



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Technical Committee
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SUBJECT: Conclusion of High Capacity Transit (HCT) Local Transit Access Study
DATE: February 23, 2024

This memorandum reports on the conclusion of the study of accessibility to the region's High Capacity Transit (HCT) stations, looking at local transit and nonmotorized access. Consultants have prepared a web application tool that combines multiple data layers of interest; indices of those data can assist users in prioritizing HCT stations for access improvements. This webmap is being updated with recently revised Cooperative Forecast land use data, which is expected to be completed by March 15. The consultants have also developed a toolkit of potential access improvements as a ready reference for users. The final products will be provided to TPB members for their use this month.

STUDY PURPOSE

The purpose of the study is to provide new information and tools for use by regional and local transportation planning staff. The study was developed to build on TPB and COG's previous work on the region's HCT network (through 2030), which has been incorporated into the COG Region United framework (<https://www.mwcog.org/about-us/cog-board-and-priorities/2030-framework/>). It also adds new information to complementary TPB work such as the Transit Access Focus Areas (TAFAs) developed in 2020.

By providing an analysis of local bus transit services and related access issues to HCT stations, the study materials can assist members in identifying needs and options for improving HCT station access, reinforcing efforts to develop the HCT network as the backbone of the region's transportation system.

STUDY BRIEFINGS

The TPB Technical Committee was previously briefed on this study, including a draft version of the webmap, in December 2023.

- [December 2023 Tech Committee Item 7 - HCT Network Access Study Presentation](#)

In addition, the TPB Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee (RPTS) has received periodic briefings on the study, with a work session scheduled with the consultants on February 27, 2024. Documents and materials from RPTS meetings are available on the [RPTS webpage](#).