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George Greanias

April 27, 2011

Mr. James Anderson
Executive Associate to the Chancellor
University of Houston
212 E. Cullen Building
Houston, TX 77204

Dear Mr. Anderson:

At METRO, we have three and only three priorities: to deliver first-class transit services, build great transit infrastructure, and become a trusted community partner.

As part of achieving all three priorities, METRO will shortly undertake an update of our long-range plan – the first such update in many years. Our purpose is simply put: to enlist the guidance, collaboration and support of those within our service area in making enhancements to our long-range plan that will ensure METRO creates the best possible transit system as part of the overall mobility strategy our region needs and deserves.

To accomplish this, METRO will hold twenty-five community workshops throughout our service area starting May 10, 2011, and continuing through June 30, 2011. Our goal: to learn from the public what should be part of our region's transit future. Over the next year, guided by what we have learned, we will develop an updated long-range plan.

The end result of this process will culminate in a community-driven blueprint for METRO to follow in implementing transit services over the next twenty-five years. A wide range of multi-modal options and services, such as improved bus, bus rapid transit, streetcars, light rail, and commuter rail, as well as other new and innovative programs to connect the entire region will be considered. The schedule for the workshops is attached.

For these community meetings to succeed, we need your help. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in getting the attached information about the workshops to your neighbors and fellow leaders. In addition, we will begin the public process with a kick-off meeting on **May 3, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.**, at METRO's Administration Building, located at 1900 Main Street, and we would like to invite you to attend.

This meeting will announce the intent to update the long-range plan and the outreach efforts for community participation. The meeting will be open to the public and press.

We will keep you informed and updated throughout the long-range planning process. However, if you would like to be briefed further on this process or have any questions, please give me a call or contact METRO's Director of Community Outreach, Karen Marshall, at 713-739-4980 or e-mail her at Karen.Marshall@ridemetro.org.

Cordial best regards,



George Greanias
President and Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure

METRO LONG RANGE PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

METRO is hosting a series of public workshops to discuss the future of transit in our region. We're working with communities throughout our service area to learn where service is needed and how we can modify or add to existing service to better serve the needs of the community.

We'll be exploring options for transit services including:

- Streetcars
- Commuter rail
- Light rail
- Improved bus service
- Bus Rapid Transit
- HOV/HOT Lanes

Share your vision for tomorrow. Attend a METRO public workshop to discuss the future of transit in your community. Meetings are located throughout the METRO service area, making it easy for you to participate.

All public workshops will be held from 6 – 8 p.m.

**Third Ward
Multi-Service Center**
Tuesday, May 10, 2011
3611 Ennis St.
Houston, TX 77004

Upper Kirby Building
Thursday, May 12, 2011
3015 Richmond Ave.
Houston, TX 77098

**Greenspoint Mall
Community Center**
Tuesday, May 17, 2011
12300 IH-45 North Frwy.
Houston, TX 77060

**Sunnyside
Multi-Service Center**
Tuesday, May 17, 2011
4605 Wilmington St.
Houston, TX 77051

Hilton Garden Inn – Katy
Thursday, May 19, 2011
2409 Texmati Dr.
Katy, TX 77494

**West End
Multi-Service Center**
Thursday, May 19, 2011
170 Heights Blvd.
Houston, TX 77007

**Crowne Plaza –
Brookhollow**
Tuesday, May 24, 2011
12801 NW Frwy.
Houston, TX 77040

Ripley House
Tuesday, May 24, 2011
4410 Navigation Blvd.
Houston, TX 77011

**Kashmere
Multi-Service Center**
Thursday, June 2, 2011
4802 Lockwood St.
Houston, TX 77026

Cy-Fair Library
Tuesday, June 7, 2011
9191 Barker-Cypress Rd.
Houston, TX 77433

HCC Northline
Tuesday, June 7, 2011
8001 Fulton St.
Houston, TX 77022

East Aldine Mgt. District
Thursday, June 9, 2011
5333 Aldine Mail Rt.
Houston, TX 77039

Trinity Episcopal Church
Thursday, June 9, 2011
1015 Holman St.
Houston, TX 77004

**Acres Homes
Multi-Service Center**
Tuesday, June 14, 2011
6719 West Montgomery Rd.
Houston, TX 77091

**Lone Star College –
University Park**
Tuesday, June 14, 2011
20515 SH 249
(SH 249 and Louetta Rd.)
Houston, TX 77070

**Courtyard by Marriott –
Katy Frwy.**
Thursday, June 16, 2011
12401 Katy Frwy.
Houston, TX 77079

The Power Center
Tuesday, June 21, 2011
12401 S. Post Oak Rd.
Houston, TX 77045

**Tracy Gee
Community Center**
Tuesday, June 21, 2011
3599 Westcenter Dr.
Houston, TX 77042

Hedwig Village City Hall
Thursday, June 23, 2011
955 Piney Point Rd.
Hedwig Village, TX 77024

**Hilton
Houston Hobby Airport**
Thursday, June 23, 2011
8181 Airport Blvd.
Houston, TX 77061

Humble Civic Center
Tuesday, June 28, 2011
8233 Will Clayton Pkwy.
Humble, TX 77338

**Missouri City
Community Center**
Tuesday, June 28, 2011
1522 Texas Pkwy.
Missouri City, TX 77489

**Baker Ripley
Neighborhood Center**
Thursday, June 30, 2011
6500 Rookin St.
Houston, TX 77074

**Clear Lake
Freeman Library**
Thursday, June 30, 2011
16616 Diana Ln.
Houston, TX 77062



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