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H-GAC INVITES CITIZENS’ PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPING REGIONAL COORDINATION PLAN FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Issues Focus on Area’s Elderly, Disabled and Low-income Residents

HOUSTON (August 10, 2006) – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are working with local governments, transportation providers, social service agencies, area citizens and other interested parties to expand transportation services through improved coordination with existing private and public transportation service providers. TxDOT is encouraging the development of local plans to coordinate public transportation services across metropolitan, suburban, and rural areas. H-GAC is the lead agency in its 13-county service area for this effort.

Area Public Meetings

Many organizations and transportation service providers are grappling with declining resources to meet the growing transportation needs of elderly, disabled, or low-income citizens without access to fixed-route or door-to-door public transit services. We need your participation to help identify both the transportation needs which we are not meeting and ways in which services can be improved.

H-GAC and its partner organizations desire your attendance at any of the 19 meetings listed below. These meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Lydia Abebe at Lydia.Abebe@h-gac.com or 713-993-4501. For plan documents and meeting information, visit www.h-gac.com/transportation.

- MON July 24 6 p.m. WALLER COUNTY**
United Way Waller Center, 531 FM 359 South, Brookshire 77423
- TUES July 25 6 p.m. AUSTIN COUNTY**
Austin County Courthouse, One East Main St., Bellville 77418
- WED July 26 10 a.m. WALKER COUNTY**
City of Huntsville City Hall, Council Chambers, 1212 Avenue M, Huntsville 77340
- WED July 26 6 p.m. WHARTON COUNTY**
Wharton Civic Center, 1924 N. Fulton, Wharton 77488
- THUR July 27 6 p.m. COLORADO COUNTY**
Colorado County Service Facility, 305 Radio, Columbus 78934

- MON July 31 2 p.m. MONTGOMERY COUNTY/ THE WOODLANDS**
South Montgomery County Library, Central Branch, 2101 Lake Robbins Drive, Woodlands 77380
- MON July 31 6 p.m. MONTGOMERY COUNTY/ CITY OF CONROE**
The Friendship Center, 1202 Callahan Ave., Conroe 77301
- TUES Aug 1 10 a.m. HARRIS COUNTY/ CITY OF PASADENA**
Golden Acres Center, 5001 Oak Ave., Pasadena 77503
- TUES Aug 1 2 p.m. CHAMBERS COUNTY**
Winnie-Stowell Community Building, Highway 124/ 335 South Park St., Winnie 77665
- TUES Aug 1 6 p.m. CHAMBERS/ EAST HARRIS COUNTIES**
City of Baytown, Pecan Room, 2407 Market St., Baytown 77520
- WED Aug 2 6:30 p.m. FORT BEND COUNTY**
University of Houston-Sugar Land, Room 102, 14000 University Blvd., Sugar Land 77479
- THUR Aug 3 6 p.m. GALVESTON COUNTY**
City of Texas City, Nessler Center Captain's Room, 2010 Fifth Ave N., Texas City 77590
- MON Aug 14 11 a.m. LIBERTY COUNTY NORTH/ CITY OF CLEVELAND**
City of Cleveland City Hall, Council Chambers, 203 E. Boothe, Cleveland 77327
- MON Aug 14 3 p.m. LIBERTY COUNTY SOUTH/ CITY OF LIBERTY**
Liberty County Courthouse, Commissioner's Courtroom, 1923 Sam Houston Ave., Liberty 77575
- MON Aug 14 6:30 p.m. MATAGORDA COUNTY**
Bay City Civic Center, 201 Seventh St., Bay City 77414
- TUES Aug 15 2 p.m. BRAZORIA COUNTY SOUTH/ CITY OF ANGLETON**
Bach Rehabilitation Center, Conference Room, 120 East Hospital Drive, Angleton 77515
- TUES Aug 15 6 p.m. BRAZORIA COUNTY NORTH/ CITY OF PEARLAND**
Westside Event Center, 2150 Countryplace Parkway, Pearland 77584
- THUR Aug 17 10 a.m. HARRIS COUNTY UNITED WAY OF THE TX GULF COAST**
Community Resource Center, Rooms E-F, 50 Waugh Drive, Houston 77007
- THUR Aug 17 6 p.m. BAYTOWN CHAMBERS EAST HARRIS**
Lone Star Room, 2407 Market Street, Baytown 77520

About H-GAC

The Houston-Galveston Area Council is a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials from the 13-county Gulf Coast Planning Region—an area of 12,500 square miles with more than 5 million people. H-GAC works to promote efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars; serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local governments; and helps local governments, businesses and civic organizations analyze trends and conditions affecting the area in order to respond to their needs.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, H-GAC will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending H-GAC functions. Requests from persons needing these special accommodations should be received by H-GAC staff 24 hours prior to a function. Please call Patricia Waskowiak at 713-993-2478.