

# Background

- 8 County Region Not Done Growing!
  - Population grew **115%** last 35 years (3.5 M)
  - Next 35 years: **80 - 110%** ( 5.4 - 7.4M)
- Regional growth will continue to expand

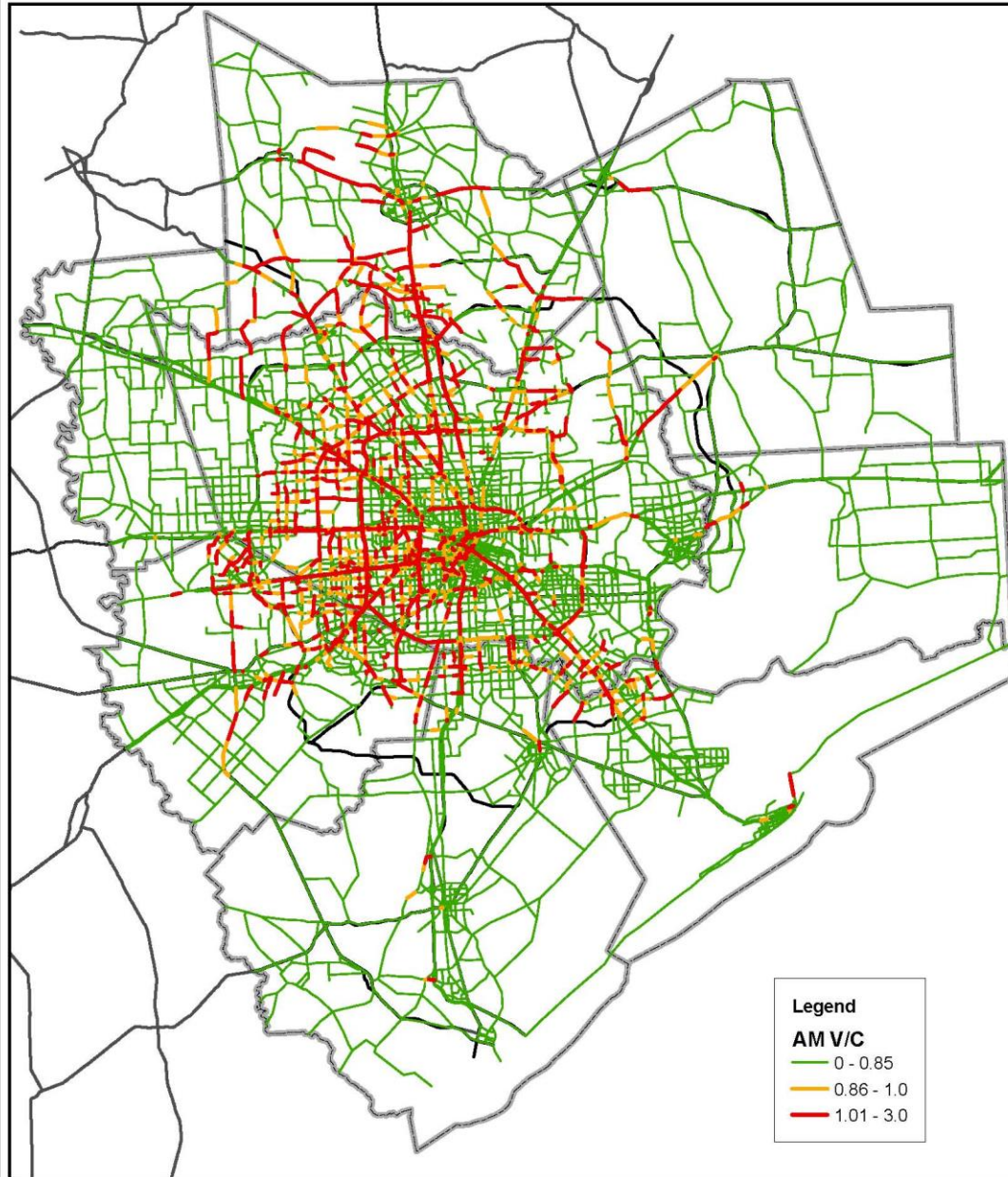
Area	1980	2015	2050
Harris County	2.4 M	4.5 M	6.9 M
7 Counties	0.7 M	2.1 M	5.1 M



