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TAC, Oct. 13, 2010
TPC, Oct. 29, 2010

RTP Public Meetings

October 7, 2010
Montgomery County Commissioners Court
 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 501 N. Thompson
 Conroe, TX 77301

October 12, 2010
Houston-Galveston Area Council
 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
 3555 Timmons Lane
 2nd Floor, Room A
 Houston, TX 77027

Goods Movement Public Meetings

October 18, 2010
Lone Star Convention Center
 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 9055 FM 1484
 Conroe, TX 77303

October 19, 2010
Baytown Community Center

Draft 2035 RTP Update Public Comment Period and Public Meetings

H-GAC is announcing the opening of a 30-day public comment period on the Draft 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update and its air quality conformity finding. The 2035 RTP Update is the long-range transportation plan for the Houston region. It provides details on a multimodal, multijurisdictional transportation system from 2011 through 2035. The Update includes information on how the system will be funded and its impacts in terms of mobility and the environment.

The 30-day public comment period starts on Tuesday, September 28th and will end on Thursday, October 28th at 5:00 p.m. Public meetings will be held at the following locations:

October 7, 2010
Montgomery County Commissioners Courtroom
 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 501 N. Thompson
 Conroe, TX 77301

October 12, 2010
Houston-Galveston Area Council
 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
 3555 Timmons Lane
 2nd Floor, Conference Room A
 Houston, TX 77027

Watch for details about these meetings on the H-GAC website at www.h-gac.com/taq/public_info.

Regional Goods Movement Study Public Meetings



H-GAC is hosting a series of open house public meetings in October to hear thoughts from residents and business owners about the movement of goods throughout the Houston region. The meetings will provide information on the amount of goods traveling within and through the region as well as the economic, social and environmental impacts of that movement. H-GAC wants to hear what goods movement means for your neighborhood and business. Join us.

To view the meeting dates, please see "Meetings" section to the left or visit the Regional Goods Movement website [HERE](#).

2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
2407 Market St.
Baytown, TX 77520

October 20, 2010
Lake Jackson Civic Center
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
333 Highway 332 East
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

October 21, 2010
**City of Rosenberg
Civic & Convention Center**
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
3825 SH 36 S.
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Connectivity Workshop

October 15, 2010
Crowne Plaza Houston
(near Reliant Stadium)
8686 Kirby Drive
Houston, Texas 77054

Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP) Public Meetings

October 26, 2010
Sugar Land Regional Airport
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
12888 B SH 6 S,
Sugar Land, TX 77498

October 27, 2010
Lone Star Convention Center
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
9055 Airport Rd.
(Formerly FM1484),
Conroe, TX 77303

October 28, 2010
Houston Hobby 1940 Air Terminal
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
8325 Travelair St
Houston, TX 77061

SH6 North - Public Meeting

November 18, 2010
Copperfield Church
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
8350 Highway 6 North,
Houston, TX 77095

CALL FOR PROJECTS

H-GAC is pleased to announce a "Call for Projects" to select new projects for funding in the 2011-2014 TIP. Eligible project sponsors include county and city governments and other political subdivisions of the state.

The submittal packet for the Call for Projects can be downloaded from the H-GAC website at www.h-gac.com/tag/tip. In this packet you will find a project submittal form in Excel format and a selection schedule as well as guidelines for the readiness and selection criteria that will be used in the selection process.

Project proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. October 29, 2010. Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted.

For assistance with project submittals, please contact [Jim Dickinson](#) at (713) 993-4597.

Public Meeting - SH 6 Access Management Study, North

The Houston-Galveston Area Council is hosting a third and final public meeting regarding the SH 6 Access Management Study, North. The study corridor includes SH 6/FM 1960 (from IH 10 to SH 249) and FM 529 (from US 290 to Greenhouse Road). The purpose of the study is to identify the best possible transportation improvements to meet the needs of the community for improved traffic flow, improved safety and reduced motorist delay.



Final recommendations of the study will be presented at a public meeting on:

November 18, 2010
Copperfield Church
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
8350 Highway 6 North,
Houston, TX 77095

This meeting will also initiate the formal public comment period, which will continue until Friday, December 3, 2010.

Draft Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP)

H-GAC is holding public meetings on the Draft Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP). The RASP provides a framework for the integrated planning, operation, and development of the region's airports. The Draft RASP includes 26 airports in the 13-county H-GAC region.



Public meetings are scheduled from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- Oct 26 - [Sugar Land Regional Airport](#), 12888 B SH 6 S, Sugar Land, TX 77498
- Oct 27 - [Lone Star Convention Center](#), 9055 Airport Rd. (Formerly FM1484), Conroe, TX 77303

- Oct 28 - [Houston Hobby 1940 Air Terminal](#), 8325 Travelair St, Houston, TX 77061

For more information see www.h-gac.com/aviation.

Save the Date: Connectivity Workshop on October 15

H-GAC will host its second annual bicycle connectivity workshop, ***Making Connections: Creating a Bicycle-Friendly Region***. The workshop will feature presentations by local and national experts on promoting better bikeway connections within our region. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$25 and registration closes on October 12. For more information, contact Gina Mitteco at 713-993-4583 or gina.mitteco@h-gac.com. Click here to [register online](#).



Call for Livable Centers Planning Studies, Deadline October 19



H-GAC is seeking proposals from local governments or other eligible project sponsors to conduct Livable Centers planning studies. The objective of the planning studies is to help create quality, walkable, mixed-use places, create multi-modal travel choices, improve environmental quality, and promote economic development and housing choice. Study recommendations will ideally lead to locally-sponsored Livable Centers projects for possible inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan and future Transportation Improvement Programs.

All applications must be received by 3:00 p.m. **Tuesday, October 19, 2010**. More information is available [online](#). For more information, contact Meredith Dang at 713-993-2443 or email to meredith.dang@h-gac.com.

Note: This is not a request for proposals from consulting firms.

Five Access Management RFPs

H-GAC is requesting qualified firms to perform data collection and planning analysis in the areas of traffic management systems, access management, traffic safety, and urban design. For more information, visit <http://www.h-gac.com/purchasing/rfp/trn10-006.aspx>.

Hurricane Season is Here

Planning for a hurricane includes determining if you will need to evacuate. Many people who stayed during Hurricane Ike lost power and decided that they would evacuate if the region was hit again. Remember that if you do not live in a surge zone or mobile home, it is best to "hide from the wind" and "hunker down".

If you live in a surge zone (see zip evacuation [MAP](#)), make plans now for your family and pets to leave when your Mayor or County Judge calls for an evacuation. If you cannot evacuate yourself, register now by dialing 2-1-1.

For more information on preparing for hurricane season, check out our website:



[Hurricane Evacuation Planning](#)

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>.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Access Management: A to Z Workshop

You can watch the entire workshop online [HERE](#).

The Power of Transit: Learning from Peer Regions

You can watch the entire workshop [HERE](#).

Sustainability Grant Program Listening Session

You can watch the entire Listening Session online [HERE](#).

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