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TO: REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION
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SUBJECT: DRAFT CRITERIA FOR MAJOR NODES AND DRAFT LIST OF
POTENTIAL MAJOR NODES

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In order to address the identified need for regional transit connectivity in the southeast Texas area, Task 1 of the Updated South East Texas Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (RPTCP) FY 2014 Workplan consists of the development of a Regional Ride Connection Plan for the southeast Texas area. As part of the Regional Ride Connection Plan scope, the SETRPC developed a **set of criteria for use in determining the area's major activity nodes**, as well as a list of potential major activity nodes in southeast Texas.

The Draft Criteria for Major Nodes presents six criteria and their subset determinants that will be used for selecting the potential major activity nodes that will influence the development of the Regional Ride Connection Plan. These criteria were developed and shaped based on prior planning materials, texts published on the internet, and similar planning activities conducted by other agencies.

The Draft List of Potential Major Nodes contains twenty-two locations around the southeast Texas area that have been identified as possible major nodes based on information regarding major employers, concentrations of businesses, and related factors. Each of these potential nodes is being evaluated based on the defined criteria for determining major nodes. The list may not be complete, as the SETRPC will include and evaluate potential nodes suggested by stakeholders. A final list of potential nodes will be determined by the criteria.

Each of these documents will be incorporated into the forthcoming Draft Regional Ride Connection Plan Methodology Report.

Please see the attached draft documents for your review and consideration. If any questions arise, please feel free to contact Bob Dickinson, Director, Transportation and Environmental Resources Division at (409) 899-8444, ext. 7520.

Enclosure

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Criteria For Major Nodes:

1. Location demonstrates high activity based on the following:

- Traffic Counts

- Community Data

- Survey Results Regarding Public Transportation

2. Location fulfills one of the following needs:

- Medical Care

- Community Services

- High Traffic Retail

- Community Activities (i.e. Parks, Libraries, Etc)

- Employment Opportunities

- Educational Opportunities

3. Location demonstrates mixed uses:

- Employment Opportunities

- Educational Opportunities

- Residential Areas

- Faith-Based Institutions

- Community Services

- Community Activities

- Retail

- Food and Recreation

- Medical Care

4. Location has a high-density of individuals at risk of transit-dependency:

- Individuals with Low Income

- Elderly Individuals (Aged 65 and Over)

- Youth (Aged 16 and Under)

- Individuals with a Disability

5. Location supports pedestrians and bicyclists:

- Sidewalks

- Bike Lanes or Wide Shoulders

- Bus Stops

6. Location is a common trip destination based on current transportation services:

- Number of Rides Requested for Demand-Response

- Ridership Levels for Fixed-Route Services

- Data Projections by Local Taxi Providers