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# 2017 RTP AM Congestion

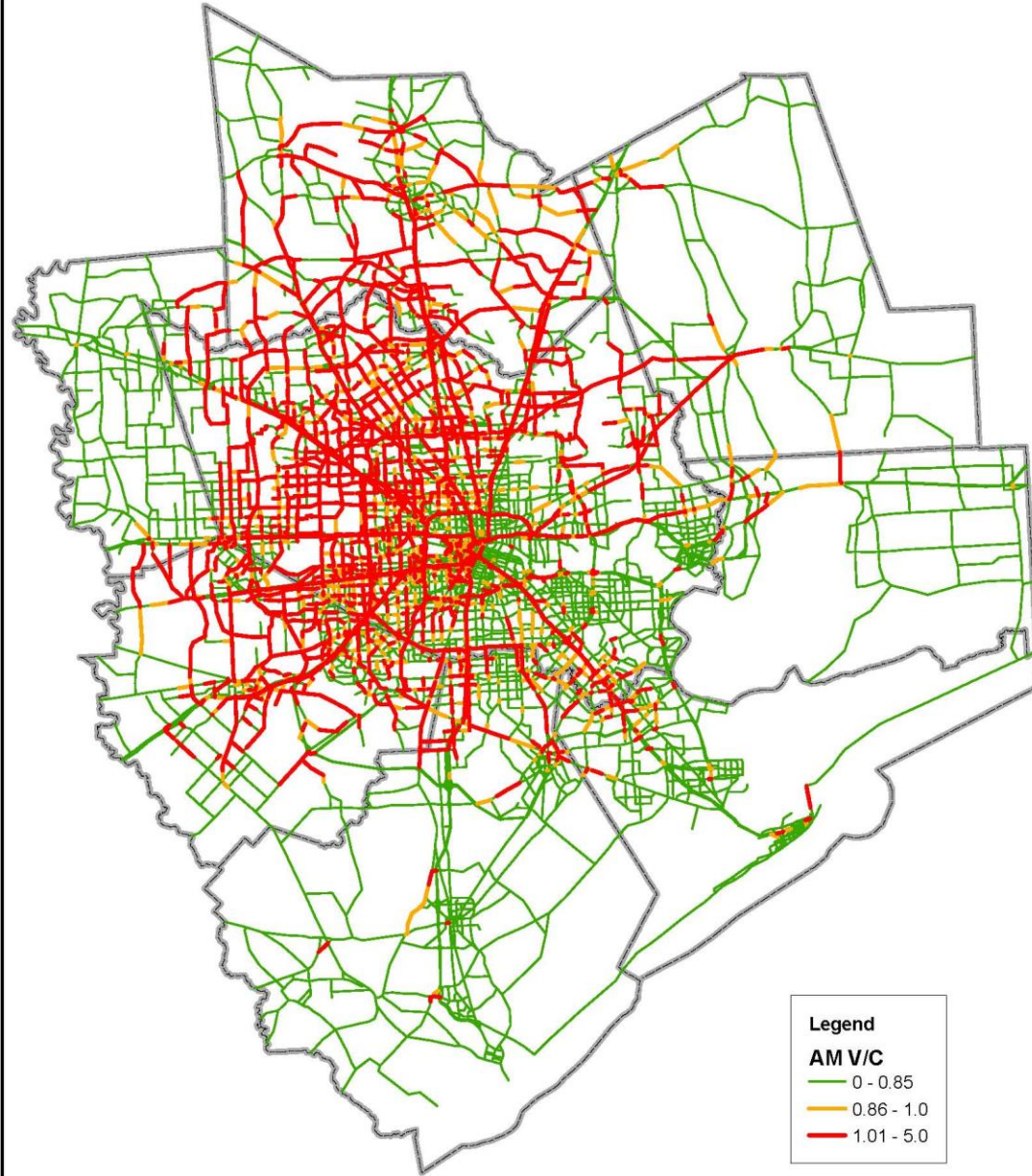




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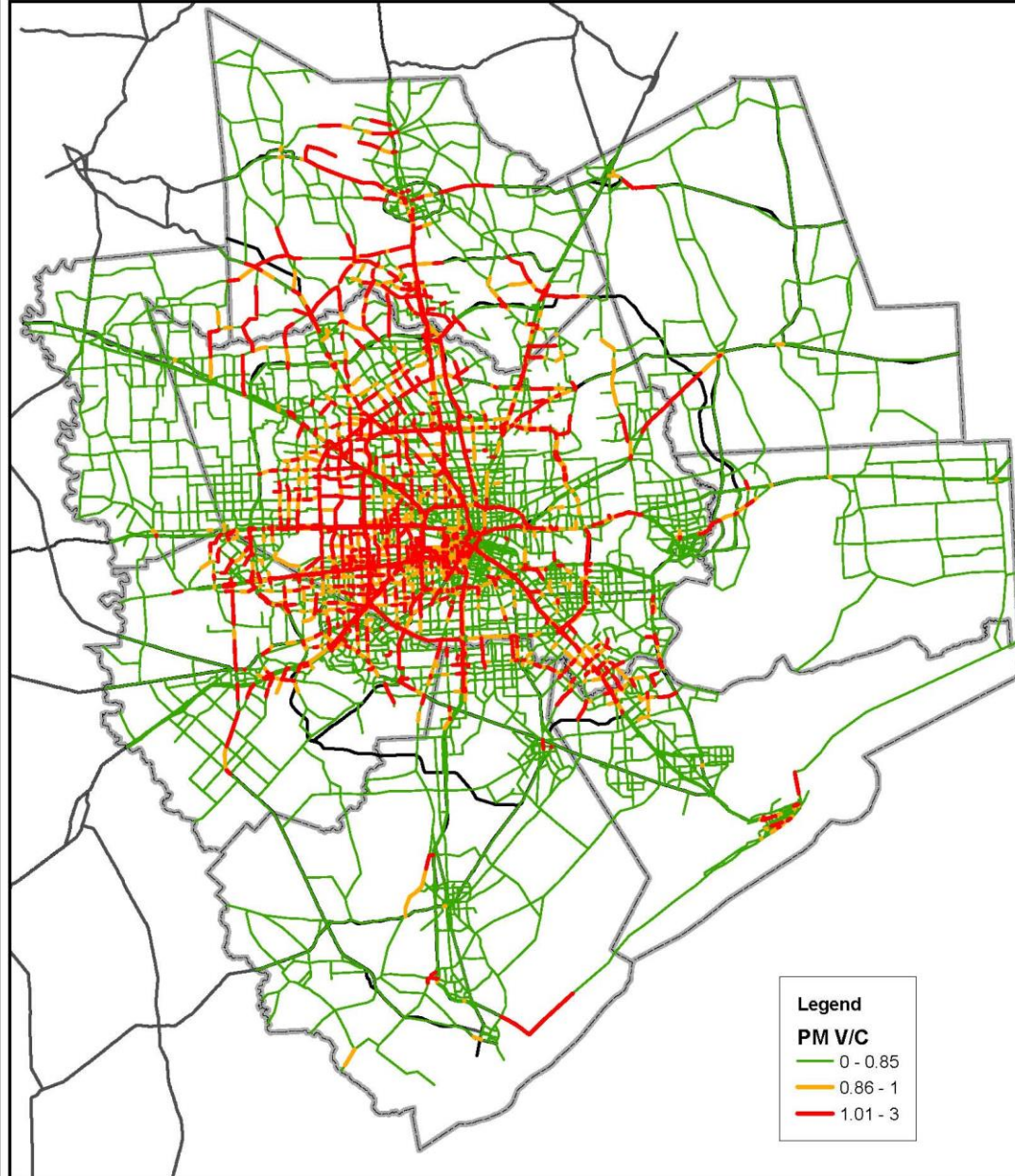




