

6. PEARLAND TRANSIT STUDY UPDATE

BACKGROUND

H-GAC, in partnership with the City of Pearland, is conducting a Transit Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study designed to determine if additional public transportation service is needed for city residents, and if so, what type of service. Currently, Gulf Coast Transit District, via Harris County Rides, provides limited service to seniors and persons with disabilities in Pearland. The study will provide the city with a summary of needs and opportunities. A final report is scheduled to be completed by the Winter 2023.

The project team completed a peer analysis and literature review and examined the existing demographics, land use, and mobility patterns. This work has been summarized in a technical memorandum; an interim deliverable that indicates several preliminary findings based on this information.

A public survey was also conducted. A total of 2,307 people responded to the survey with 56% of the respondents in favoring public transit in Pearland and 44% opposed. With respect to special transit services for seniors and persons with disabilities, 75% of respondents favored demand response/dial-a-ride service and 25% opposed it. Survey results included more than 900 comments.

Future actions will include analyzing alternatives based on additional data collection and modeling. Public input will play a vital role in crafting alternatives.

More information about the project can be found at <https://engage.h-gac.com/pearlandtransitneeds> .

CURRENT SITUATION

Two in-person meetings and one online meeting will be held to continue public engagement with the Pearland community. The in-person meetings take place on May 16 at 6 PM at the West Pearland Library and May 23 at 6 PM at Pearland City Hall. An afternoon online meeting is scheduled for May 18 at 1:30 PM. A second round of public meetings will be held in the fall.

ACTION REQUESTED

For information and discussion.