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NEW 2030 COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE FUTURE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

Local hearing provides opportunity for testimony, comment by public

The newly formed 2030 Committee will hold a public hearing Thursday afternoon at the Houston-Galveston Area Council offices. This hearing is one of six public hearings planned across the state to give Texans the opportunity to share their perspectives on the state's transportation needs in the coming decades. The previous hearings were held in Austin and El Paso, and upcoming hearings will be in Fort Worth (August 21), Corpus Christi (September 4) and Amarillo (September 18).

The purpose of the independent 12-member committee is to present an assessment of the state's transportation needs through the year 2030, in the context of today's economic reality. The committee will issue a report estimating the resources necessary to meet those needs in December. Harris County Judge and Houston-Galveston Area Council board member **Ed Emmett** serves on the committee. "I am honored to serve on the 2030 Committee and to help develop a much-needed assessment of the state's transportation needs over the next 20 years," said Emmett. "I look forward to meeting officials and community leaders from around the state to help us identify the top transportation challenges facing Texas over these crucial next two decades."

Those wishing to submit written testimony should come prepared with 13 copies of any printed materials, and oral testimony will be limited to three minutes. Comments may also be emailed to 2030committee@dot.state.tx.us.

For additional information about the committee's goals, membership or public hearing dates and locations, visit the Texas Department of Transportation website, www.txdot.gov.

Who: 2030 Committee Members and TxDOT staff
Regional business, planning and transportation representatives

Where: Houston-Galveston Area Council
2nd Floor, Conference Room A
3555 Timmons Lane, Houston

When: 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 14, 2008