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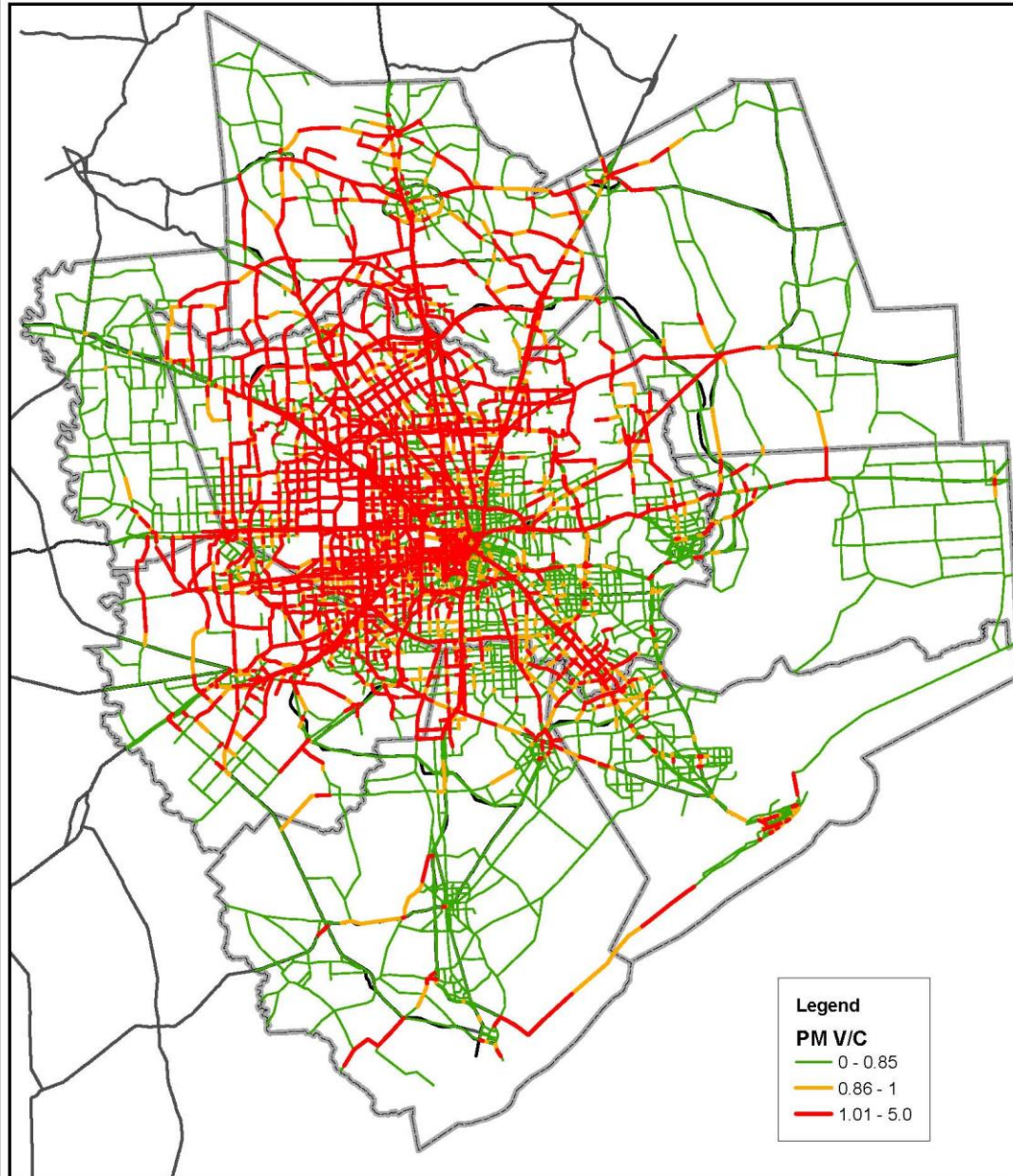




