</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 541,325,025</b>	<b>\$ 430,560,061</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>\$ 490,838,750</b>	<b>\$ 350,957,849</b>	<b>72%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Personnel	\$ 39,263,214	\$ 30,965,695	79%	\$ 34,141,958	\$ 27,168,351	80%
Pass-through Funds - Grant	478,270,303	381,169,561	80%	431,342,942	307,022,803	71%
Consultant and Contract Services	14,691,223	8,446,402	57%	15,392,991	6,599,968	43%
Lease of Office Space	1,461,237	1,223,355	84%	1,827,797	1,439,745	79%
Equipment	602,696	531,286	88%	4,943,200	3,967,653	80%
Travel	700,865	401,761	57%	687,449	348,332	51%
Other Expenses	6,754,873	4,363,343	65%	4,938,555	3,823,253	77%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 541,744,411</b>	<b>\$ 427,101,404</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>\$ 493,274,892</b>	<b>\$ 350,370,105</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over(Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (419,386)</b>	<b>\$ 3,458,657</b>		<b>\$ (2,436,142)</b>	<b>\$ 587,744</b>	
<b>Beginning Fund Balance (all funds) - Jan. 1 (1)</b>	<b>\$ 43,468,636</b>	<b>\$ 43,468,636</b>		<b>\$ 40,013,176</b>	<b>\$ 40,013,176</b>	
<b>Ending Fund Balance (all funds) - October 31 (2)</b>	<b>\$ 43,049,250</b>	<b>\$ 46,927,293</b>		<b>\$ 37,577,034</b>	<b>\$ 40,600,920</b>	

(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:**

▢ FY2025 Budget & Service Plan Summary

Cover Memo

**2025 PROPOSED BUDGET AND SERVICE PLAN  
SUMMARY**

Unified Budget			\$593,124,189
	Increase	9.48%	51,379,779
Pass-through funds			501,113,097
	Increase	4.78%	22,842,794
Operations			92,010,092
	Increase	44.96%	28,536,983
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 PROGRAM

### Background

The Livable Centers Program, administered by H-GAC since 2008, encourages a complementary mix of land uses that are designed to be walkable, connected, and accessible by multiple modes of transportation, including bus, bike, or walking. Livable Centers are defined as places where people can live, work, and play with less reliance on their cars. H-GAC and our local partners work with communities to identify a vision for the study area and make specific recommendations, such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities. Similarly, proposed policies and programs aim to promote economic development while cultivating a sense of identity within study areas.

The Livable Centers Program is highlighted as one of the implementation strategies to reduce reliance on single vehicle occupancy in H-GAC's 2045 Regional Transportation Plan. Forty-six Livable Centers studies have been completed in our region. The Livable Centers Program features Livable Centers Studies and Focused Livable Centers Studies.

### Current Situation

In February 2024, H-GAC issued a competitive call for study partners. H-GAC staff received 19 notices of intent to apply and a final 17 application submissions from 16 eligible entities. Staff convened a five-person evaluation committee comprised of H-GAC staff, Texas Department of Transportation staff, and past study partners to evaluate and rank applications based on H-GAC criteria. Based on the committee's evaluations, thirteen studies are recommended to receive \$3,170,000 in Transportation Planning Funds for studies. Ten are requested to be funded as Livable Centers studies and three recommended as Focused Livable Center studies.

Recommended Sponsor	Study Cost	Local Contribution to the Regional Strategic Transportation Fund
St. George Place Redevelopment Authority	\$250,000	\$25,000
City of Magnolia	\$250,000	\$50,000
City of La Marque*	\$230,000	\$23,000
Downtown Houston	\$300,000	\$60,000
Harris County, Precinct 4	\$260,000	\$52,000
Harris County, Precinct 2 – South Belt	\$250,000	\$50,000
Kemah Community Development Corporation*	\$200,000	\$40,000
Harris County, Precinct 2 – Webster	\$250,000	\$50,000
City of Humble	\$250,000	\$25,000
Fort Bend County, Precinct 4*	\$230,000	\$23,000

Missouri City	\$250,000	\$50,000
City of La Porte	\$200,000	\$40,000
Fort Bend County, Precinct 2	\$250,000	\$50,000
Total	\$3,170,000	\$538,000

\*Focused Livable Center Studies

**Funding Source**

Transportation Planning Funds

**Budgeted**

Yes

**Action Requested**

Request approval of thirteen Livable Center studies in Cycle 7 FY 2025-2028. (Staff Contact: Sarai Osorio)

## 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)

## **NOVEMBER 2024 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATE GROUP 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.

