













## OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

THE HARLINGEN-SAN BENITO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) WILL BE HOLDING PUBLIC MEET-INGS ON THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE AS FOLLOWS:

## Opportunity for Public Comment/ Review on 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Public Input Sessions on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update at :

- Harlingen Tx, Lon C. Hill Conference room for November 8,2004
   5:30-6:30 PM
- San Benito Tx, City Commission meeting room for November 9,2004
   © 5:30- 6:30 PM
- Rio Hondo Tx, City Commission meeting room for November 10,2004
   © 5:30- 6:30 PM

Federally funded transportation improvements within the urbanized area must be in the adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan in order to receive federal funding. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan, or MTP, is the long range, 25-year document that describes the transportation goals and facilities necessary to accommodate existing and future transportation needs of the area.

Federal transportation legislation known as the Inter-modal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 mandated that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan be updated every five years. The current federal transportation legislation, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, TEA-21, continued the requirement of updating the Plan on a five-year schedule. The Harlingen-San Benito MPO adopted the last Metropolitan Transportation Plan in December 1999.

The MTP UPDATE process requires that the HSBMPO and local entities examine what our transportation priorities are in the current plan and in our respective areas. HSBMPO should also develop plan goals and implement transportation projects to address those goals. HSBMPO has taken the base year and forecast year level of service maps and addressed our congestion problems. This is the methodology used in our MTP project development.

## Public Input Sessions on the 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

The function of these meetings is to provide citizens in the **Harlingen San Benito MPO** area an opportunity to comment on the development of the **2030 Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan**.

- MPO will provide a brief overview of the process (powerpoint)
- Present maps of the MPO area
- · Ask for any public comments

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OF THE HARLINGEN-SAN BENITO MPO AT (956) 430-6606.

## OPPORTUNIDAD PARA HACER COMENTARIOS

LA ORGANIZACIÓN DE PLANEACIÓN METROPOLITANA DE HARLINGEN Y SAN BENITO INVITA A EL PUBLICO ASISTIR A LAS JUNTAS TOCANTE AL PLAN DE TRANSPORTACIÓN METROPOLITANO 2030

PARA MAS INFORMACION, LLAMÉ AL LA OFICINA DE LA OR-GANIZACIÓN DE PLANEACIÓN METROPOLITANA DE HARLINGEN Y SAN BENITO (956) 430-6678