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**Texas has not installed enough transmission lines to carry clean energy from West to East Texas.**

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been bugging me to highlight the equally important and more complicated problem of transmission.

I'm not talking about the poles and wires on city streets but the long-range, high-voltage lines on massive towers that some people incorrectly associate with cancer. Transmission carries bulk power from wind projects, nuclear plants, natural gas generators and solar facilities to local transformers that distribute it.

Understanding why transmission is a big deal requires understanding how the ERCOT grid is divided into three markets.

The wholesale electricity market is where generators compete to supply the lowest-priced power, and that's where prices can range from negative numbers up to \$5,000 a megawatt hour. Retail providers, like Reliant or city of San Antonio-owned utility CPS Energy, trade wholesale electricity contracts and sell power to consumers.

The Public Utilities Commission regulates the companies that provide the transmission lines between the generators and consumers. Commissioners decide which transmission lines are built and determine how much the transmission companies, such as CenterPoint and Oncor, can charge consumers for the service.

The media focuses on the average statewide electricity price, but ERCOT charges different prices at 11,000 locations around the state called nodes based on that location's supply and demand. Often, wind and solar generate more power than the transmission lines can carry, which makes electricity cheap in the west while prices spike in cities east of I-35 when demand exceeds local supply.

Low prices in one part of the state are meant to discourage new generation facilities in that area, while high prices are supposed to encourage new power plants nearby. Transmission lines are intended to guarantee electricity can move around the state for reliability.

A new transmission line, therefore, can boost profits for renewable energy generators in one part of the state and hurt fossil fuel generators by increasing the supply where demand is high.

The Gulf Coast Power Association convinced

Bill Barnes, a lobbyist for fossil fuel generator NRG, to wear a beard and stovepipe hat at the Austin conference. He argued that transmission lines hurt competition by discouraging companies from building natural gas power plants near cities.

Like many fossil fuel advocates, he wants to let high prices encourage new natural gas power plants.

Playing Lincoln's rival was Mark Stover, who represents Apex Clean Energy. He argued that wind and solar projects need to go where they can access the cheapest land and generate the most electricity. Transmission lines enable cities to access clean energy that is cheaper than what new natural gas power plants can produce.

Both sides acknowledge that no one knows what technologies may emerge within the five years required to build a new transmission line or during its 70-year operating life.

The Public Utilities Commission and the Texas Legislature plan to overhaul Texas' electricity market, and how much transmission to build remains a dilemma. Will Texas make clean energy from rural areas more reliable and fight climate change? Or will we encourage companies to burn fossil fuels closer to major cities?

The correct answer is a compromise that allows room for new technologies to compete, too.

Executives overseeing billions of dollars in fixed assets, though, made their case to the Gulf Coast Power Association audience for why their method of generation should win out. Attendees heard PUC Commissioner Will McAdams express his support for "dispatchable" electricity, a code word for fossil fuels. New ERCOT CEO Pablo Vegas was listening closely.

A phrase I didn't hear at the conference was climate change. A lot of powerful people remain ready to sacrifice long-term sustainability for short-term profits if the public doesn't stop them, and that is undebatable.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, TX (METRO), will hold a public hearing on **Monday, October 24, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.** to receive public comment on its proposed January 2023 changes to METRO service. The public is invited to attend the hearing and provide comments in person.

The public may also join the hearing and provide comments virtually on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81905935612> or by dialing: **346-248-7799** or **1-888-475-4499** (toll free), meeting ID: 819 0593 5612. Additionally, if you do not want to provide comments during the public hearing, visit [RideMETRO.org/Pages/BoardStreamingVideo.aspx](https://www.metro.org/Pages/BoardStreamingVideo.aspx) to view a livestream of the public hearing. A video recording of the meeting will also be archived on METRO's website at [RideMETRO.org](https://www.metro.org) for review.

The proposed service changes may include: Discontinuation of the 418 Harris County Jury Shuttle; changes to routes 23, 26, 88, and 236 / 237; schedule changes to routes 2, 4, 6, 11, 32, 40, 46, 48, 49, 54, 60, 65, 80, 82, 151, 161; Park & Ride Corridors serving Downtown, and the METRO Rail Red Line; and the proposed bus stop optimization pilot project on Travis and Milam Streets. METRO will continue to make temporary service adjustments in response to changing ridership and workforce availability.