### **Current Situation**

N/A

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- Advisory Committee Recommendations
- Cover Memo



## 2024 ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AFFILIATE GROUP APPOINTMENTS

### **Gulf Coast Economic Development District**

The Gulf Coast Economic Development District makes recommendations on issues of economic development to assist and advise elected officials in their decision-making responsibilities. The district also helps bolster our local economy by providing loans for qualified business owners and local governments.

Nominations received for terms expiring in May 2027:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>
Gwendolyn Tillotson-Bell	City of Houston	Mayor John Whitmire
Kendric D. Jones	Waller County	Judge Duhon
Elizabeth Huff	City of Sugar Land	Mayor Joe Zimmerman

### **Regional Flood Management Committee**

The committee focuses on managing flood-related challenges and strategies for the thirteen-county area. Among these concerns are flood hazard mapping research and funding, as well as the establishment of multi-jurisdictional flood management districts and authorities that cater to county drainage districts and municipalities when necessary. This approach is intended to effectively oversee the floodplain and promote coordination across entire watersheds.

Nominations received for terms expiring in May 2026:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>
Gwyneth Teves	City of Wharton	Mayor Tim Barker
Juan Macias	City of Baytown	Council Member Laura Alvarado
Dan Johnson	City of Manvel	Regional Flood Mgmt. Committee
Shashi Kumar	City of Missouri City	Council Member Jeffrey Boney
Thomas Knox	City of Pearland	Mayor Kevin Cole

**HGAC Energy**

The corporation is structured and functions to serve as an intermediary for negotiating electricity purchases or to represent the political subdivisions for which HGAC Energy was established, concerning their own electricity consumption for their respective public facilities.

Nominations received for terms expiring in December 2025:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>
Joe Garcia	City of Pattison	H-GAC
Chuck Engelken	City of La Porte	H-GAC
Tim Lapham	Austin County	H-GAC
Laura Alvarado	City of Baytown	H-GAC

**Natural Resources Advisory Committee**

The Natural Resources Advisory Committee serves as a forum to advise the H-GAC Board and local decision-makers on policy issues affecting natural resources in the 13-county Houston-Galveston region. Its membership includes diverse representatives from local governments, natural resource management agencies, environmental organizations, and the private sector.

Nominations received for terms expiring in May 2026:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Nominated By</b>
Hien Pham	Harris County	Commissioner Briones
Jessica Wiggins	Harris County	Commissioner Briones

## **2024 ELECTION COMMITTEE – DEVELOPING 2025 SLATE**

### **Background**

The Election Committee will meet to review the 2025 officer nominations. The Committee presents nominations for each officer position on the Board and canvasses the ballots at the Annual Meeting. There are seven members on the Election Committee. The committee chair is County Judge Trey Duhon and the committee vice chair is Councilmember Sally Branson.

### **Current Situation**

N/A

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

No action requested. For information only. (Contact: Sallie Alcorn, Board Chair)

## **H-GAC SPOTLIGHT - PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Background**

N/A

### **Current Situation**

N/A

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

For information only. No action requested. (Staff Contact: Laura Glaspie and Justin Riley )

## **OUTREACH AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT**

### **Background**

N/A

### **Current Situation**

N/A

### **Funding Source**

N/A

### **Budgeted**

N/A

### **Action Requested**

Update on important current and upcoming public affairs activities. No action requested. (Staff Contact: Rick Guerrero)

## **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)