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POLICY COUNCIL APPROVES STIMULUS FUNDS FOR LIVABLE CENTERS *Projects in East End, Upper Kirby and Uptown Districts Benefit*

Houston (November 10, 2009) – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) announced that the region’s Transportation Policy Council (TPC) recently approved three Livable Centers projects for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. Designed to complement existing and planned transit services, the East End, Uptown Houston and Upper Kirby Management Districts livable centers projects were each provided \$5 million in ARRA stimulus funding for pedestrian infrastructure improvements.

Supplementing financial support from each of the management districts, the stimulus dollars will be used to provide streetscape and lighting improvements enhancing pedestrian safety, improve the accessibility of transit to the mobility impaired and promote walking as an alternative to short auto trips.

Planned improvements include:

- Transit stops: shelters, benches, signage, lighting, waste receptacles and pavement;
- Pedestrian-scaled lighting and wayfinding signage;
- Streetscape furnishings: benches, waste receptacles and bike racks;
- Streetscape improvements including sidewalk repair, widening or new sidewalk construction; curbs and ADA accessible ramps installed/repared at intersections; street corner enhancements; and reconstruction of driveway and alley entrances;
- Landscaping and restoration of historical monuments (as needed).

Livable Communities Initiative

H-GAC’s Livable Centers program allows for greater accessibility by a variety of transportation modes, including walking, bicycling, rail and bus transit. As a component of neighborhood revitalization, livable centers projects can also produce economic, environmental, and “quality of place” benefits in economically distressed areas. Visit <http://www.h-gac.com/livablecenters> for more Livable Centers information.



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