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### **CITY OF HOUSTON OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC HEARING – MAJOR THOROUGHFARE AND FREEWAY PLAN**

Houston, June 18, 2009 – The City of Houston will be holding an open house and public hearing regarding amendments to the 2008 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP).

The plan which calls for the Southeast rail line to border the UH campus to the west on Scott Street and south along Wheeler Street will be displayed during the Open House on **Thursday, July 9, 2009 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the United Way Community Resource Center at 50 Waugh Drive, Houston, TX 77007**. City and METRO officials will be present to discuss the plan and answer questions. Attendees will also be able to complete and submit a form with thoughts and comments.

The public will also have the opportunity to express their concerns during the Public Hearing on **Thursday, July 30, 2009 starting at 2:30 p.m. in the City Hall Annex Building, Council Chambers, Public Level located at 900 Bagby Street, Houston, TX 77007**. The public hearing will enable interested citizens to speak directly to the City of Houston Planning Commission and make their opinions heard concerning proposed changes to the 2008 MTFP.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for UH students, staff, and faculty to come together at City Hall, which boasts many UH graduates, and discuss an issue that is very important to us all. I hope to see many Cougars there," said Alexander Obregon, Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee member.

Following the Public Hearing, the Planning Commission is expected to vote on each amendment and forward its recommendations to the City Council by September 1, 2009. Once the amendments are adopted into an ordinance by the City Council, a new MTFP will be prepared for use by the City and other agencies throughout the year.

For more information on the MTFP, visit [www.houstonplanning.com](http://www.houstonplanning.com).

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