

Parker on the west, Cromwell/Little York on the north and Hirsch/US 59 on the east. The district's *2002-2007 Service Plan* contains goals and programs related to the following:

- attracting neighborhood-friendly development and redevelopment,
- assuring that the district is a safe and healthy place,
- working to improve the quality of life in the district,
- building effective relationships to help accomplish the plan and
- developing marketing and promotion programs to attract favorable attention and investments (*Greater Northside Management District Service Plan for Calendar Years 2002-2007, March 2002*).

Using an assessment rate of 12 cents per \$100 of assessed value, the district estimates total revenues over the five-year term of the Plan to be more than three million dollars.

3.1.4 Schools, Community Services, Facilities and Resources

A number of community facilities in the study area offer services and resources to the public. The facilities are dispersed north and south of the Buffalo Bayou in neighborhoods and the downtown area. Community facilities including justice, medical, places of worship, public safety, schools and a university are addressed in this section. **Table 3-2** provides a summary of facility locations and **Figure 3-4** is an associated visual representation.

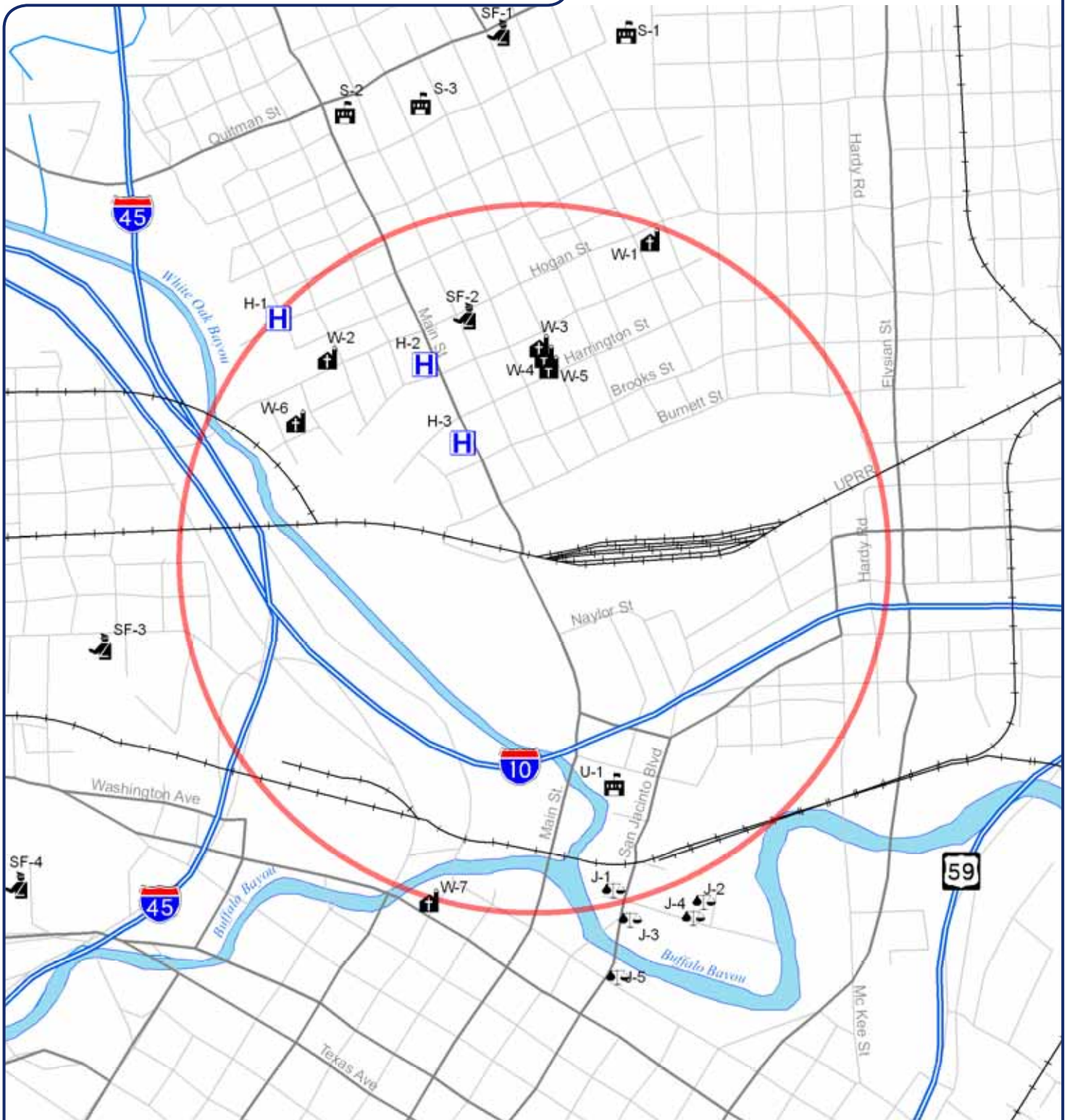
Justice facilities are concentrated in the downtown area, south of IH 10 and just north of the Buffalo Bayou. Three Harris County Jails, the Texas Department of Justice and the Harris County Criminal Justice Center are all in the same vicinity.

