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**THE HOUSTON TRANSTAR PARTNERSHIP IS DELIVERING
VALUABLE TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS TO THE GREATER
HOUSTON REGION ACCORDING TO
THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE**

“Multi-agency partnership saving citizens time and money and contributing to a cleaner environment”

(Houston, Texas) ----- According to the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI), the transportation management systems being employed and coordinated by the Houston TranStar partnership is delivering real and measurable benefits for the citizens of the greater Houston region.

The Texas Transportation Institute, a member of the Texas A&M University System and the largest transportation research agency in the nation, said in the Houston TranStar Annual Report, “The transportation management systems of Houston TranStar have reduced traffic congestion, travel time, vehicle operation cost, fuel consumption and vehicle exhaust emissions. These benefits provide travel time-savings of 5.9 million hours and a reduction in fuel consumption of 11.0 million gallons. The monetary value associated with these benefits has increased from \$95.5 in 1999 to \$110.9 in 2001”.

Houston TranStar is meeting the traffic and transportation demands of the region by employing a variety of mobility programs and alternatives including adding capacity to our freeway system, HOV lanes, car and van pools, signal timing, promoting public service initiatives, managing construction and maintenance project information, and flow signals at freeway entrance ramps.

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Artee T. Jones, Executive Public Information Officer for Houston TranStar stated, “ The Houston TranStar partnership’s mission has always been to provide the best transportation and emergency management services through the use of our collective resources to maximize safety and mobility to the public. And, our commitment to employing ITS Technology, relieving congestion, responding to incidents and promoting a cleaner environment has never wavered”.

One more mobility alternative the Houston TranStar partnership is and will promote is METRORail. Officially in operation in 2004, METRORail will offer citizens of the region an additional transportation alternative to help improve mobility. METRORail will have the capacity to carry 8,000 people an hour in each direction roughly the equivalent to what a six-lane freeway carries today.

For more information on the Houston TranStar partnership’s transportation management systems, please contact Artee T. Jones, Executive Public Information Officer at 713-881-3244 or visit the web site located at www.houstontranstar.org.