

9. UPDATE ON THE LIVABLE CENTERS PROGRAM

Background

Livable Centers are places where people can live, work, and play with less reliance on their cars. The Livable Centers Program works with local communities to reimagine auto-focused infrastructure, policies, and programs to be more multi-modal friendly and encourage the development of Livable Centers. The first Livable Centers study was completed in 2009, and to date, 31 studies are complete and on the path to implementation the region’s rural, suburban, and urban communities.

In 2019, the H-GAC completed a 10-Year Evaluation and Summary in celebration of the Livable Centers Program decennial that recognizes local partners’ ongoing commitment to implementation of study recommendations. In 2021, 31 local partners with completed studies were contacted, and implementation of Livable Centers study recommendations were updated.

The H-GAC Board of Directors approved the addition of five new Livable Centers studies in October 2021 as listed below:

Local Sponsor	Study Name	Study Type
City of Pasadena	Healthy Pasadena Livable Centers Study	Full
Harris County, Precinct 2	South Houston Livable Centers Study	Full
City of Alvin	City of Alvin Livable Centers Study	Full
City of Sugar Land	Central Sugar Land Connectivity Study	*Focused
City of Prairie View	City of Prairie View Livable Centers Study	Full
*Focused Livable Centers targets small areas, such as a community node or destination, or focus on a specific livable centers goal.		

Current Situation

This 2021 Summary Report is an update of the 10-Year Evaluation and Summary of the Livable Centers Program. The Livable Centers summary update is available at <http://www.h-gac.com/livable-centers/implementation.aspx>.

Requested Action

Information only.