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H-GAC Launches CommuteGamePlan.com to Prepare for Summer Traffic *New website gives commuters simple tools to plan ahead during World Cup matches and major events.*

Houston, TX – Houston will host seven FIFA World Cup matches at NRG Stadium this summer. At the same time, tournament Fan Fest events, Houston Astros home games, July 4 celebrations, and ongoing construction projects will continue across the region.

This combination of events is expected to bring more than 500,000 visitors to the Houston-Galveston area between June 14 and July 19. With more people enjoying everything the region has to offer, traffic is anticipated to increase along major corridors including I-610 near NRG Stadium, I-45, and US-59/I-69 through downtown.

To help the region prepare, the [Houston-Galveston Area Council](#) (H-GAC) has launched [CommuteGamePlan.com](#). The free website gives drivers, transit riders, and employers the information they need to plan ahead and avoid delays.

“Our region is known for its hospitality and its passion for sports,” said Ron Papsdorf, chief transportation officer with H-GAC. “As we welcome fans from around the world, we want our residents and businesses to be prepared. [CommuteGamePlan.com](#) helps people make informed travel choices so everyone can enjoy a safe and successful summer.”

What the Website Offers

[CommuteGamePlan.com](#) includes:

- A calendar that highlights high-traffic days.
- Maps showing corridors expected to see heavier congestion.
- Park & Ride, Vanpool, and public transit information.
- Tips for adjusting work schedules or teleworking.
- Planning guidance for busy event days.

Transportation research shows that major sporting events can increase traffic by 20 to 40 percent in nearby areas. When several large events happen at the same time, congestion can grow even more. H-GAC encourages commuters to check the calendar before heading out, allow extra travel time, consider public transit, carpool when possible, or adjust work hours on high-impact days.

“We are proud to welcome the world, but our region does not stop during global events,” Papsdorf

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added. "Our medical center serves patients every day who come from all over the world to access world-class care, and thousands of workers keep our businesses running. When commuters and employers plan ahead, it creates space on the roads for those who depend on reliable travel the most."

Residents and employers are encouraged to visit CommuteGamePlan.com today and lock in their game plan before kickoff.

About H-GAC

The [Houston-Galveston Area Council](https://h-gac.com) (H-GAC) is a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials from the 13-county greater Houston area planning region, which includes an area of 12,500 square miles and nearly eight million people. H-GAC promotes efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars; serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local governments; and helps analyze trends and conditions affecting the region. For more information, visit h-gac.com.

About the Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) works with local, regional, and state agencies to plan, prioritize and invest federal transportation funds in regional projects. Since 1974, the [Houston-Galveston Area Council](https://h-gac.com) and the [Transportation Policy Council](https://tpcouncil.org) have served as the MPO staff and policy board for the eight-county metropolitan transportation planning area, which includes Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller counties. Together they guide regional transportation planning and coordination.

As part of the MPO's work, Commute Solutions supports commuters and employers with programs and resources that reduce congestion and improve travel options across the region. Learn more at yourcommutesolution.org.

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