

Houston-Galveston Area Sustainable Communities



Project Details

- HUD, DOT, EPA collaboration
- \$3.75 million grant, \$2+ million in matching funds and in-kind services
- Nationally competitive grant program
- 3-year planning process, 13 county region
 - Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Waller, Walker, Wharton



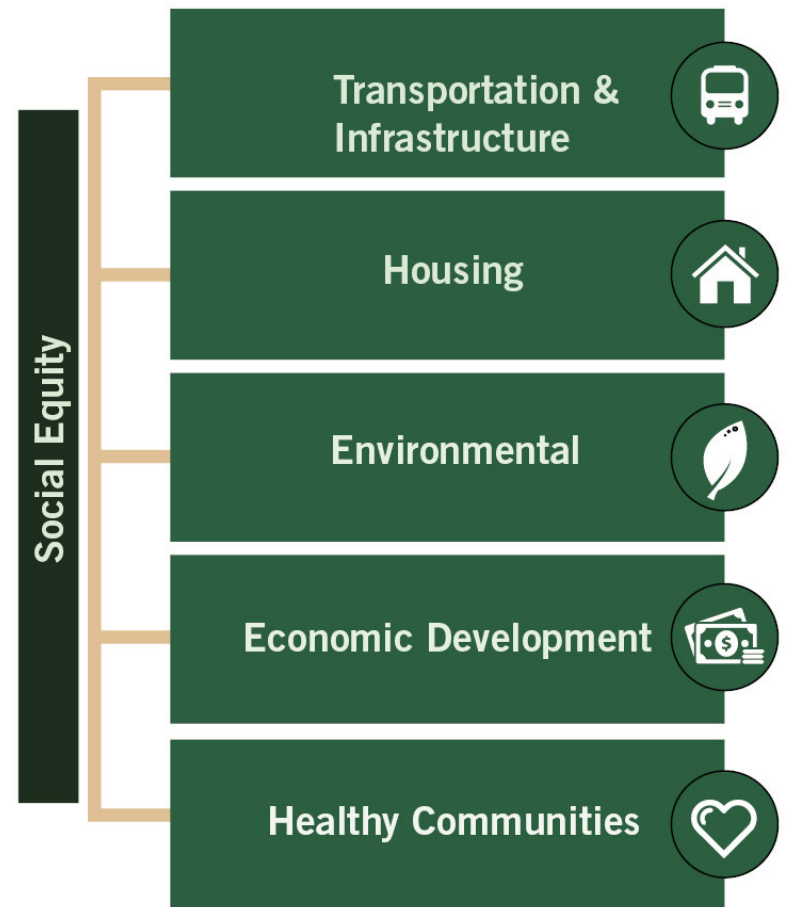
Consortium Members

- Bay City Community Development Corporation
- Blueprint Houston/Center for Houston's Future
- Chambers County
- Fort Bend County
- City of Galveston
- Gulf Coast Economic Development District
- Greater Houston Builders' Association
- Houston Tomorrow
- Harris County
- City of Houston
- Houston Advanced Research Center
- Houston – Galveston Area Council
- Houston Wilderness
- City of Huntsville
- LISC
- METRO
- Montgomery County
- Neighborhood Centers, Inc.
- Port of Houston
- Sam Houston State University Center for Rural Studies
- Texas Southern University
- UTMB Center to Eliminate Health Disparities
- United Way of Greater Houston
- Waller County Economic Development Partnership



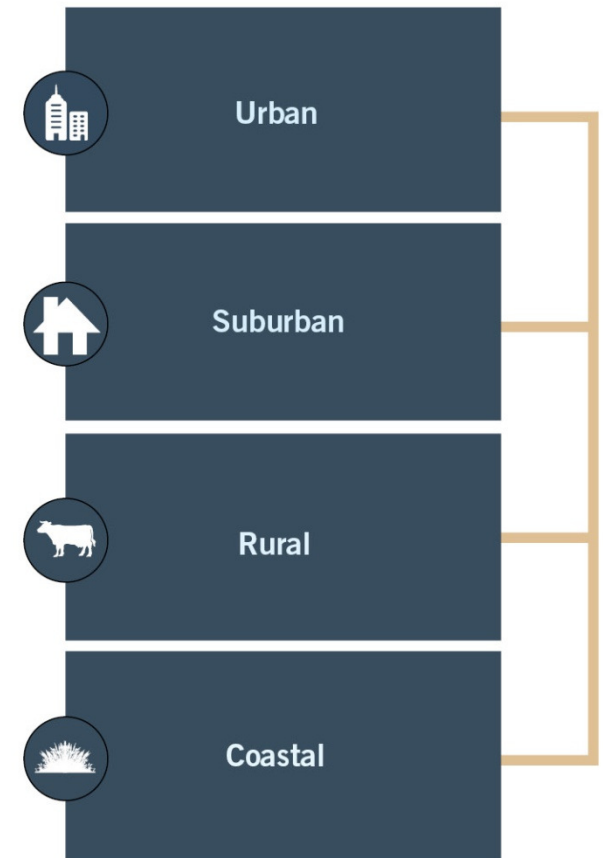
Technical Advisory Groups

- Experts on range of issues in each topic area
- Leaders within fields, public and private sectors
- Ensure plan is grounded in best practices
- Provide technical input and review



Regional Transect Groups

- Stakeholders with expertise in urban, rural, suburban and coastal topics
- Ensure plan metrics are suitable for all geographic areas
- Review implementation strategies



Plan Goals, Metrics, Scenarios

- Draft Goal: Our region's residents live in safe, healthy communities with transportation options, including walking, biking, transit and driving



Synergies

- Regional Transportation Plan
- Regional Green Infrastructure project
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Healthy Communities Initiatives
- Local Consolidated Plans



Public Engagement

- Large and community-scale meetings (4 rounds, 50+ meetings/round)
- Surveys and kiosks
- Social media, Mindmixer
- Focus Groups
- Interviews
- Community Ambassador Teams
- Governmental Advisory Committee



Web Site

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Moving Forward

- Consensus on direction
- Accountability structure
- Local relevance

