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## Final Round of Public Meetings Set for Waller County Transportation Plan

**Waller County, TX** – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) invites residents, community leaders, business owners, and elected officials to attend the final round of public meetings for the Waller County Transportation Plan. The first meeting will be held on Aug. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Royal High School Cafeteria in Brookshire. The second meeting will be held on Aug. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Waller County County Community Center in Prairie View.

Led by H-GAC, Waller County leaders initiated the transportation study last year to address the county's rapid growth. Along with the Texas Department of Transportation and H-GAC, the Cities of Brookshire, Hempstead, Katy, Pattison, Prairie View, and Waller worked together to develop recommendations to address the existing and future transportation issues in Waller County.

"The Waller County Transportation Plan consists of two components including the mobility plan and thoroughfare plan," Carlene Mullins, Senior Transportation Planner for H-GAC, said. "The mobility plan recommends specific short and long-term improvements that intend to improve mobility across the county," she added.

Parts of the mobility plan outline recommendations for intersection signalization, road widenings, gradeseparated railroad crossings, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects. The thoroughfare plan is a longrange plan that identifies type and general location of future roadways which guides development, promotes road connectivity, and uniform road design standards. The thoroughfare plan does not identify specific projects or set a time frame for when identified corridors will be constructed.

"We encourage residents and stakeholders to attend one of the public meetings to provide feedback on the transportation recommendations developed for the Waller County Transportation," Mullins said. "The meetings are a come-and-go open house event for attendees to talk with us about the plan, share their concerns, and submit public comments."

H-GAC will provide reasonable accommodations for persons attending H-GAC functions. Requests from persons needing special accommodations should be received by H-GAC staff 24 hours prior to a function. The public meeting will be conducted in English with Spanish translators available. Requests for additional language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least two working days prior to a function. Please call 713.993.2471 for assistance.

For more information about H-GAC's Waller County Transportation Plan, visit hgacmpo.com/waller. Comments from the public may also be emailed to <u>PublicComments@h-gac.com</u>, by calling 1.855.363.2516, or mailed to Transportation Public Information, Houston-Galveston Area Council, P.O. Box 22777, Houston, TX 77227-2777.