

11. METRORapid Inner Katy Project Update

BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) is advancing the METRORapid Inner Katy Project to provide a dedicated rapid transit route between Uptown and Downtown. The Inner Katy Project improves regional mobility by providing an exclusive, bi-directional transit guideway along I-10 from I-610 into Downtown. The guideway would be used by METRO's existing express and Regional Express buses and future METRORapid Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) buses.

The project is funded through the H-GAC 2018 TIP Call for Projects and is recognized as a regionally significant project by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC).

In December 2021, METRO introduced the Inner Katy Project to H-GAC's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Since then, METRO has advanced development of the project.

CURRENT SITUATION

METRO continues project development activities, as well as conceptual engineering and stakeholder coordination. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update on the development of the Inner Katy Project.

ACTION REQUESTED

For information and discussion.