

# THE VISION

## Houston-Galveston Area Council

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### Commute Solutions

**Friday, April 16, 2010**  
**11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.**  
 Fresh Air Friday: A Picnic in the Park  
 Jones Plaza - Downtown Houston  
 611 Louisiana,  
 Houston, TX 77002

**Thursday, April 22, 2010**  
**11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M.**  
 Energy&Transportation/Environmental  
 Fair, Lobby of America Tower  
 2929 Allen Parkway,  
 Houston, Texas 77019

**Advancing the Choice Conference**  
**July 13, 2010**  
 Pasadena Convention Center  
 7902 Fairmont Parkway,  
 Pasadena, TX 77507

**2010 Commute Solutions Awards Luncheon**  
**August 19, 2010**  
 Hilton Americas  
 1600 Lamar Street,  
 Houston, TX 77010

### Livable Centers Forum

**Thursday, April 22, 2010**  
**Lone Star College University Center**

### Livable Centers Forum: From Idea to Implementation

Join H-GAC and the North Houston Association for a morning of learning and networking with others who are working to promote development of Livable Centers in the region. This forum will continue the dialogue begun in the last year's inaugural Livable Centers Forum by providing an in-depth look at the tools and strategies for successful implementation.



**Thursday, April 22, 2010**  
**Lone Star College University Center**  
 8:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.  
 3232 College Park Drive  
 The Woodlands, TX 77384

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### Access Management: A to Z Workshop

**Access Management: A to Z Workshop**  
**H-GAC Offices, Room A**  
 3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120  
 Wednesday, April 21, 2010  
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The Houston-Galveston Area Council will host a workshop on how access management improvements can help your community break the traditional transportation cycle. Access management is a tool box of improvements that can significantly reduce traffic accidents, improve mobility and economic opportunity.

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### The Power of Transit: Learning from Peer Regions

Executives from six transit agencies around the nation will be here on April 29th to discuss the successes, achievements and challenges their agencies have experienced in planning,



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**Thursday, April 29, 2010**

Hyatt Regency Houston  
7:30 am - 12:30 pm  
1200 Louisiana Street,  
Houston, Texas, 77002  
(713) 654-1234

developing, and delivering regional transit services.

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For more information and to register for the event, visit the [Website](#).

#### Please note:

Elected Officials can register for this workshop FREE. [Click Here](#)

The public is invited and registration for this workshop is \$25.00. [Click Here](#)

### Seventh Annual Fresh Air Friday

#### Fresh Air Friday

**April 16, 2010**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Jones Plaza  
600 Louisiana,  
Houston, TX 77002



H-GAC will celebrate the Seventh Annual Fresh Air Friday: A Picnic in the Park at Jones Plaza in downtown Houston.

Fresh Air Friday highlights clean air programs that promote the use of alternative fuels, clean-engine technology and commute alternatives. During the past six years, more than 10,000 downtown Houston employees have gathered to enjoy free food, live music and to learn more about area-companies and organizations that are environmentally conscious and working to improve air quality and energy efficiency. This year's event will feature special guests: Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, Mayor Pro-Tem of Houston Anne Clutterbuck, and KPRC Channel 2 personality Jennifer Reyna as the event emcee.

For more information, please visit <http://www.cleanairaction.org/events/events.html>.

### H-GAC Selected for FHWA Grant Proposals



H-GAC has been invited by the Federal Highway Administration to submit two full proposals in response to the Broad Agency Announcement, Transformational Changes and Revolutionary Advances for Transportation Planning.

H-GAC's proposal titled, *Congestion Model Development Utilizing Multiple Data Sources*, will be submitted in partnership with the Texas Transportation Institute, Harris County, and the City of Houston. TTI will also partner with H-GAC for the proposal titled, *Quantifying the Livability Benefits of Sustainable*

*Mobility Projects in the Houston-Galveston Region*. Notification of the award is expected by May 30th.

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### Local Initiative Projects Workshop

The Air Quality division of H-GAC hosted a Local Initiative Projects (LIP) Workshop on March 22, 2010. Counties that participate in vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance programs are eligible for LIP funds.



The LIP program is administered through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). H-GAC works to broker multi-sponsor projects that will be LIP eligible. This practice helps counties reduce their matching obligation, and helps TCEQ by increasing the number of projects.

The table below indicates the available LIP funding for 2010. If your local government is interested in pursuing LIP funds, please contact your county attorney's office, or H-GAC Staff: J. Ben Finley at [ben.finley@h-gac.com](mailto:ben.finley@h-gac.com) for further information.

### [Website](#)

### ARRA Transit and Roadway Projects



For information on the status of transit and roadway projects that were selected for ARRA funding, visit: <http://www.h-gac.com/taq/stimulus>.

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