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Press Release

Waco Transit System Seeks Public Input on Bus Rapid Transit Station Design and Locations

Live virtual public meeting set to take place December 10.

Waco, Texas (Dec. 7, 2020) – As part of next steps in the development of Waco’s first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, Waco Transit System (WTS) and its consultant are refining the design for the proposed BRT stations and evaluating station locations (station siting). Community members are invited to participate in a live virtual public meeting that will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020, to learn about the BRT project and share feedback.

In light of restrictions on public gatherings, this public meeting is being offered online as a webinar and via phone, rather than in-person.

The live virtual public meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for community members to inform the station design and station location process. During this virtual meeting community members will have an opportunity to interface with the project team to ask questions and provide feedback. Interested persons may participate by phone or online. Visit WacoBRTopenhouse.net to access the phone ID and/or the online link. The virtual public meeting will also be recorded and made available online at WacoBRTopenhouse.net.

Information about the station design, the station locations that are currently being evaluated, and a questionnaire to submit comments will also be made available online at WacoBRTopenhouse.net in English and Spanish between December 7 and December 24.

Following the feasibility study that helped identify BRT as a viable transit option for the City of Waco, in 2018 WTS and the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization selected a Locally Preferred Alternative for the proposed 13-mile BRT route that features 14 stations. Although the general vicinity for the

proposed BRT stations was identified during the feasibility study based on existing and potential ridership numbers, the station location process that is currently underway will identify the actual location for each proposed BRT station.

By late February of next year, the project team will provide an update on the evaluations that are being conducted and present the final recommendations for station locations.

About the Waco BRT Project: The proposed 13-mile BRT project that is currently advancing in development would 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 purpose for implementing BRT service in Waco is to offer residents enhanced mobility and to provide improved access to jobs, medical and social services, and educational facilities. The proposed BRT route would also provide better and more efficient transfers to other routes operated by Waco Transit System. The BRT project is now at the next phase in the development process which involves preliminary engineering and an environmental review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

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

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