Copies of proposed route maps and available timetables will be available beginning on **Monday, October 17, 2022** for public review online and in the lobby of the METRO RideStore, located in the Lee P. Brown METRO Administration Building at 1900 Main Street, Houston, TX, 77002 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. The public hearing on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. will be held in the 2nd floor Board Room at 1900 Main Street, Houston, TX (served by METRO routes 6, 11, 32, 44, 51, 52, 54, 82, 85, 102, 137, 160, 161, 162, and METRO Rail).

#### HOW TO COMMENT ABOUT THE SERVICE CHANGES

If you would like to make public comments in person or virtually, **please register as a public speaker with the METRO Board Office at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing, by calling 713-739-4834 or sending an email to [BoardOffice@RideMETRO.org](mailto:BoardOffice@RideMETRO.org), and providing your name, address and telephone number.** As explained above, you may attend the public hearing in-person or virtually on October 24, 2022 to provide comments. If you pre-register, your comments will be heard first at the public hearing. Your name will be called at the appropriate time for you to make your comments.

You may also provide comments by:  
• Writing to us at METRO, ATTN: January 2023 Service Change, 1900 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002  
• Faxing comments with a subject line referencing "January 2023 Service Change" to 713-652-7956  
• Calling or texting METRO's Customer Service at 713-635-4000  
• Submitting comments on METRO's website - [RideMETRO.org](https://www.metro.org)

All comments should be submitted to METRO by 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2022.

#### HELP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

For individuals with disabilities, assistive services or copies of public documents in an alternate format can be provided. Individuals with impairments may call **713-750-4271** a minimum of five (5) working days prior to the public hearing.

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#### OTHER

1. This Public Hearing conforms to requirements described in the Federal Transit Administration's Circular 9030.1E, published January 16, 2014, page VI-7.  
2. METRO does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or in treatment or employment in, its services, programs, and activities.  
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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Friendship Education Foundation** Board of Directors will conduct an informational meeting for the public on Thursday, October 13, 2022, from 6:00-7:30 pm, to provide details and information regarding a proposed K-5 tuition-free public open-enrollment charter school named **Friendship Aspire Leadership Academy for Boys and Girls**. The meeting will be held at Space 5, located at 3204 Lyons Avenue, Houston, Texas 77020. Participants will learn more about what our proposed school has to offer the community. The board members of Friendship Education Foundation, the sponsoring entity, are Donald Hense, Kenneth Campbell and Gilbert Delome.

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#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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**IFB No. 4022000182:** Purchase and Delivery of Cummins Sensors and Fuel Pumps for METRO's Transit Vehicles. Solicitation will be available on or about 10/03/2022.

Prospective bidders/proposers can view and download these solicitations by visiting METRO's website at <https://webapps.ridemetro.org/procurement/solicitations.aspx>.

If you are unable to download the documents or are having difficulty, please contact METRO Plan and Bid Room at (713) 652-8632 or email [propertyservices@ridemetro.org](mailto:propertyservices@ridemetro.org)

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**IFB No. 4022000186:** Purchase and Delivery of Traffic Lab Equipment. Solicitation will be available on or about 10/10/2022.

**IFB No. 4023000003:** Universal Accessibility Bus Stop Improvements Construction Project - Zone One (1). Solicitation will be available on or about 10/13/2022.

**IFB No. 4023000004:** Universal Accessibility Bus Stop Improvements Construction Project - Zone Two (2). Solicitation will be available on or about 10/13/2022.

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#### Request for Proposal - Houston-Galveston Area Council - Public Services - Job Order Contracting IDIQ - JC02-23

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) seeks to establish a broad range of "as-needed", indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity Job Order Contract (JOC) construction services from a licensed, experienced contractor(s) in the areas of **minor** construction/rehabilitation/renovation for a variety of HGACBuy member properties as dictated by the specific needs of the HGACBuy member.

To view/download the solicitation documents visit <https://www.h-gac.com/procurement> or [ESBD@txsmartbuy.com](mailto:ESBD@txsmartbuy.com)

**Response Deadline: November 10, 2022 at 12:00 P.M. CST**

#### Request for Proposals RFP #22-06 Utility Allowance Study

Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA) is accepting proposals from qualified consulting firms to conduct a **Utility Allowance Study** for HCHA's Housing Choice Voucher Program. Interested proposer(s) can download the RFP and all amendments from the HCHA website ([www.hchatexas.org](http://www.hchatexas.org)).

