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H-GAC SEEKS COMMUNITY INPUT ON PROPOSED UPDATES AFFECTING LONG-TERM REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS, PROCESSES AT UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETING

*Experts Will Discuss Updates to 2045 Regional Transportation Plan, Congestion Management Process,
and Public Participation Plan*

HOUSTON, TX – The Houston-Galveston region continues to expand in population and development. To ensure the region’s transportation network can sustain this growth while also mitigating congestion and enhancing quality of life, planners are progressively shifting from car-centric designs to more multimodal systems that factor in walking, bicycling, public transit, carpooling, and ridesharing. Also, as residents are increasingly teleworking, virtual communications are becoming ever more essential.

These are the topics driving a series of transportation updates that will be discussed in an upcoming virtual public meeting hosted by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3. Experts will present on proposed amendments to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan that would add 27 regionally significant projects to help improve air quality and better align transit projects with the MetroNext Plan. They will also discuss updates to the H-GAC process to mitigate congestion and adding a virtual engagement component to the agency’s Public Participation Plan.

“The Houston-Galveston area is expected to have 10.7 million residents and 4.8 million jobs by 2045. Ours is one of the fastest growing metropolitan regions in the country,” said Adam Beckom, H-GAC transportation manager. “The projects included in these proposed amendments will help ensure our transportation network can meet the challenges that come with such rapid growth while also serving the needs of our residents.”

The online public meeting will include options for residents and stakeholders to join via Zoom or to dial in by phone. H-GAC will also provide a Spanish translator and an American Sign Language interpreter for the hearing impaired. Immediately following the presentations, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and make public comments.

“A safe, resilient, and efficient transportation network is vital to strengthening regional economic

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competitiveness, but we also want this transportation system to work for everyone who lives and works here. We look forward to hearing the public’s feedback on these updates, and we welcome your engagement,” said Beckom.

The public comment period for these updates is open as of Nov. 23 and will close on Jan. 7, 2021. Comments may be submitted by phone at 1-855-363-2516, by mail to Attention: H-GAC Fall Transportation Update Comments, P.O. Box 22777, Houston, TX, 77277-2777, or emailed to publiccomments@h-gac.com.

For more information about how to attend the public meeting and about the discussion topics, visit h-gac.com/transportation-public-outreach/mobility-and-transportation-upcoming-public-meetings.aspx. More information about the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan, the Congestion Management Process, and the Public Participation Plan is available on the H-GAC website at h-gac.com.

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