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CRAIG RABORN JOINS HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL AS NEW TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

HOUSTON, TX – The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) announced today it has hired Craig Raborn as its new director of transportation services. He will begin his position on Feb. 1. Raborn succeeds Alan Clark, who retired last fall after 37 years of service.

As transportation director, Raborn will lead transportation planning efforts for the eight-county Houston-Galveston metropolitan planning area, which includes the counties of Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller, and is home to 6.7 million residents. He will also help guide the Transportation Policy Council, the region's transportation policymaking body, to establish future investment priorities and projects that support sustainable growth, increased safety and mobility, enhanced economic vitality, and superior quality of life.

“A world class transportation system is absolutely vital to the regional economy. The Houston-Galveston Area Council has made significant progress in working with local leaders, stakeholders, and residents to strengthen the region's network and improve mobility,” said Raborn. “I'm looking forward to joining this great team and helping them take those efforts to the next level. By incorporating emerging technologies, innovative thinking, and public participation, we can help ensure transportation in the Houston-Galveston region remains safe, reliable, and accessible to all who live and work here now and in the future.”



Raborn comes to H-GAC from the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada, where he served as director of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Las Vegas region and its more than 2 million residents. There, he played a critical role in developing the region's MPO strategy, which incorporated emerging transportation technologies like autonomous vehicles, shared vehicle services, transportation network companies, high-capacity and bus transit improvements, and improved safety protocols. He also managed the region's first **Houston-Galveston Area Council**

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comprehensive mobility plan.

Also prior to joining H-GAC, Raborn served as transportation program manager at the Western Arizona Council of Governments, a senior policy analyst at Duke University's Nicholas Institute, and as program manager of the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center. He brings more than 20 years of experience in regional transportation planning, land-use planning, and climate and sustainability-related planning. He holds a master's degree in community and regional planning from the University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor's degree in geography from Kansas State University.

"I'm excited to bring Craig on board as a key member of H-GAC's leadership team," said Chuck Wemple, executive director of H-GAC. "Craig's experience spans the range of communities in our region. His creativity, on-the-ground results, and policy background will help ensure the region achieves its potential of being a world class transportation system."

H-GAC serves as the metropolitan planning organization for the eight-county Houston-Galveston service area. Decisions are guided by a broad group of planners and engineers, elected officials, transportation agencies, community stakeholders, and members of the public. Key focus areas include multimodal planning for improved mobility, safety, and accessibility; clean vehicles and air quality initiatives; planning and project development; traffic modeling and GIS; regional incident management; and public outreach.

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