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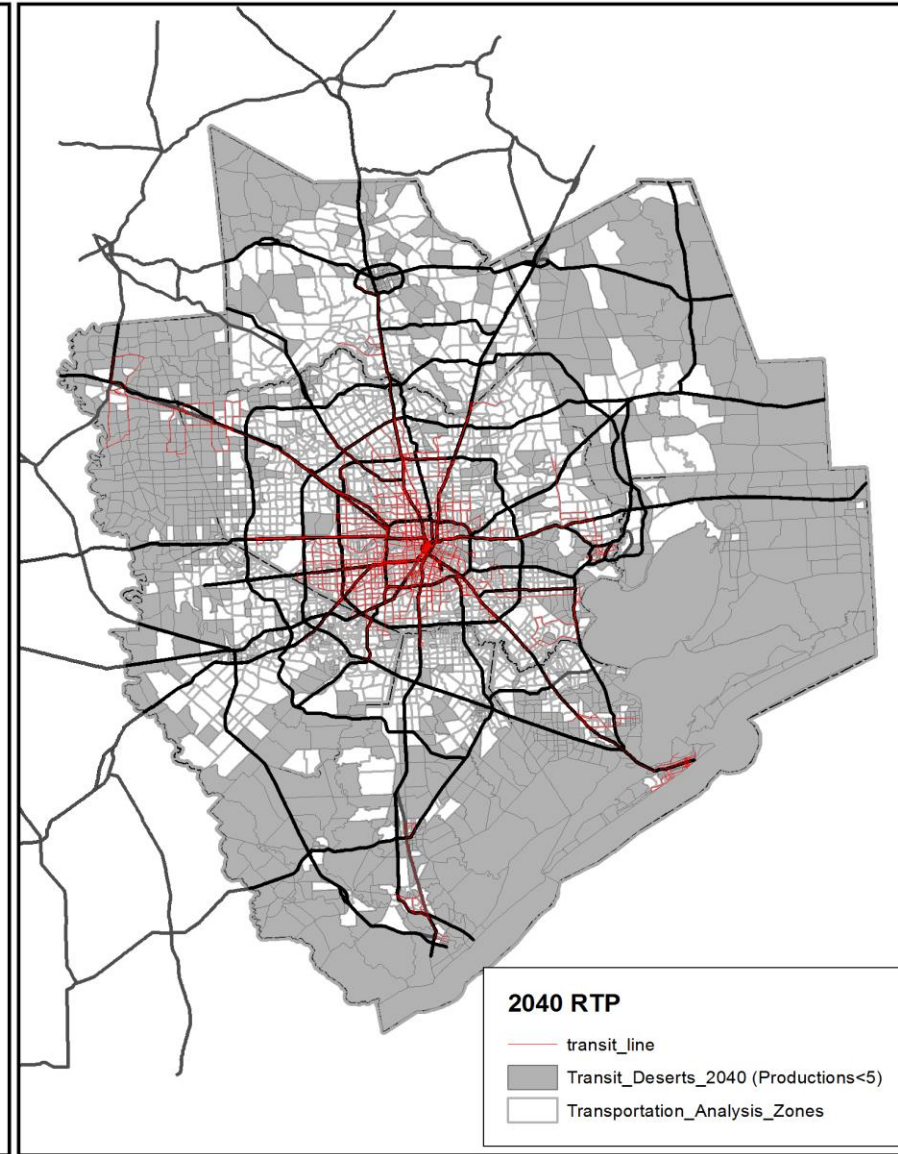
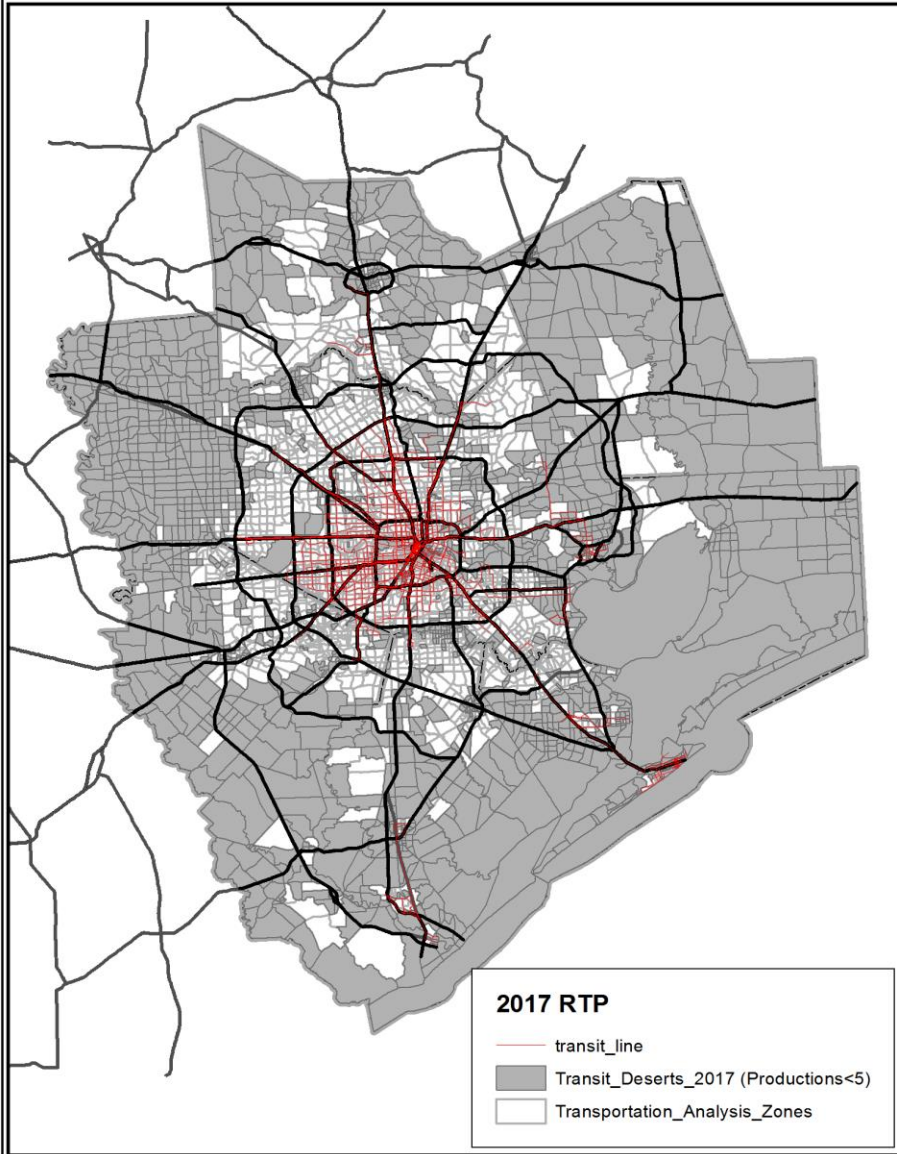
**Legend**  
**PM V/C**  
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1.01 - 5.0



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# Transit Deserts - 2017 and 2040 RTP Productions Comparison