Three medical facilities are located north of IH 10 in the Northside Village Neighborhood. The Thomas Street Clinic, located at 2015 Thomas Street, serves HIV/AIDS patients from surrounding areas. Located at 1809 North Main Street, the La Nueva Casa de Amigos Health Center provides both health and dental services to the public. The center services 43,879 patients in 10 census tracts based on the Public Health Service Area 2000 Report. Also on North Main Street, the Harris County Casa de Amigos Health Center provides similar health services and care to 48,000 patients annually.

A total of seven places of worship are located predominantly north of the UPRR in the Northside Village Neighborhood. Religious congregations represented in the study area include Baptist, Islamic and Jewish centers.

Intermodal Terminal

COMMUNITY FACILITIES



Source: City of Houston, HISD, 2006.

LEGEND







-  Justice Facility
-  Medical Facility
-  Place of Worship
-  Public Safety Facility
-  Schools and University
-  Half Mile Radius

FIGURE 3-4

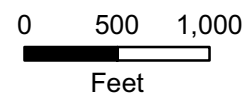


Table 3-2. Summary of Community Facility Locations

Facility	Address	Map No.
JUSTICE FACILITIES		
Harris County Jail	701 N. San Jacinto Street	J-1
Texas Department of Justice	707 Top Street	J-2
Harris County Jail	1200 Baker Street	J-3
Harris County Jail	1307 Baker Street	J-4
Harris County Criminal Justice Center	1201 Commerce Street	J-5
MEDICAL FACILITIES		
Thomas Street Clinic	2015 Thomas Street	H-1
La Nueva Casa de Amigos Health Center	1809 N. Main Street	H-2
Casa De Amigo Health Center	1615 N. Main Street	H-3
PLACES OF WORSHIP		
Trinity Baptist Church	1202 Hogan Street	W-1
Baptist Mission Center	1901 Fletcher Street	W-2
Jerusalem Temple	1715 Chestnut Street	W-3
Cladic Jerusalem Church	1705 Chestnut Street	W-4
Templo Baptista De South Houston	1701 Chestnut Street	W-5
Evening Star Church	1805 South Street	W-6
Islamic Da'Wah Center	202 Main Street	W-7
PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES		
Police Station District 9	1050 Quitman Street	SF-1
Fire Station District 9	702 Hogan Street	SF-2
Central Police Station	61 Riesner Street	SF-3
Main Fire Station	1205 Dart Street	SF-4
SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITY		
Jefferson Davis High School	1101 Quitman Street	S-1
James L. Ketelsen Elementary School	600 Quitman Street	S-2
John Marshall Middle School	1115 Noble Street	S-3
University of Houston-Downtown	1 Main Street	U-1

Source: City of Houston, Houston ISD, 2006

Public safety facilities consist of fire stations and police stations that fall within or near the study area. Personal safety and security for passengers, pedestrians, motorists and the surrounding community is important in transit planning. The police station for District 9 is located on Quitman Street, approximately a quarter of a mile north of the study area. The District 9 Fire Station is at the intersection

of Freeman Street and Hogan Street. Just outside the study area's western boundary, the Main Fire Station is located on Dart Street. The Central Police Station, slightly west of IH 45, is at the southern edge of the study area.

