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Agency Seeks Public Input on Lone Star Regional Rail Project *Public Input Meeting Scheduled for January 29*

SEGUIN, Texas – The City of Seguin encourages residents to attend an upcoming public meeting hosted by the Lone Star Regional Rail District (LSRRD.) The agency is seeking public input on the Environmental Impact Statement looking at potential commuter rail between San Antonio and Austin, as well as a freight by-pass rail within the area.

“Along with the Federal Highway Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation, the Lone Star Rail District is currently conducting environmental studies of potential rail alternatives to meet mobility needs in the Austin-San Antonio corridor. This study process is being conducted under the guidelines of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will lead to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding the Lone Star Regional Rail Project,” LSRRD says on its website. “Public involvement is a vital part of this process, and your input is welcomed.”

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 29 from 5-8 p.m. at the Seguin Coliseum, located at 950 South Austin Street. The meeting will feature an open-house come and go format without a formal sit-down presentation.

LSRRD is also seeking online input until February 27. That opportunity, as well as detailed information about the project and public involvement process, is available at eis.lonestarail.com.

About the Lone Star Regional Rail District (LSRRD)

The Rail District (formed in 2003 with authorization of the State of Texas) is an independent and accountable public agency focused on providing regional passenger rail service. The Rail District has conducted numerous planning, environmental, and alternatives analyses over the past 10 years to evaluate feasible options for development of passenger rail service along the IH-35 corridor between the metropolitan areas of Austin and San Antonio.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin’s robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts, an engine manufacture and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2014, Seguin was proud to be selected by Siro Group USA as the future home of the company’s North American manufacturing facility.

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