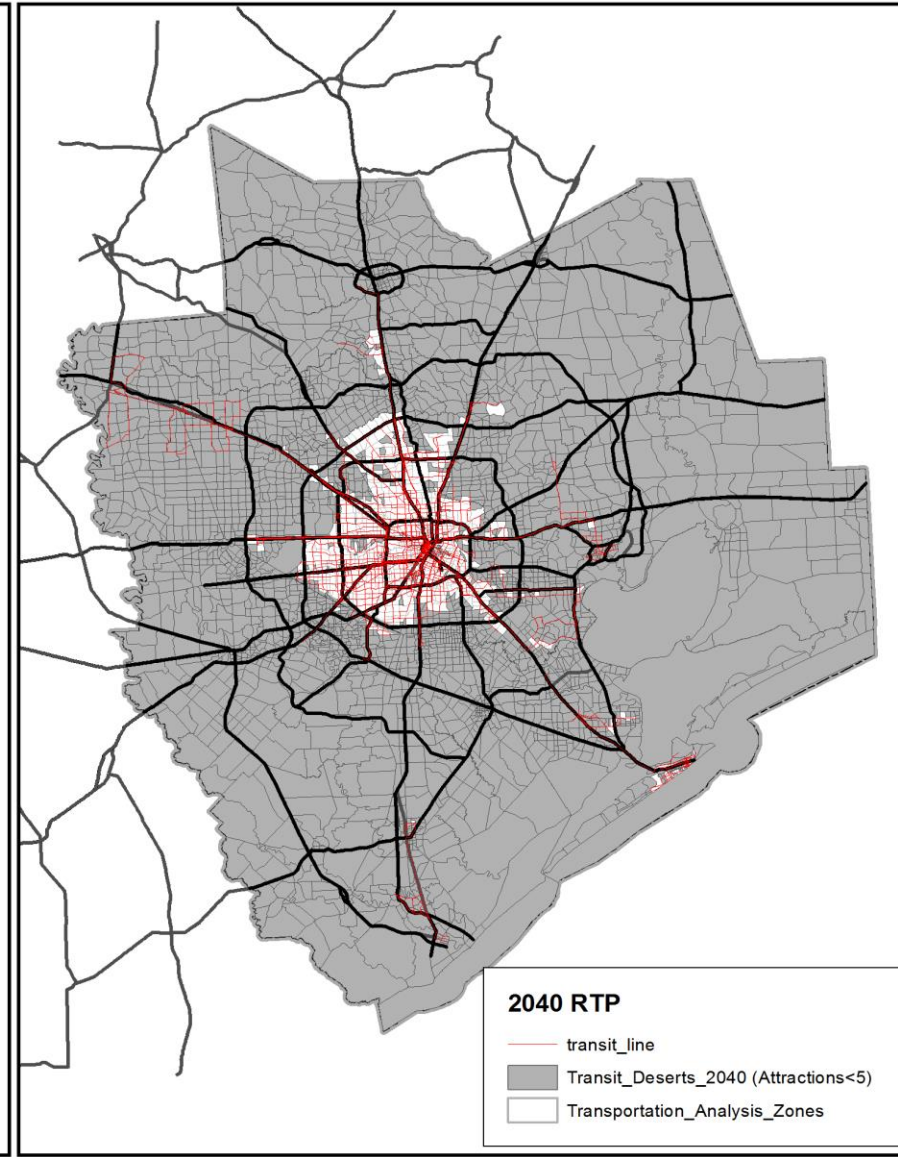
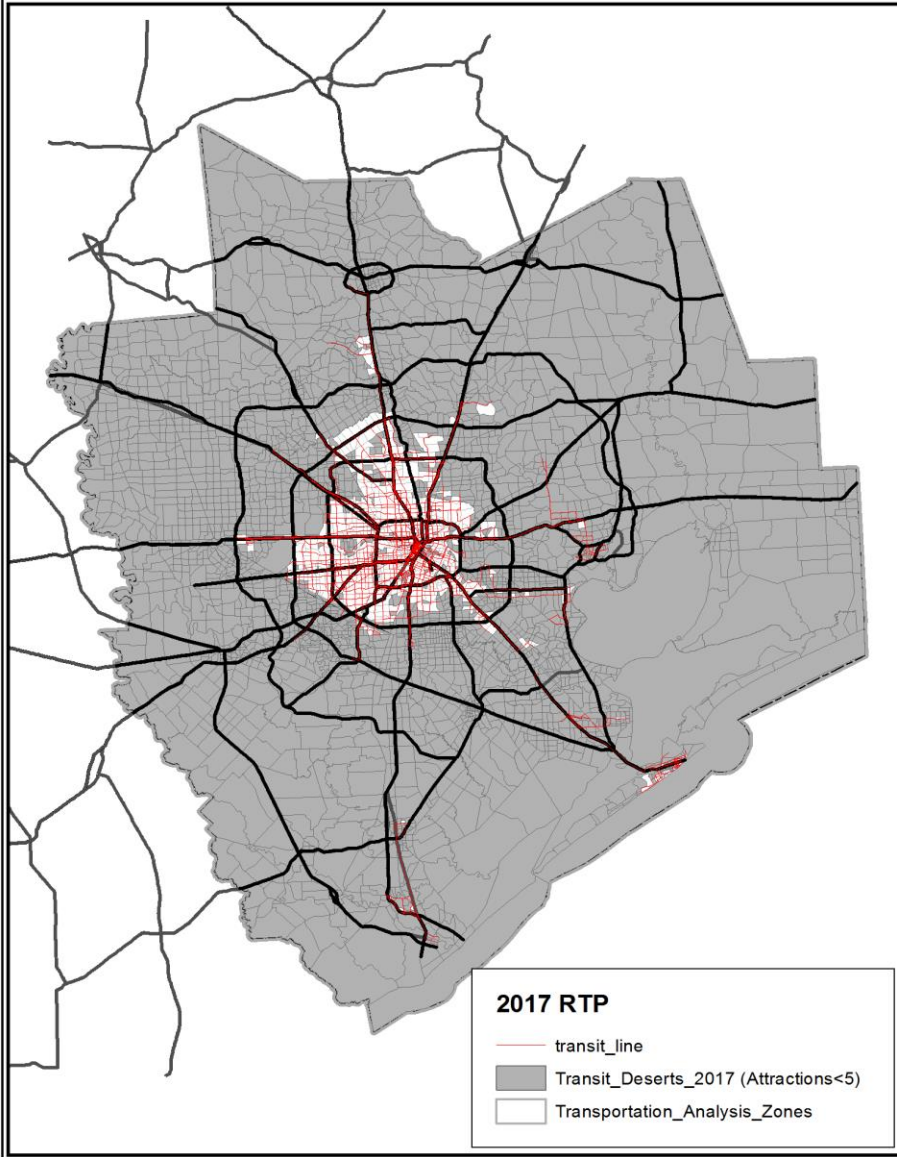




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# Transit Deserts - 2017 and 2040 RTP Attractions Comparison



# **HCT Service Concepts and Functional Application Examples**

**Service Concepts Breakout Session  
September 29, 2017 HCT Workshop**



## **Introductory Briefing & Agenda**

- **Service Concepts Overview**
- **Peer Region Functional Application Examples**
- **Service Concept Workgroup Breakout Session Agenda**





## **SERVICE CONCEPTS OVERVIEW**



## **Service Concept Overview**

- **MEGA-REGION SERVICE**
- **REGIONAL COMMUTER SERVICE**
- **SUBREGIONAL CORRIDOR SERVICE**
- **FIRST-MILE/LAST-MILE SERVICE**
- **DISTRICT CIRCULATOR SERVICE**



# Service Concept Characteristics

Service Concept	Travel Speeds	Route Length & Config.	Station Locations	Station Spacing
<b>Mega-Region</b>	Very High	100 to 300 Mile Corridor	Center of Metro Region	100 to 200 Mile Spacing
<b>Regional Commuter</b>	High	20 to 100 Mile Corridor	Along Corridor	5 to 10 Mile Spacing
<b>Subregional Corridor</b>	Moderate	5 to 20 Mile Corridor	Along Corridor	1 to 3 Mile Spacing
<b>First-Mile/Last-Mile</b>	Moderate/ Lower	1 to 3 Mile Route	HCT Station & in District/MAC	0.25 to 0.5 Mile Spacing
<b>District Circulator</b>	Lower	1 to 3 Mile Route	Internal to District/MAC	0.25 to 0.5 Mile Spacing



