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Houston-Galveston Region Celebrates 25 Years of Commute Solutions *Program Encourages Residents to Consider Alternative Commute Options*

HOUSTON, TX – According to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, on-road vehicles account for approximately 31 percent of our region’s air emissions and with millions of vehicles on the road, congestion, as in any growing vibrant region, is an expanding challenge. During the month of August, commuters can help improve air quality by being a part of the solution.

The Houston-Galveston Area Council celebrates 25 years of the regional Commute Solutions program; a program encouraging commuters to consider a commuting alternative during the month of August to help reduce congestion and improve air quality.

“Commute Solutions month is a reminder of what everyone should be doing all year; taking steps to help reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality in our region through a number of available commute solutions,” Veronica Baxter-Lamb, program outreach coordinator at the Houston-Galveston Area Council said.

Commuters can pledge to telecommute, ride a bus, bike to work, carpool or vanpool, and walk during Commute Solutions month. Additionally, they can pledge to try other green options such as trip-combining or car maintenance. All those who pledge at findasmarterwaytowork.org will be entered to win prizes.

In addition to recruiting new commuters at employer-sponsored transportation fairs to adopt a solution, Commute Solutions representatives will show its appreciation distributing t-shirts and other promotional items to commuters who are already doing their part at Conroe Park and Ride on Aug. 19 from 5:30-6:30 a.m., METRO’s Texas Medical Center Transit Center Aug. 22 6:30-10 a.m., and METRO’s Kuykendahl Park and Ride Aug. 26 6:30-8:30 a.m.

For more ways to take part in celebrating Commute Solutions month, visit findasmarterwaytowork.org.

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