



Resolution

NO. 2018-15

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE REGIONAL COMMUTE SOLUTIONS PROGRAM AND RECOGNIZING AUGUST 2018 AS COMMUTE SOLUTIONS MONTH.

WHEREAS, the goal of the Commute Solutions Program is to reduce traffic congestion and improve regional air quality by encouraging transportation options that reduce vehicle trips and vehicle miles traveled; and

WHEREAS, the Commute Solutions Program will provide commuters with information about carpooling, vanpooling, regional mass transit, teleworking and other transportation alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council supports the goals of the Commute Solutions Program and H-GAC's involvement in partnership with other area agencies to promote transportation alternatives; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Transportation Policy Council of the Houston-Galveston Area Council that:

1. The Transportation Policy Council hereby recognizes August 2018 as Commute Solutions Month and expresses its support for the Commute Solutions Program.
2. This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of July 2018, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

Hon. Matt Sebesta, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

ATTEST:

Hon. Tom Reid, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST AS
COMMUTE SOLUTIONS MONTH**

Background

Commute Solutions is a partnership of the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Texas Department of Transportation, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, City of Galveston Island Transit, The Gulf Coast Center – Connect Transit, Harris County Transit, Fort Bend County Transit, Colorado Valley Transit and the region’s Transportation Management Organizations. Commute Solutions supports carpooling, vanpooling and other transportation-related options and services.

The Commute Solutions program provides a “one-stop” alternative transportation resource in the Houston-Galveston area for both commuters and businesses. The overall goal is to reduce peak period commuter trips and vehicle miles traveled (VMT), improve traffic mobility, and improve regional air quality by reducing ozone-forming vehicle emissions. The Regional Vanpool program, known as METRO STAR, currently has 567 vans and over 5,600 daily van riders with reductions of nearly 4.2 million VMT per month. In 2017, the METRO STAR Vanpool program reduced NOx emissions by 13 tons, and reduced vehicle miles traveled by nearly 51 million.

Commute Solutions services, including the METRO STAR Vanpool Program, are available to persons who live or work in the eight-county metropolitan region.

Current Situation

Commute Solutions partners in the eight-county Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area are celebrating Commute Solutions Month in August 2018. H-GAC and its partners will participate in various outreach activities. H-GAC, along with some of the region’s transit service providers, will host a few public outreach events at park and ride facilities to show our appreciation to commuters for their current participation in carpooling and vanpooling, and riding the bus or rail. These public outreach events will educate commuters, employees and residents about alternative modes of transportation other than driving alone and will call them to action during August.

Action Requested

Request TPC approval of resolution No. 2018-15 recognizing August as Commute Solutions Month.