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Waco Bus Rapid Transit Project Enters Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Review Process

Virtual public open house set to take place October 20 – November 3.

Waco, Texas (Oct. 20, 2020) – Over the course of the next several months, Waco Transit System (WTS) and its consultant team will conduct an environmental review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and develop preliminary engineering design plans for the City of Waco's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor.

WTS is developing a 13-mile BRT corridor to provide buses every 15-minutes during peak service hours; including extended service hours to 10 p.m. and service on Sundays to offer safe, reliable and efficient transit service. The route is oriented in a northeast-southwest direction and will serve industrial and commercial employment centers, the Central Business District, as well as important retail centers for residents and visitors; it also connects Waco with the adjacent cities of Woodway, Beverly Hills, Bellmead and Lacy-Lakeview.

In 2018, following the completion of a two-year feasibility study that evaluated the transportation system, travel demand patterns, existing and future land use and input received from the public, Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), City of Waco and WTS selected and approved a BRT route that features 14 station locations.

The BRT project has garnered extensive community support and to build further upon that momentum WTS and the Waco MPO look forward to continuing to engage the community throughout the next phase of development.

To help re-engage the community with the BRT project, WTS with the support of the Waco MPO is hosting a [virtual public open house](#) that features updated project information available in English and Spanish and an interactive route and station location map. (In light of restrictions on public gatherings, the initial public open house for the BRT project is being offered online, rather than in-person.)

The virtual public open house will remain open through November 3 and can be accessed online at WacoBRTopenhouse.net.

A new BRT project phone line featuring prerecorded messages with a voicemail option for submitting questions and comments is also available. The project phone line number is 844-922-6278 (844-WAC-OBRT).

In the coming months, community members will have an opportunity to review and comment on various BRT corridor amenities and design features; including the station locations and proposed operations scenarios.

To sign-up to receive project-related notices, please email the project at WacoBRT@gmail.com.

For more information about the Waco BRT project, visit the project website at waco-texas.com/transit/BRT.

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