METRO Rapid Inner Katy Project
Interagency Coordination Meeting
January 13, 2021
List of Invited Agencies

- Federal Transit Administration
- City of Houston Parks & Recreation
- City of Houston Planning & Development
- City of Houston Public Works
- Harris County Engineering Department
- Harris County Flood Control District
- Harris County Judge's Office
- Harris County Precinct 1
- Harris County Precinct 2
- Harris County Precinct 4
- Downtown Redevelopment Authority
- Houston-Galveston Area Council
- Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority/TIRZ 5
- Old Sixth Ward Redevelopment Authority/TIRZ 13
- Memorial Park Conservancy
- Texas Central Railway
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Uptown Houston Association
- Uptown TIRZ 16
- Uptown Development Authority
Meeting Overview

- Meeting Objectives
- Project Description
- Goals and Objectives
- Project History
- Concurrent Projects in Corridor
- METRONext Concept
- Purpose and Need
- Project Benefits
- Project Development and Key Steps
- Major Considerations
- Stakeholder Involvement
Meeting Objectives

- Formally introduce the project
- Ensure that groups understand the project and its benefits and can provide input
Project Description

- Rapid transit service along I-10
- Direct connection from Northwest Transit Center to Downtown
- Bi-directional guideway for rapid transit and Regional Express buses
- Provide for a connection from Northwest Transit Center to the planned High-Speed Rail (HSR) terminal
Provide high speed, rapid transit service between Downtown and Uptown.

Improve travel time and reliability for METRO commuters in the I-10 West and US 290 corridors.

Accommodate developing and future technologies.
Connect METRO’s existing rapid transit lines and other METRO routes and services.

Seamlessly connect the planned High-Speed Rail terminal with Downtown and Uptown.

Create a multi-modal transportation system with attractive travel choices.
Goals and Objectives: Support Vibrant Communities

- Create opportunities for economic development.
- Improve access to jobs and social opportunities.
- Enhance environmental quality.
Leverage existing METRO rapid transit investments.

Coordinate with other transportation investments in the corridor.

Create additional capacity to accommodate regional population and employment growth and accompanying growth in travel.

Develop infrastructure and services that can be developed within the projected METRONext timeframe.
Envisioned as METRORapid (Bus Rapid Transit) in the METRONext Moving Forward Plan.

Adopted by the METRO Board of Directors in 2019.

Approved by voters in November 2019.

Recognized as a regionally significant project by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC).

Funded via the Houston-Galveston Area Council’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
Concurrent Projects in Corridor

- METRO Rapid Inner Katy Project
- TIRZ 5 Shepherd and Durham Major Investment Project
- TxDOT I-10 Inner Katy Drainage Improvements Project
- TxDOT I-10 Inner Katy Managed Lanes Project
- TxDOT I-10 White Oak Bayou Project
METRONext Concept
Rapid Transit Line: Downtown to NWTC
Potential Extension to High-Speed Rail Terminal
Shared ROW in the CBD with METRORail
Purpose and Need

Purpose

Initiate implementation of the voter approved METRONext Plan project: a high capacity, rapid transit line connecting Downtown and Uptown via the I-10 West (Katy Freeway) corridor that also accommodates Regional Express commuter service from the western and northwestern portions of the METRO service area.
NEED

- Provide expanded capacity on I-10 West to relieve impacts of high traffic levels, congestion and delay on commuter services.
- Close the major gap in the Regional Express network on I-10 West.
- Close the major gap in METRO’s high capacity, rapid transit network (METRORail lines and METRORapid line) between Downtown and Uptown.
Purpose and Need (cont’d)

NEED

- Improve connectivity to METRO’s local bus network to enhance access to housing, jobs, and economic and social opportunities.
- Provide a rapid transit connection between Downtown, Uptown, and the planned High-Speed rail terminal.
Project Benefits

Mobility

Communities

Connectivity

Value
Project Development and Key Steps

- Project Start
- Develop Alternatives
- Select Preferred Alternatives
- Environmental Study
- Agency Approval
- Final Environmental Report
- Design and Engineering
- Construction

Ongoing Public Involvement

Public Meeting
Transportation/traffic impacts
Multimodal connectivity
Land use
Social equity
Visual impacts
Property acquisition and displacements
Construction impacts
Potential for transit-oriented development (TOD)
Meetings at major milestones

Project website and email

Virtual Public Meeting – late February 2021
For More Information

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