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## **METRO SOUTHEAST-UNIVERSITIES-HOBBY AA/DEIS**

Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) conducted an Alternatives Analysis (AA) study including preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Southeast-Universities Hobby Corridor. The specific subject to be studied is the implementation of Advanced High Capacity Transit (AHCT) within the Southeast Corridor.

The Southeast-Universities-Hobby Corridor (Southeast Corridor) is generally defined to include part of Downtown Houston, extending eastward and then to the southeast, generally bounded by IH 45 on the east and SH 288 and Almeda Road on the west, and includes the Third Ward, the Texas Southern University and University of Houston campuses, and areas to the south including Hobby Airport. The Southern boundary is inside Beltway 8.

The Southeast Corridor study area is very diverse. Primary users of transit services include residents (216,000 by 2025) of the many neighborhoods, students, a broad range of employees (125,000 by 2025) including university faculties and staff, the airport, and business enterprises, and even air passengers who use Hobby Airport.

Average income in the corridor is about 75 percent of the metropolitan area average. The population in the corridor is about three-fourths African-American, with Hispanic as the next largest ethnic group.



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Nearly 25 percent of METRO's local bus service is operated within this study area, and more than 25 percent of METRO local bus passenger trips are to, from, or within the area.

There are essentially no express buses serving the area, and the average speed of local routes in the corridor is about 12.5 miles per hour.

Major challenges within the corridor included:

- Size and Diversity of the Corridor
- Understanding Service Expectations
- Addressing Express and Local Travel Needs
- Obtaining Public, Stakeholder, and Agency Consensus
- Delivering the Investment that Supports Local Needs and Regional Context