## PEER REGION SERVICE CONCEPTS – TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION EXAMPLES



# MEGA-REGION SERVICE

## HOUSTON AND DALLAS/FORT WORTH

### Dallas

2016 Estimated MSA Population: 7,233,323

2010 Census MSA Density: 634 persons/square mile

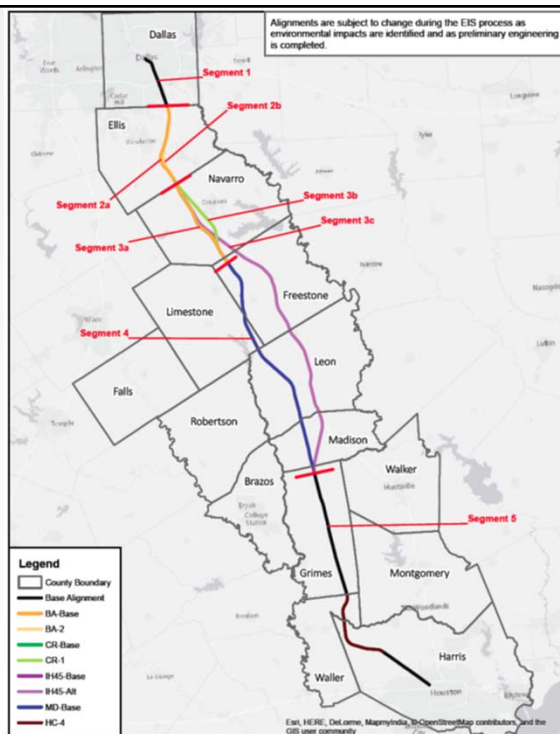
### Houston

2016 Estimated MSA Population: 6,772,470

2010 Census MSA Density: 630 persons/square mile



# MEGA-REGION SERVICE - Texas Central Railway HSR



Source: Texas Central Partners



## MEGA-REGION SERVICE

- Very High average travel speeds
- Serving stations in the center of major metropolitan regions
- Routes 100 to 300 miles in length
- Station spacing typically every 100 to 200 miles



## Other Mega-Region Service Technology Examples



Northeast Corridor Service –  
Bombardier Acela Train  
Owner/Operator: Amtrak



## Mega-Region Service Concept in Japanese 2050 Plan



Source: ITS Japan

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## REGIONAL COMMUTER SERVICE PEER REGION – LOS ANGELES

2016 Estimated MSA Population: 13,310,447

2010 Census MSA Density: 2,645 persons/square mile



## REGIONAL COMMUTER SERVICE – Los Angeles Metrolink Commuter Rail

- San Bernadino Line – 60 mi.
- Orange Co. (Oceanside) Line – 80 mi.
- Antelope Valley (Lancaster) Line – 60 mi.
- Riverside Line – 50 mi.
- Ventura Co. Line – 60 mi.



## REGIONAL COMMUTER SERVICE

- High average travel speeds
- Serving stations along corridors
- Routes 20 to 100 miles in length
- Station spacing typically every 5 to 10 miles



# Other Regional Commuter Service Technology Examples



Source: Stadler

**FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**TexRAIL 2018**  
**Owner/Operator:**  
**Fort Worth**  
**Transportation**  
**Authority**



**HOUSTON, TEXAS**  
**Woodlands Express P&R**  
**Owner/Operator:**  
**Woodlands Township**



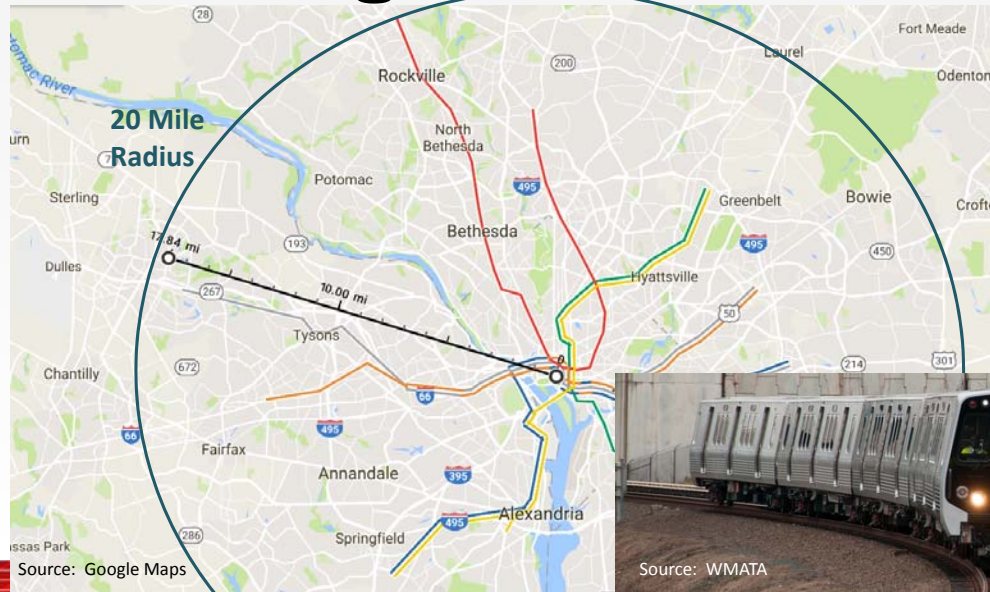
## **SUBREGIONAL CORRIDOR SERVICE** **PEER REGION – WASHINGTON DC**

**2016 Estimated MSA Population: 6,131,977**

**2010 Census MSA Density: 1,084 persons/square mile**



# SUBREGIONAL CORRIDOR SERVICE – Washington Metro Rail



## SUBREGIONAL CORRIDOR SERVICE

- Moderate average travel speeds
- Serving stations along corridors
- Routes 5 to 20 miles in length
- Station spacing typically every 1 to 3 miles



# Other Subregional Corridor Service Technology Examples

Photo Source: [http://www.flickr.com/photos/chrisyarab/#/Chris\\_Yarab/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/chrisyarab/#/Chris_Yarab/)



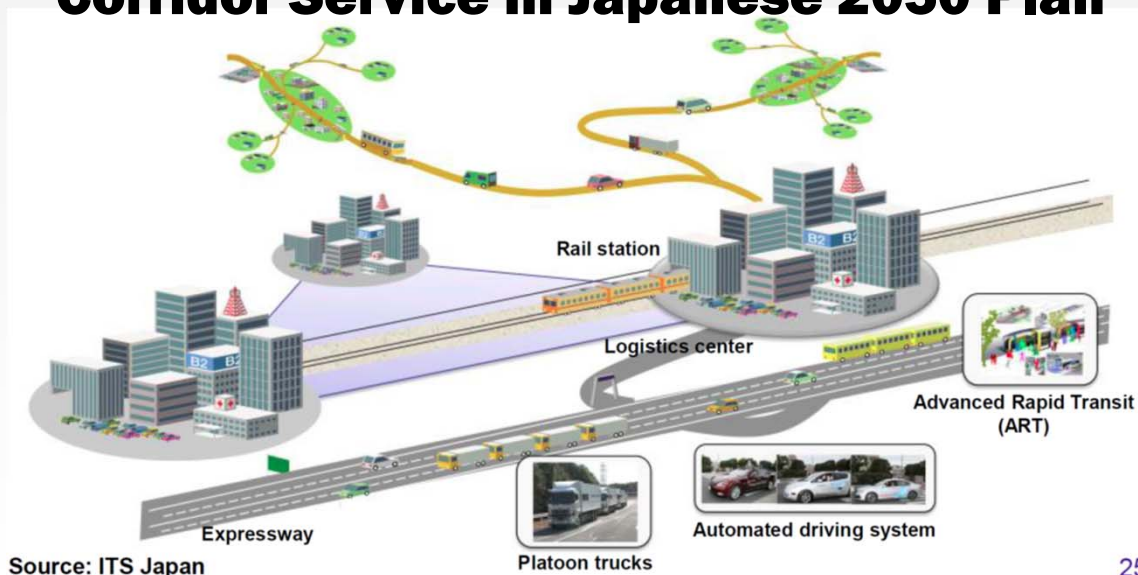
**LOS ANGELES**  
**Orange Line BRT**  
**Owner/Operator:**  
**LA Metro Transit**



