



# Community Benefits

## East Aldine, North Houston District

Mode	Description	Highlights
<b>Bus Rapid Transit</b>	IH 45 NORTH BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) LINE - DOWNTOWN TO BUSH IAH	The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line will connect major employment centers including Downtown, Bush IAH, and Greenspoint with a new 22-mile line. This BRT provides a reliable, rapid transit connection with a one seat ride from Downtown to Bush IAH. This service will significantly reduce travel times from Downtown to Greenspoint and Bush IAH and provide a more reliable travel option for both workers and airport users. This project will leverage TxDOT's investment and utilize the MaX lanes on IH 45 for the BRT service.
<b>Regional Express Network</b>	IH 45 NORTH COMMUTER BUS ON TWO-WAY HOV - BW 8 TO SPRINGWOODS	Commuter bus service along IH 45 between Downtown and Springwoods/BW 8 will provide not only a one seat ride from Springwoods to Downtown but a reverse commute option from Downtown. This commuter bus service will improve travel times within the corridor and will connect to the IH 45 North Bus Rapid Transit Line at the North Shepherd Park & Ride. This service will also add a new park & ride location at Springwoods.
<b>BOOST</b>	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. Two BOOST routes will serve the East Aldine-North Houston areas: 26 Long Point/Cavalcade and 80 MLK/Lockwood.
<b>Service Enhancements</b>	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 Connectors 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.