AGENDA

- Milestone schedule
- Progress
- Framing the need
  - Regional trends
  - Key findings
- Project evaluation process
  - Universe of projects
  - First tier evaluation
- Upcoming public involvement events
FIVE PHASES

Launch
January 2017

Set Overall Direction
Public Input
Scenario Planning

2017

ENGAGE

PLAN
SHARE

We are here

DELIVER

Finish
Summer 2018

Public Input & Public Education

We are here

FRAME
PROGRESS

- METRO Chair and Board member meetings with employees
- Existing & forecast conditions and needs analysis completed
- Preparation for public involvement and technical advisory stakeholder committees underway
- Preparation for June public meetings underway
WHERE IS METRO TODAY?

One of only four urban transit agencies to show an increase in bus ridership nationally

Red Line is one of the nation's most traveled lines based on boardings per track mile

116 Million System Ridership 2016

Source: METRO 2016 Ridership Report
WHAT IS THE 2040 FORECAST?

Houston will pass Chicago as the 3rd largest city in U.S.

9.6 million people in region

4.2 million jobs in region

↑ 50% population in service area

Increased densities within urban core and high growth areas in north, west and southwest.
WHAT ABOUT TRAVEL?

Existing and future congestion on roadway network

Source: H-GAC Travel Demand Model
WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

WHERE ARE OUR OPPORTUNITIES?
COORDINATED SYSTEM-LEVEL INVESTMENTS HAVE IMPROVED PERFORMANCE

- Improvements occurred during:
  - Economically challenging time for Houston
  - National declines in bus ridership

Source: METRO Ridership Reports 2011 - 2017
IMPROVE TRAVEL TIMES BETWEEN ACTIVITY CENTERS

- 1/3 of bus and rail boardings occur within major activity centers
- Direct service between activity centers will reduce travel times

EXTEND FREQUENT NETWORK FOR FASTER, MORE RELIABLE COVERAGE TO MORE PEOPLE AT MORE TIMES OF DAY

Frequent Network Access and Poverty Density

Source: METRO Frequent Network, 2015 Census
TRANSIT NODES AND FIRST AND LAST MILE CONNECTIONS ARE RELATIVELY LOW INVESTMENTS WITH HIGH RETURNS

Source: METRO First Mile Last Mile Plan 2017
EXISTING SYSTEM
METRORail and HOV-HOT-Managed Lanes
MAJOR INVESTMENT CORRIDORS

Legend:
- Metropolitan Service Area
- Major Activity Centers
- Regional Centers/Complete Communities
- MetroRail
- Uptown BRT (under construction)
- HOV-HOT-Managed Lanes
POTENTIAL FOR OPERATIONS AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
POTENTIAL FOR ENHANCED SERVICES
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- Public meetings
  - Open house format
  - Anticipated Summer 2017
  - Present findings from existing conditions and forecast analysis
  - Solicit ideas for METRO’s next capital projects

- Initial meetings with technical stakeholders
  - Includes Harris County, Texas Department of Transportation, City of Houston, Houston-Galveston Area Council

- Web site is live: [www.ridemetro.org](http://www.ridemetro.org)