

Table 5.1 Urbanized area metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) in the Gulf Coast study area.

Urbanized Areas	2000 Population	Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Mobile, Alabama	354,943	Mobile Area Transportation Study
Baton Rouge, Louisiana	516,614	Capital Regional Planning Commission
Houma, Louisiana	108,474	Houma-Thibodaux MPO
Lake Charles, Louisiana	183,577	Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning and Development Commission
Lafayette, Louisiana	215,061	Lafayette MPO
New Orleans, Louisiana; Slidell, Louisiana; Mandeville-Covington, Louisiana	1,193,847	Regional Planning Commission of New Orleans
Gulfport-Biloxi, Mississippi; Pascagoula, Mississippi	363,987	Gulf Regional Planning Commission
Hattiesburg, Mississippi	80,798	Hattiesburg-Petal-Forest-Lamar MPO
Houston, Texas; Galveston, Texas; Lake Jackson-Angleton, Texas; Texas City, Texas; The Woodlands, Texas	4,669,571	Houston-Galveston Area Council
Beaumont, Texas; Port Arthur, Texas	385,090	South East Texas Regional Planning Commission MPO

Table 5.2 Level of decision maker concern about climate stressors.

Research Subjects	Sea Level	Precipitation	Temperature	Storm Frequency and Magnitude
Transtar	Moderate	Moderate	High	High
Emergency Management	High	Limited	Limited	High
Toll Authority	Low	Limited	Limited	High
Aviation	Limited	Moderate	Highest	High
Aviation	Limited	Moderate	Moderate	High
County Engineer	High	Limited	Limited	Highest
Port Engineer	High	High	Limited	Highest
Port Engineer	Low	High	Limited	Highest
Flood Control – Houston	Limited	Limited	Low	Highest
TX-DOT Engineer	Highest	Limited	Low	High