**DALLAS**  
**Dallas Light Rail**  
**Owner/Operator:**  
**Dallas Area Rapid Transit**



# Regional Commuter and Subregional Corridor Service in Japanese 2050 Plan



Source: ITS Japan



## FIRST MILE/LAST MILE SERVICE

### PEER REGION – DUBAI, UAE

2016 Estimated MSA Population: 2,788,9

2010 Census MSA Density: N/A



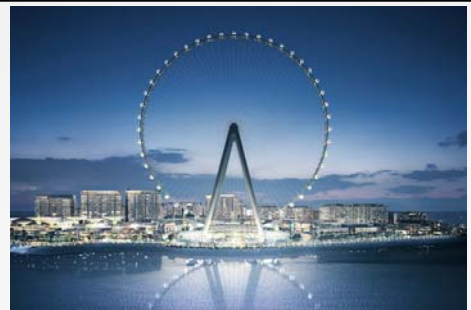
## FIRST-MILE/LAST-MILE SERVICE – Dubai UAE Bluewaters APM

Source: Construction Business News, March 15, 2017

Contract Awarded for Bluewaters Island Transport System

The transport system will feature –

- 25 driverless Group Rapid Transit (GRT) vehicles each with **24 passengers capacity**
- Connection to the **Tower Metro Station** 2.5 km away.
- **3,350 people per hour per direction initial capacity**, with ability to increase to 5,000 pphpd.
- Application of **Level 4 autonomous vehicle technology** operating on a dedicated transitway to provide a highest capacity and throughput



Source: 2getthere  
<https://www.2getthere.eu/projects/bluewaters-island-apm/>



## FIRST-MILE/LAST-MILE SERVICE

- Moderate/Lower average travel speeds
- Serving passengers arriving/departing the HCT station and connecting into a nearby Urban District or Major Activity Center
- Routes 1 to 3 miles in length
- Station spacing typically every 0.25 to 0.5 miles



## Other First-Mile/Last-Mile Service Technology Examples



WASHINGTON DC  
Owner/Operator:  
Washington DC  
Department of  
Transportation,  
DC Circulator Line



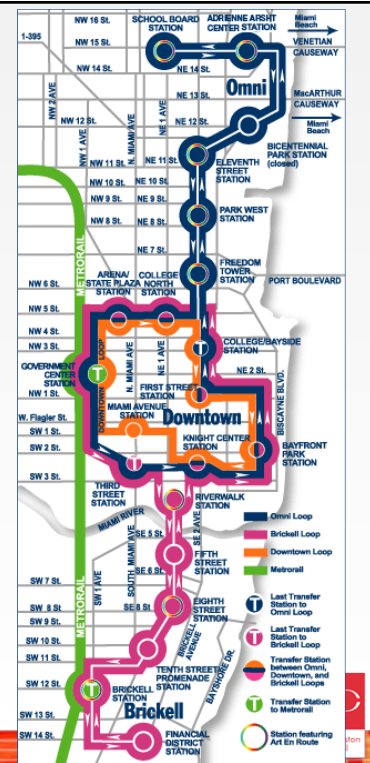
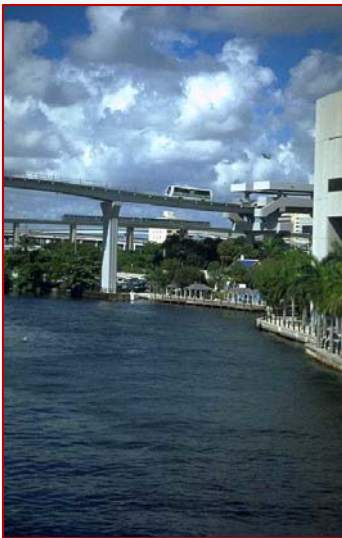
# DISTRICT CIRCULATOR SERVICE PEER REGION – MIAMI

2016 Estimated MSA Population: 6,066,387

2010 Census MSA Density: 966 persons/square mile



## DISTRICT CIRCULATOR SERVICE – Miami Metromover



## DISTRICT CIRCULATOR SERVICE

- Lower average travel speeds
- Primarily serving internal trips within an Urban District or Major Activity Center
- Alignment often configured as linear corridors, as interconnecting loops or as a “network”
- Routes 1 to 3 miles in length
- Station spacing typically every 0.25 to 0.5 miles



