



Community Benefits

Fifth Ward

Mode	Description	Highlights
Bus Rapid Transit	UNIVERSITY CORRIDOR BUS RAPID TRANSIT LINE - WESTCHASE PARK & RIDE TO TIDWELL TRANSIT CENTER	The 25.3-mile University Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line connects major activity centers in the region such as University of Houston/Texas Southern University, Greenway Plaza, Uptown, Westchase, and Tidwell. This line connects to the Uptown BRT line currently under construction with connections to Uptown, the High Speed Rail Terminal and Downtown. The University Corridor BRT line also connects to all three light rail lines providing faster travel times and more reliable connectivity for passengers.
Regional Express Network	IH 69/US 59 NORTH DOWNTOWN TO KINGWOOD DRIVE OFF-PEAK DIRECTION DIAMOND LANE	The IH 69/US 59 North off-peak direction diamond lane will provide enhanced regional express service along the corridor. The off-peak diamond lanes will connect Downtown and Kingwood with faster and more reliable travel options and will also support reverse commuter options. The regional express service will connect to the University Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line at the Tidwell Transit Center that will provide commuters with connections to UH/TSU, Downtown/Midtown, Greenway Plaza, Uptown, and Westchase.
BOOST	BUS OPERATIONS OPTIMIZED SYSTEM TREATMENTS (BOOST NETWORK)	Bus Operations Optimized System Treatments (BOOST) will improve travel times, reliability, accessibility, and the overall customer experience for over 40 percent of METRO's local bus riders on some of METRO's busiest routes. BOOST optimizes stop locations, traffic signal coordination, amenities, and accessibility improvements to enhance service. The 26 Long Point/Cavalcade BOOST Route will enhance connections with METRORail Red Line and the University BRT. This route also connects to the Red Line extension at N. Shepherd, IH 45 North BRT to Bush IAH, and Gessner BRT.
Service Enhancements	SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS	System enhancements build upon METRO's New Bus Network by improving service on busy routes and expanding METRO's Frequent Bus Network. These enhancements will improve the connectivity between local routes and major destinations. Community Connector help expand access to transit in low-density areas. A Community Connector service is proposed for the Aldine-Westfield area. Service enhancements also include Universal Accessibility to improve bus stops, nearby crosswalks and provide ADA-accessible ramps. First/Last Mile improvements will improve access to bus stops and transit centers.