

6.4.2 Planning Programs at the Houston MPO

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Both Geographic Information Systems and Transportation Modeling software have been mainstay tools of transportation agencies and consultants for decades. In particular, MPO's and DOT's have invested significant capital and human resources into the development and adoption of these technologies for local use. In addition, the related nature of these technologies has created a significant number of integration projects, where data sharing and coordinated workflow are common. This presentation will focus on exploring issues related to the interaction of the users of these technologies, such as in resolving network discrepancies, or in providing data in a common format. The issues will be explored in the context of planning programs at the Houston MPO (H-GAC) and elsewhere.