

ROUND 2 - DECISION-MAKING TIME FOR TRANSIT ON IH 45 SOUTH CORRIDOR

We're getting closer! The Galveston-Houston Mobility Corridor Alternatives Analysis has evaluated three transit alternatives: Commuter Rail, Bus Rapid Transit, Express Bus based on a wide range of criteria. A fourth option is a "No Build" alternative and doing nothing to relieve growing IH 45 congestion. This evaluation of transit alternatives will be presented to the public for input in Round 2 of the open houses. Your alternative preference and your comments on the transit evaluations are very important to the final selection of the locally preferred alternative. The locally preferred alternative will be presented to the Federal Transit Administration for approval and required funding assistance. Dates and locations of Round 2 Open Houses are the following:

Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

La Marque Community Meeting Room
1109-B Bayou Road, La Marque, TX, 77568

Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

University of Houston-Clear Lake, Bayou Building, Atrium II
2700 Bay Area Blvd, Houston, TX 77058

Thursday, January 14, 2010, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cleveland-Ripley House Neighborhood Center
720 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Texas 77504

In the first round of open houses you told us

- Reduce Traffic Congestion
- Provide Convenient Service
- Reduce Travel Time
- Advance Economic Development
- Support Emergency Evacuation

These criteria and others will be addressed in Round 2 Open Houses in January. More can be read about the direction people gave to transit planners in the second issue of the project newsletter found on the Galveston-Houston Alternatives Analysis website www.GalvestonRailStudy.com.

This effort is part of the federal planning process called Alternatives Analysis (AA). As such it is an important local step in the pursuit of federal funding to address growing traffic congestion on IH-45 and SH3. This study is sponsored by the City of Galveston, Galveston County, and the Federal Transit Administration and is being coordinated with Harris County, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), METRO and the 11 cities in between Galveston and Houston. The consensus building process is gaining momentum and a final selection will be made over the next six months.

Public input is essential to this process. Please join us at one of the three public open houses!

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