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IMPORTANT TRAVEL SURVEY

Waco and Killeen-Temple residents invited to help

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WACO – The COVID-19 Pandemic has caused major shifts in the way Texans travel. More people are working from home, students are taking classes online, and the use of delivery services has grown.

To better understand the impact of COVID-19 on travel in the Waco and Killeen-Temple areas, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is inviting randomly-selected households to participate in a travel survey. The results of the survey will be used to set transportation priorities for the future.

From now until the end of 2021, residents will be asked to provide information on how, when, where, and why they travel around the region. Participation in this voluntary survey is encouraged so that all types of households are properly represented. The survey does not require any in-person contact and it can be completed via smartphone, computer, verbally over the phone, or on a printed log.

TxDOT conducts household travel surveys in each urban area in the state about every 10 years. The insights gained from this survey will help TxDOT and the Metropolitan Planning Organizations measure the impact of the pandemic, prioritize local transportation projects, improve mobility, and reduce congestion. Survey responses will be used in conjunction with traffic counts and travel data collected from local businesses. The information gathered will be used for research purposes and kept confidential, except as provided by the Public Information Act.

TxDOT has hired ETC Institute to conduct this survey. Residents should feel comfortable taking part in the survey if they are contacted by ETC Institute.

To learn more about this project, please contact Christeen Pusch, TxDOT Travel Survey Program Manager, at Christeen.Pusch@txdot.gov or (512) 486-5120.

For media inquiries, contact Jake Smith, Waco District Public Information Officer, at Jacob.Smith@txdot.gov or (254) 867-2836.

If you are not selected for this survey or do not want to participate, but you would like to share transportation-related suggestions with TxDOT, please visit <http://www.txdot.gov/contact-us/form.html>.

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