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Meetings

TAC, March 17, 2010

TPC, March 26, 2010

Commute Solutions

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

First City Tower Green Trade Show
 First City Tower, 1001 Fannin,
 Suite 230, Houston, TX 77002

Saturday, April 3, 2010

9:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

Earth Day Houston Festival,
 5K & Green Expo,
 Discovery Green

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

Matagorda County Transit Service & Coordination Plan

H-GAC, TxDOT, and Matagorda County officials and community leaders are working with local agencies and residents to draft a Matagorda County Transit Service and Coordination Plan. Public meetings will be held:

Bay City: Tue, March 16, 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 Bay City Civic Center, 201 Seventh Street, Bay City 77414

Palacios: Wed, March 17, 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
 Palacios Recreation Center - 2401 Perryman, Palacios 77465

Take the [online survey](#) before March 31, 2010. Additional comments can be sent to PublicComments@h-gac.com.

For more information, visit www.matagordacountytransitplan.com.

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

For more information contact Amanda Thorin
amanda.thorin@h-gac.com or 713-993-4587.

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

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6:30-8:30 p.m.

4132 Warpath Ave, Santa Fe, TX 77510

Thursday, March 25, 2010

Church of the Harvest

6:30-8:30 p.m.

7505 Wilson Dr, Manvel, TX 77578

SH 6 North

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

Copperfield Church

6:00-8:00pm

8350 Highway 6 North
Houston, TX 77095

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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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SH6 Access Management Study Meetings



SH 6 South

A second round of Public Meetings are being held for input on safety and mobility improvements in your community. Limits from FM 521 to IH 45 (34 miles)

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SH 6 North

Please attend the second public meeting to discuss transportation improvements to the northern section of SH 6 from north of IH 10 at Park Row to SH 6/FM 1960 and Mills Road; and FM 529 from Greenhouse Road to US 290.

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

Copperfield Church

6:00-8:00pm

8350 Highway 6 North

Houston, TX 77095

For more information visit:

<http://www.sh6mobility.com/index.htm>

Regional Transit Framework Study

As part of the Regional Transit Framework Study, transit systems from six peer regions were reviewed in order to understand how the transit services provided in the Houston-Galveston region compare. By studying transit systems in other regions, we can learn about new service concepts that, if applied in our region, will improve our transportation options and overall quality of life. Newsletter #2 for the Regional Transit Framework Study is an overview of this report. [Newsletter](#).



In conjunction with this report, H-GAC is planning a panel event with transit experts from the peer regions studied. Specific information to be posted at a later date.

[Website](#)

H-E-B 15,000,000 Mile Commuter Challenge



On February 27, 2010, H-GAC's Commute Solutions program joined H-E-B and NuRide in celebrating Jeanette Bender of Needville as the winner of the H-E-B 15,000,000 Mile Commuter Challenge. Jeanette, an employee at Allstate Insurance Company, won the grand prize of a year's worth of free groceries from H-E-B valued at \$5,000 for participating in the commuter challenge.

The H-E-B 15,000,000 Mile Commuter Challenge was conceived and managed by NuRide, a program provided throughout the region as part of H-GAC's Commute Solutions program. For more information on NuRide and the H-E-B Commuter Challenge, please visit the [website](#).

Regional Thoroughfare Plan Workshops

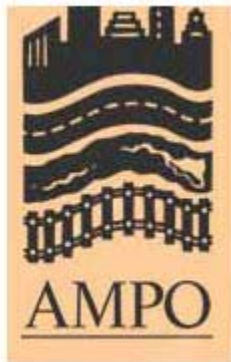
On February 24, 2010, H-GAC facilitated part two of the regional thoroughfare plan update. County and municipal representatives were invited to a regional workshop to amend existing and proposed networks and identify short and long term investments. Participants worked with their neighboring communities to determine future cross-jurisdictional investment needs.



The data is currently under a final review. Once it is complete the new thoroughfare plan maps will be available on the H-GAC [website](#). For further information, contact Noel Bowman at noel.bowman@h-gac.com.

Agency News

Alan Clark Elected to AMPO Governing Board



Alan Clark was recently elected to the governing board of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) by his peers. His term began January 1, 2010. AMPO is a non-profit organization established in 1994 to serve the needs of metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). AMPO is composed of MPO directors from across the country and is actively engaged with stakeholders to advance transportation related needs. Additionally, Ashby Johnson was recently elected as the Chair of the AMPO Policy Committee and will work with MPO directors and other stakeholders to develop transportation policy in advance of the next federal authorization bill. <http://www.ampo.org>

MPO Celebrates 35 Years of Service

View entertaining and informative slideshow about the history of the MPO. [Slideshow](#)

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/tag/stimulus>.

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