## Other District Circulator Service Technology Examples

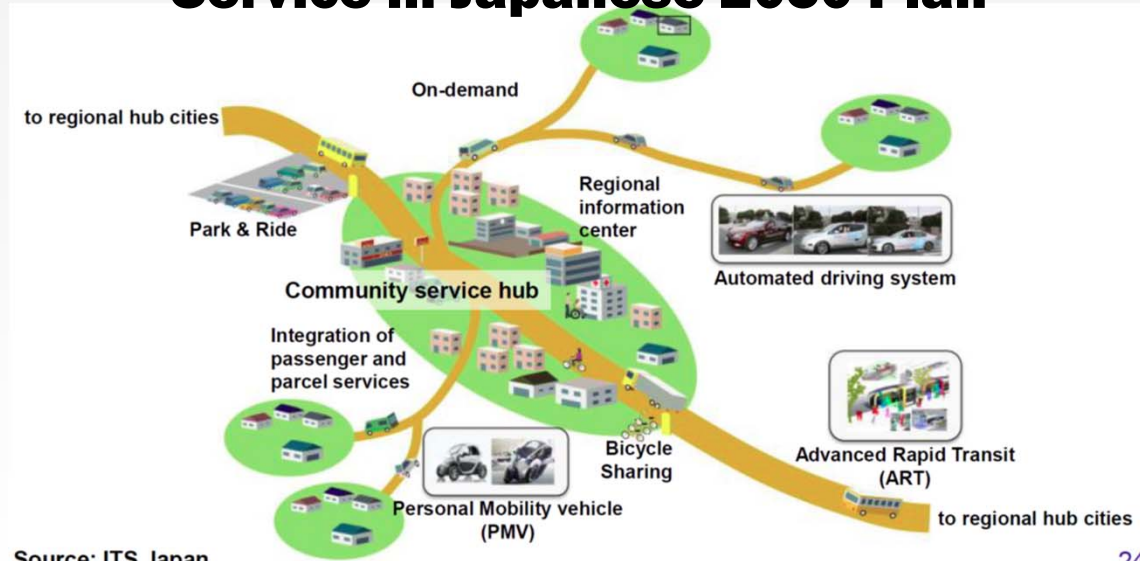


**DUBAI, UAE**  
**Dubai Street Tram**  
**Owner/Operator:**  
**Dubai Roads**  
**& Transport**  
**Authority**

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# District FM/LM and District Circulator Service in Japanese 2050 Plan



Source: ITS Japan

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## SERVICE CONCEPT WORKGROUP BREAKOUT SESSION AGENDA

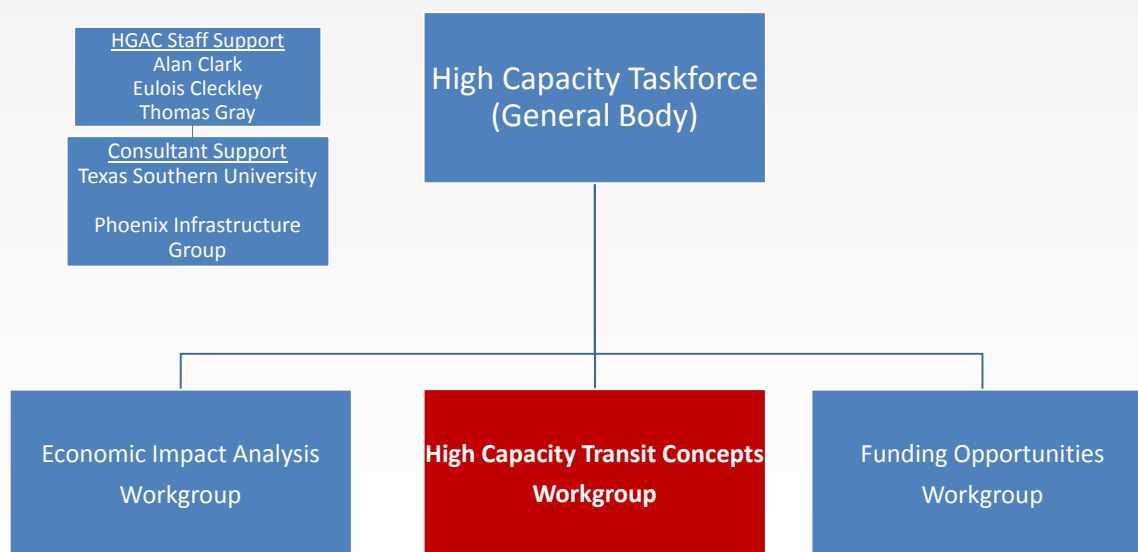


## Service Concept Workgroup Breakout Session Agenda

- Purpose of the Service Concepts Workgroup
- Workgroup Approach to Service Concepts
- Key Topics to be Investigated First
- Meeting Schedule(s) for SC Workgroup
- Deliverables on Service Concepts



## Taskforce Structure



## **Purpose of Service Concept Workgroup**

- 1. Define the functional purpose of each Service Concept**
- 2. Document the Technology Applications that should be considered for deployment in each Service Concept**
- 3. Provide guidance to the other HCT Workgroups on the full suite of Service Concepts and Technology Applications to be addressed**
- 4. Describe in a preliminary manner the technical, performance, and environmental/ societal impact characteristics of the multimodal HCT System**



## **Workgroup Approach to Service Concepts – Activities and Assignments**

### October and November

- 1. Research Peer City examples of Service Concepts and factors justifying the concept application**
- 2. Catalogue and assess options for HCT Technology Applications deployable within each Service Concept**
- 3. Evaluate the implications for service accessibility within the diverse economic/demographic population**





## **Workgroup Approach to Service Concepts – Activities and Assignments**

### December, January and February

- 4. Develop Pros and Cons of each technology application within each Service Concept, and the leveraging of transit mode share by linking/integrating Service Concepts as a HCT System**
- 5. Perform a preliminary assessment of integrated Service Concepts and Technology Applications for major corridors and urban districts throughout the Houston Metropolitan Region**



## **Key Topics to be Investigated and Reported at Next Workgroup Meeting**

- 1. Peer City Service Concepts and Technology Applications**
- 2. Apparent Pros and Cons of the Technology Applications and Service Concept as Deployed in the Peer Cities**
- 3. Advanced Technology Applications Necessary to Consider for Houston's Future**



## Meeting Schedule in Consideration of the HCT Task Force Timeline

Activity	Jul-17	Aug-17	*Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18
Peer region assessment and case studies				★										
Economic impact analysis			★	★				★		★				
<b>HCT service concepts</b>			★		★	★		★						
Funding and governance			★	★				★		★				
Corridor focus groups										★	★	★		
Final report and recommendations														★
★ Full Taskforce Meeting						★			★		★			★

- ★ Full Taskforce Meeting
- ★ Deliverable/Outcome
- ★ Work Group Meeting

\*Taskforce workshop scheduled for September 29th



## HCT Task Force Key Deliverables

- Peer region assessment and case studies (HGAC staff)
  - July-September 2017
- Report on economic impact of HCT (workgroup)
  - Phase One: July-October 2017
  - Phase Two: February 2018-April 2018
- **Report on HCT service concepts (SC Workgroup)**
  - **November 2017 – Preliminary Findings**
  - **February 2018 – Final SC Workgroup Report**
- Report on funding and governance (workgroup)
  - Phase One: July-October 2017
  - Phase Two: February- April 2018
- Final report and recommendations (HGAC Staff)
  - May-August 2018





**HCT SERVICE CONCEPTS WORKGROUP  
BREAKOUT SESSION IS NOW CONCLUDED**

**Thank You!!**