Three public schools are north of the study area near Quitman Street. Jefferson Davis High School is at 1101 Quitman Street and had a 2005-2006 year enrollment of 1,580. James L. Ketelsen Elementary school, located at 600 Quitman Street, had a 2005-2006 year enrollment of 675 students. John Marshall Middle School, located at 1115 Noble Street, had a 2005-2006 year enrollment of 1,102.

UH-Downtown is located south of IH 10 in the downtown area. For the spring 2006 semester, the university had an undergraduate enrollment of 10,623 and a graduate enrollment of 137. The university has no on-campus housing, so students reside at other University of Houston campuses or live at off-site residences.

3.1.5 Major Activity Centers

The City of Houston CBD is 1.8 square miles and home to numerous corporate facilities. Bordered by IH 10, IH 45 and US 59, it contains 5,150 total businesses with a total workforce of over 145,000. Houston is second to New York City in the number of Fortune 500 companies in the oil, insurance and airline industries. The project area is located just north of the CBD and would be a catalyst for bridging the north end and downtown areas.

This section provides information concerning Universities, Government Centers and employers within the study area and their importance to the IT. This information was derived from the City of Houston and the H-GAC. Major employers are identified by the number of companies with a minimum of 250 full-time and part-time workers.

The University of Houston's Downtown campus is located near the IT, south of IH 10, at the corner of Main Street and Girard. According to the university fact book, fall 2005 enrollment exceeded 11,480 students with roughly 720 employed persons, including faculty and staff. The US Post Office is located in the southwest portion of the study area and is considered both a government center and major employer (**Table 3-3**). According to the H-GAC, this facility has 1,950 employees. There is a strong likelihood that both enrollment and employment will increase at this University due to current expansion north of IH 10. **Figure 3-5** shows the graphical representation of this information.

Table 3-3. Major Activity Centers and Employers

Major Activity Centers and Employers		
Name	Location	Map ID
Higher Education Centers		
University of Houston-Downtown	1 Main Street, Houston	U-1
Government Centers		
US Post Office	401 Franklin Street, Houston	G-1
Major Employers		
University of Houston-Downtown	1 Main Street, Houston	E-1
US Post Office	401 Franklin Street, Houston	E-2

Source: H-GAC

3.2 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

This section describes the population and employment dynamics within the county, city and census tracts that are a part of the study area. A geographic information system (GIS) analysis was used to determine the population of each census tract within the study area. The percentage of land area of each census tract lying within the study area was calculated and that portion of the population was allocated to the study area population. Before this allocation was made, aerial photographs of land use were examined to evaluate population distribution across each tract.

The section also provides population and employment projections for the area Regional Analysis Zones (RAZ), City of Houston, Harris County and the region. This information was developed from two main data sources: the United States Census Bureau and Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC).

3.2.1 Population Dynamics

The H-GAC is the region-wide voluntary governmental agency responsible for projecting various trends for the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning region of Texas. According to the H-GAC, the Houston-Galveston region is currently comprised of 12,500 square miles with a population of approximately 5.3 million. The City of Houston is the largest city within the H-GAC and the fourth most populous city in the United States. Between 1990 and 2000 the city’s population grew from 1.6 million to 1.9 million, a 20 percent increase. In that same period, the study area population grew 76 percent from 2,518 to 4,441.

Census tracts were used to evaluate population within the study area. Portions of five census tracts are located within a half-mile radius of the proposed IT (**Figure 3-6**). Census tract boundaries have changed from 1990 to 2000; however, the changes were minor in nature, as shown in **Table 3-4** and had little impact on the study area. During the evaluation of populations within the study area, the percentage of population within a census tract directly attributed to the study area was determined by calculating the percentage of each tract’s land area that fell