## HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL Public Comment Period and Public Meeting for the 2013-2016 TIP Call for Projects

H-GAC is announcing the opening of a 30-day public comment period on the Draft 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects.

Approximately \$446 million of state and federal funds are available for the selection of projects submitted during the 2013-2016 TIP Call for Projects. Projects which remain eligible for funding consideration have undergone an evaluation of project benefits and are categorized based on the likelihood of inclusion in a recommended program of projects ('Likely', 'Possible', or 'Unlikely').

Comments received during the 30-day public comment period will be provided to the Transportation Policy Council for their consideration along with the recommended program of projects.

Two public meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, **Noon until 1:00 p.m. and again from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** The meetings will be held at the H-GAC offices, 3555 Timmons Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room A, Houston, TX 77027.

The public comment period begins on March 6, 2013 and ends on April 5, 2013 at 5:00 pm. The public is encouraged to attend and provide comments to H-GAC. All written comments may be submitted to Transportation Public Information, Houston-Galveston Area Council, P.O. Box 22777, Houston, TX 77227-2777, emailed to <a href="mailto:publiccomments@h-gac.com">publiccomments@h-gac.com</a>, or faxed to (713) 993-4508. For more information, please visit: <a href="mailto:http://www.h-gac.com/tag/public\_info">http://www.h-gac.com/tag/public\_info</a>.

The 2013-2016 TIP is a multimodal program of transportation infrastructure and service improvements planned for implementation in the Houston Region over the next four years. It includes projects of regional significance for which federal, state and local funding has been assigned.

The TIP contains the program of projects for each of the region's transit providers, and the above revisions relate to or have the potential to affect services provided by: the Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO), Connect Transit, Galveston Island Transit, The District, and the City of Conroe. This public notice and public comment period will satisfy the federal public notice requirements for each of the transit providers regarding its transit program of projects (POP) for fiscal years 2013-2016.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, H-GAC will provide for reasonable accommodations for person attending H-GAC functions. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by H-GAC staff 24 hours prior to a function. The public meeting will be conducted in English, and requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least two working days prior to a function. Please call 713-993-2471 for assistance.