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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Help shape the future of Memorial Drive and Grisby Road at June open house Next Public Engagement Opportunity Set for June 11, 2025

HOUSTON, TX — The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), in partnership with the Energy Corridor District, invites the public to attend an open house-style public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2025, to help shape the future of Memorial Drive, Grisby Road, and the surrounding Energy Corridor area.

Energy Corridor Memorial Drive Pedestrian Study

Public Meeting – Open House 4 – 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2025 757 N. Eldridge Parkway (first floor), Houston, TX 77079.

Community members may come and go at their convenience there will be no formal presentation.

"This is a critical opportunity for people who live, work, or travel through the Energy Corridor to help us improve mobility while creating a safer, more resilient transportation network," said Caroline Bailey, senior transportation planner for H-GAC. "The ideas shared at this meeting will help shape real recommendations."

This public meeting will give attendees an opportunity to provide input that will directly influence the study's vision for Memorial Drive and Grisby Road. The project team will be on hand to share analysis findings, community input gathered so far, and potential concepts for the corridors. Key focus areas include mobility, drainage, safety, and placemaking opportunities.

The study focuses on two major corridors:

- Memorial Drive, between State Highway 6 and North Eldridge Parkway
- Grisby Road, between State Highway 6 and Westlake Park Boulevard

Potential improvements include:

- High-comfort bikeways
- Enhanced sidewalks and trails
- Safer intersections
- Improved transit stops

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- Better drainage and landscaping
- Stronger connections to nearby homes, schools, offices, parks, and businesses

This study will result in a final report by early September 2025, with both short- and long-term project recommendations, as well as implementation and funding strategies.

"At this stage, the most important action community members can take is to attend the open house and share their experiences, concerns, and ideas, as well as encourage others they know who live, work, or travel through the area to attend the meeting or submit comments," Bailey added.

Everyone who lives or works near Memorial Drive or frequently travels through the area is encouraged to attend and participate.

For updates and final meeting details, please visit: <u>https://engage.h-gac.com/memorial-drive-bike-ped-study</u>

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

H-GAC is a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials from the 13county Gulf Coast planning region, which includes an area of 12,500 square miles and more than 7 million people. H-GAC promotes efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars; serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local governments; and helps analyze trends and conditions affecting the region. For more information, visit <u>h-gac.com</u>.

THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

The primary responsibility of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is to decide how federal transportation funds are spent locally for capital projects and planning studies. Each metropolitan area in the United States with more than 50,000 residents has an MPO. Since 1974, the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Transportation Policy Council have served as the MPO (staff and policy board, respectively) for the Houston transportation management area, which includes Harris, Montgomery, Liberty, Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria, Fort Bend, and Waller counties. Together they provide policy guidance and overall coordination of the transportation planning activities within the eight-county MPO region.

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