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Public Invited to Community Meeting Regarding Improvement Plans for Allen Parkway

Downtown Redevelopment Authority, City of Houston to host public information session Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015

WHAT: The public is invited to a community meeting to hear plans for improving the flow, functionality, safety and aesthetics of Allen Parkway. The meeting is hosted by Downtown Redevelopment Authority and the City of Houston Department of Public Works and Engineering, the entities which will fund and oversee the proposed improvements.

The presentation will show recommended plans that will improve pedestrian and auto safety, create additional parking for Buffalo Bayou Park and provide better access with protected crosswalks to better serve surrounding neighborhoods and commercial development via improved intersections.

No advance registration required. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking is available in the Neighborhood Resource Center lot.

- WHEN: Thursday, February 5, 6-7 p.m.
- WHERE: Neighborhood Resource Center Auditorium
 815 Crosby Street
 Houston, TX 77019
 (On Crosby between W. Dallas and Allen Parkway access road)
- WHY: Allen Parkway (originally Buffalo Parkway) was built in 1926 as an arterial road west of downtown. While the parkway still serves this critical function today, there is opportunity to more effectively and safely serve the continually-evolving areas to both the north and south. With the imminent completion of the landmark Buffalo Bayou Park (June 2015) and the growing density of neighborhoods adjacent to Allen Parkway, now is the time to re-evaluate its form and function and make changes which provide a safer and more convenient experience for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and bayou-users.