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HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL – SUBREGIONAL PLANNING INITIATIVE

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) serves as the regional planning agency and Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Houston-Galveston region.

H-GAC has developed an innovative approach to integrating regional planning goals and objectives with the goals and planning initiatives of local governments.

This is the first time H-GAC has used a subregional approach to link regional and local plans. The first study area in the region includes 14 cities and two counties, which are located in the Eastern side of the Houston region, and includes the Port of Houston.

The Port of Houston is one of the nation's largest ports and most active container terminals, and as a result, port and freight-related traffic and land use impacts are prevalent in the communities located within the subregional area.

Under a continuing services contract, RS&H is leading the planning initiative, which includes extensive coordination with local government leaders, the Port of Houston, the Economic Alliance of the Houston Port region, the Texas Department of Transportation, economic development organizations and local governments.



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The East Port SPI Plan entails the assessment of current and expected future transportation and land use conditions, as well as the development and evaluation of two alternative growth scenarios for 2040.

These scenarios will be used by regional, state, and local agencies to examine the extent to which transportation system and land use changes can produce better outcomes of mobility, quality of life, and economic growth for the subregional area.

The subregional plan will also focus on strategies and projects that local governments and regional and state agencies can use or implement to accomplish the objectives of the Plan.

RS&H is also in the process of developing online planning tools that identify and describe a wide range of best practices for land use planning, sustainability, transportation and mobility, and financing and implementation of plans.

This online tool will be available to technical individuals as well as citizens and local officials who are interested in finding ways to improve land use and transportation planning in their communities. The website will also have a diagnostic tool to help communities identify which planning tools could be appropriate for addressing their planning issues. The online tools will be available in the Fall of 2009.