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Public Participation at MPO Meeting Affects Funding ***Residents Encouraged to Attend October 13 Public Meeting***

SEGUIN, Texas – The City of Seguin encourages residents to attend an upcoming meeting that could impact funding for future city transportation needs. The Alamo Area MPO Planning Organization (MPO) is holding a public meeting on its Mobility 2040 plan Monday, October 13 from 6-8 p.m. at the Seguin Coliseum.

“We can’t stress enough how important it is for the public to participate in this meeting,” City of Seguin Engineer Joe Ramos said. “We need strong attendance to show the MPO that our community is involved and cares about transportation needs.”

MPO’s across the country allocate more than \$200 million annually in state and federal gas tax funds to roadway, transit, rideshare, pedestrian and bike projects. Public participation plays a vital role when the Alamo Area MPO decides how to allocate funds for the greater San Antonio region. That means the better the public attendance at the Seguin meeting, the more likely it is that funds will be allocated for important Seguin transportation projects.

“We need to pack the Coliseum for this meeting,” Ramos continued. “When the MPO starts the process of deciding how much funding goes to various projects, they absolutely consider the public participation at the community meetings.”

Although the Alamo Area MPO will hold several public meetings in the greater San Antonio region this month, the October 13 meeting in Seguin is the sole opportunity for Seguin

residents to participate. The meeting will help develop the region's new long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Mobility 2040.

In March the MPO approved an estimated \$3.1 million to reconstruct Tor Drive. The City of Seguin has submitted additional projects for possible funding. Those projects will be presented and discussed at the public meeting.

"We need to show the MPO that Seguin cares," Ramos said. "This meeting is the opportunity to do that."

WHAT: Alamo Area MPO Public Meeting

WHEN: Monday, October 13, 2014, 6-8 p.m.

WHERE: Seguin Coliseum, 950 S. Austin Street

WHO: Seguin residents who care about transportation needs

WHY: Public participation will affect how the MPO funds Seguin transportation projects

About the Alamo Area MPO

The MPO's mission is to provide a comprehensive, coordinated and continuous ("3C") transportation planning process for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods, consistent with the region's overall economic, social and environmental goals. The MPO places special emphasis on providing equal access to a variety of transportation choices and effective public involvement in the transportation planning process.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located off 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 and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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