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Residents Encouraged to Vote for Seguin Pedestrian and Bike Projects *Alamo Area MPO Website Allows Voting on Transportation Alternative Projects*

SEGUIN, Texas – The City of Seguin encourages residents to vote online for the Seguin projects recently submitted for Transportation Alternatives Projects funding through the Alamo Area MPO.

The MPO website allows people to vote for the TAP they want funded. The City of Seguin submitted two projects -- numbers 8 and 9 on the online list. To vote simply go to www.alamoareampo.org/tap and follow the instructions. Only one submittal per IP address will be accepted. Votes will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Friday, October 24.

The MPO recently called for TAP proposals. The project funding is for bicycle and pedestrian-related projects only. The City of Seguin submitted two proposals:

- **New Community Park Projects** -- 1.3 miles of 5' sidewalk around the new community park and one mile of an 8' wide concrete shared-use path within the new park. The sidewalks connect neighborhoods to a pre-school, church and the new community park and fill sidewalk gaps in the existing sidewalk network, improving pedestrian access to Texas Lutheran University, Seguin Youth Services, Tyson Foods and the Connect Seguin transit route. The project's shared-use path connects to the Walnut Branch Hike & Bike Project (under construction). The estimated cost of the project is \$1 million.

- **Walnut Branch Hike & Bike Trail Extensions** -- 0.7 miles of pedestrian and bicycle improvements, including 10'-14' wide concrete shared-use paths and 5' sidewalks. Where sidewalks are constructed, on-road sharrows already exist or will be added. The path will cross underneath TX-123 BR. The project completes a sidewalk/trail gap between the Walnut Branch Hike & Bike Project (under construction) and Max Starcke Park. The trail extension is part of a planned three-mile pedestrian-friendly corridor spanning from W. New Braunfels Street to the Guadalupe River. The corridor will link neighborhoods with downtown Seguin, Texas Lutheran University and the Connect Seguin transit route. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.1 million.

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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