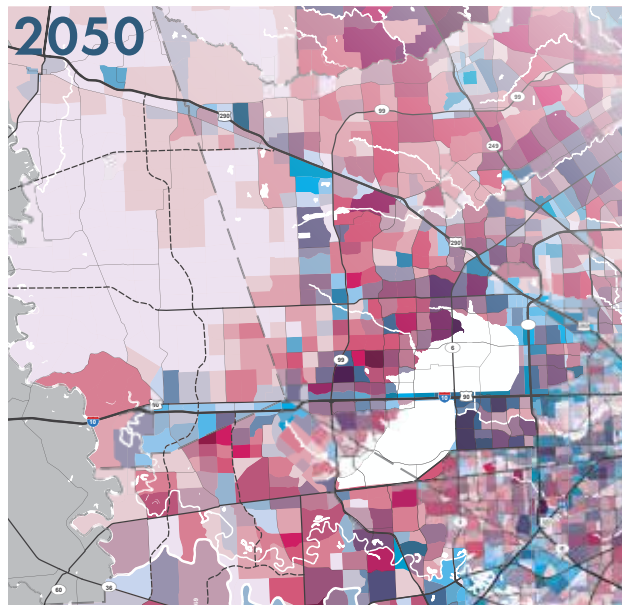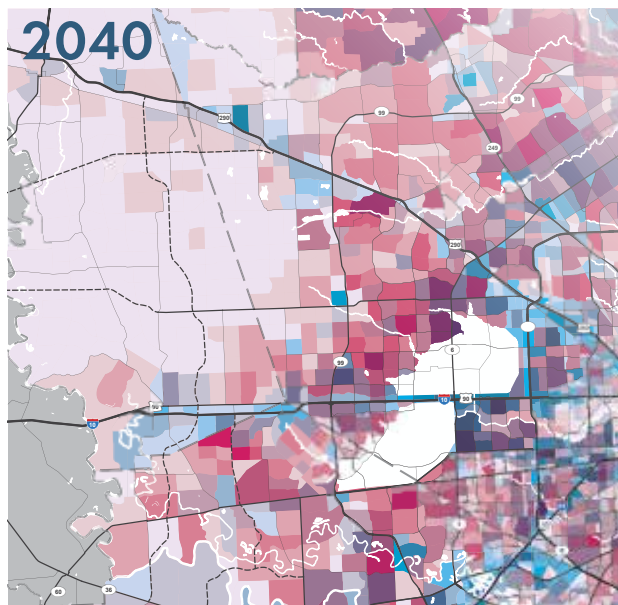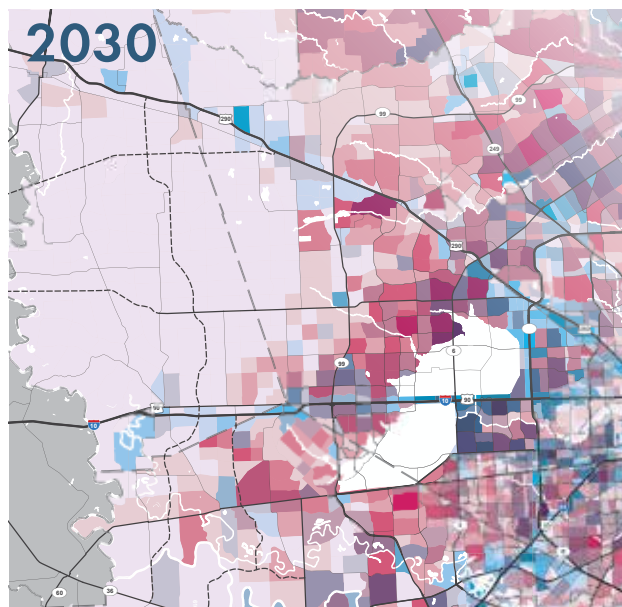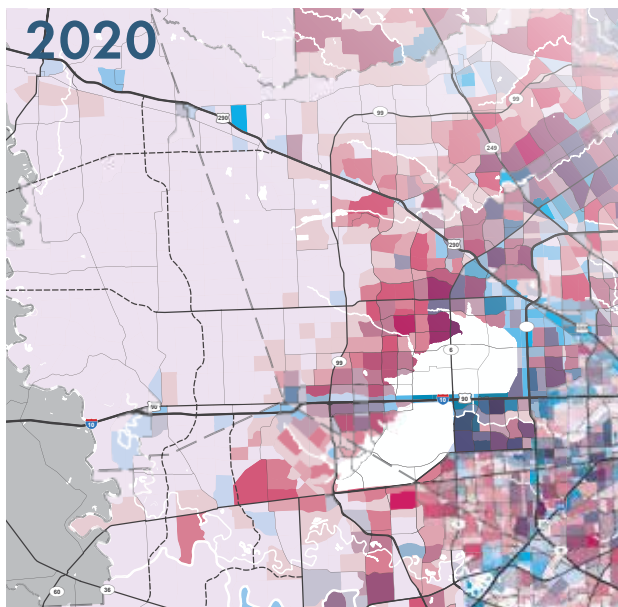# -Population and Jobs Trends-

Future growth is trending west and north with densification and the highest growth rates occurring along major transportation corridors, especially the Grand Parkway. Mobility issues are driving the growth of regional centers located near the intersections of major transportation corridors. New flood control and development standards will likely lead to denser new development with more green space. Without major investments in infrastructure and innovation, housing prices and commute times are likely to increase significantly.

A traffic analysis zone (TAZ) is a special area delineated by state and/or local transportation officials for tabulating and modeling vehicular trip-related data, especially journey-to-work and place-of-work statistics; for the purposes of long-range transportation planning. A TAZ usually consists of one or more census blocks, block groups, or census tracts. The maps, *Projected Population and Jobs by Traffic Analysis Zones 2020–2060*, depict projected population and employee estimates for each TAZ for 2020, 2030, 2040, 2050, and 2060. The TAZs with the darkest color represent the areas of highest population and employment thus the greatest level of trip generation. Transportation planners will input Base Year TAZ data, based on existing land uses, and compare it with Future Year TAZ estimates to analyze and model trip generation, thoroughfare capacities and levels of service (LOS); in order to estimate the likelihood of needed roadways and roadway expansion in the future, based on anticipated development trends.

Projected Population and Jobs by Traffic Analysis Zones, 2020–2060

Jobs

0 ——————→ 24,000

Population

58,000