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## **Input Sought for Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Study *Online Survey and Mapping Opportunities Available***

**SEGUIN, Texas** – The quickest and easiest way to get from one location to another is something we all think about before getting on the road. What if your daily consideration included whether a traditional vehicle was necessary at all for some trips? The City of Seguin urges residents to share their thoughts on bicycle and pedestrian options with the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

“We most often think about getting in a car, truck or SUV when it comes to transportation, but traveling by bicycle or walking is also a great option,” Seguin Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Crystal Miranda said. “That’s why it’s important for Seguin residents to identify where they would like future bike and pedestrian routes to be located.”

The Alamo Area MPO’s Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Study is underway. Residents are encouraged to go online to take the survey and provide feedback on an interactive map. The purpose of the survey is to understand the needs and desires of residents in regards to walking and bicycling. The interactive map allows users to provide input through points, lines, comments and photos.

“The information from this study will help us develop a plan about how to improve walking and bicycling options for everyone in Seguin,” Miranda continued. “When funding for these type of projects becomes available, it’s important for us to have a plan based on what our residents want.”

Transportation is essential to achieving a desirable quality of life. The ability of Seguin residents to get to work, schools, medical facilities, stores or recreational facilities safely, efficiently and conveniently is crucial to our community’s economic, social and environmental health. A viable transportation system provides a number of travel choices, including the ability to travel by bicycle or by walking.

- Economic Benefits - increased retail sales (restaurants, lodging establishments, retail stores), job creation, and enhancement of nearby property values.
- Environmental Benefits - improved air quality and energy conservation.
- Social Benefits - quality-of-life benefits from living in communities with more open space and greenways and that provide more opportunities for walking or cycling.
- Health & Fitness Benefits - it is well recognized that Americans would benefit in many ways from a more active lifestyle. Bike lanes, sidewalks and trails promote healthy choices.

To take the survey, simply go to [www.alamoareampo.org/bike-ped](http://www.alamoareampo.org/bike-ped) and follow the instructions. There are two links, “Bicycle and Pedestrian Study” and “Map Your Concerns,” near the middle of the page. Please complete both options. Participants will have to register to use the mapping option. Registration only requires your e-mail address and the creation of a username.

A public meeting for residents to learn more about the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Study is scheduled for Monday, December 8 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Seguin Coliseum. Participants will be given an overview of the study, instructions on how participate and the opportunity to provide input by marking large maps.

**WHAT:** Bicycle and Planning Study Public Input Meeting

**WHEN:** Monday, December 8 from 6 to 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Seguin Coliseum, 950 South Austin Street

**WHO:** People who want to provide input on bicycle and pedestrian routes

**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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