Prospective proposer(s) desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation must submit the request in writing no later than **4:00 PM (CST), October 17, 2022**. ATTN: Harris County Housing Authority, Beverly Burroughs at [beverly.burroughs@hchatexas.org](mailto:beverly.burroughs@hchatexas.org). Proposals must be received by HCHA no later than **October 28, 2022 at 4:00 PM (CST)**.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY PROCUREMENT SERVICES, PORT HOUSTON, UNTIL 11:00 A.M., ON OCTOBER 17, 2022, FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES (RFP).**

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#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

Brookstone, L.P., acting as Construction Manager-At-Risk on behalf of Spring Branch Independent School District, will receive proposals from subcontractors and suppliers.

#### PROJECT:

**Woodview Elementary School for Spring Branch Independent School District**  
This project consists of the demolition of the existing Woodview Elementary School and the construction of a new 103,000 square foot elementary school on the existing site. Existing Library building and Gymnasium building to remain and be renovated. Scope of work includes classrooms, offices, outdoor play structure, cafeteria, kitchen, ancillary spaces, site work, parking, playgrounds, and other work as described in the contract documents.

#### OWNER:

Spring Branch Independent School District

#### PROPOSAL TIME & DATE:

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 2:00 PM

#### QUESTIONS:

Written questions should be addressed to Karli Atkinson, [katkinson@brookstone-tx.com](mailto:katkinson@brookstone-tx.com)

#### LOCATION AND PROPOSAL OPENING:

Construction Manager  
Brookstone, L.P.  
3715 Dacoma Street  
Houston, TX 77092  
Phone: 713.425.0751  
Fax: 713.680.0088  
Attention: Karli Atkinson  
Email: [katkinson@brookstone-tx.com](mailto:katkinson@brookstone-tx.com)

Proposal documents are available and may be obtained via Brookstone's SmartBid account or by email request to Marisol Esparza at [mesparza@brookstone-tx.com](mailto:mesparza@brookstone-tx.com).

**A pre-proposal meeting and site visit** are scheduled for October 5, 2022 at 3:30 PM. This meeting and site visit are required for all demolition subcontractors but optional for all other trades. Meet at the main entrance to the school at 9749 Cedarvale Drive, Houston, TX 77055.

The Construction Manager and Owner reserve the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any technicalities in the proposal process.

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**QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS** Memorial Hermann Health System is accepting Requests for Qualifications/Proposals (RFPs) from professional accounting firms for FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program Services. Small, minority-owned and female-owned firms are encouraged to submit proposals. Guidelines for content of the proposals, statement of qualifications and selection criteria may be obtained by e-mailing [DisasterReview@memorialhermann.org](mailto:DisasterReview@memorialhermann.org) with the subject line "RFP PA Grant Services Request". The deadline for electronic submission of the proposal to [DisasterReview@memorialhermann.org](mailto:DisasterReview@memorialhermann.org) is 5:00pm, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022. Late responses will not be accepted.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY PROCUREMENT SERVICES, PORT HOUSTON, UNTIL 11:00 A.M., ON OCTOBER 26, 2022, FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**(CSP-2425) ANNUAL CONCRETE REPLACEMENT AT TURNING BASIN TERMINAL - 2023**

**A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD FOR THIS PROCUREMENT ON OCTOBER 13, 2022 AT 10 A.M. VIA WEBEX. INSTRUCTIONS ARE POSTED ON BUYSPEED. A SITE VISIT WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2022 AT 2 P.M. AT EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING, 111 E. LOOP N., HOUSTON, TX 77029**

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**(RFP-2424) PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION EQUIPMENT FOR CONTAINER YARDS 6 AND 7 AT BARBOURS CUT TERMINAL**

**NO PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD FOR THIS PROCUREMENT.**

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**(RFP-2435) MAINTENANCE TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR BARBOURS CUT AND BAYPORT CONTAINER TERMINALS**

**A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD FOR THIS PROCUREMENT ON OCTOBER 4, 2022 AT 10:00AM VIA WEBEX. INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE UPLOADED ON BUYSPEED LATER.**

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**REQUEST FOR SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY PROCUREMENT SERVICES, PORT HOUSTON, UNTIL 11:00 A.M., ON NOVEMBER 2, 2022, FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**FENCE LINE REPAIRS (CSP-2445)**

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Notice to our patients or patients' legally authorized representatives: Beginning Oct. 17, UTMB will authorize disposal of a patient's paper medical record on or after the 10th anniversary of the patient's last visit or when a patient reaches the age of 21, whichever is later. For questions, contact Release of Information at (409) 772-1965. Office Hours: Mon-Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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#### REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

**2022 Matzke & Metcalf ES Renovations CYPRESS- FAIRBANKS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSAL NO. 21-10-5706R-RFP VLK PROJECT NO. 21-128-00**

The Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District will accept Base Competitive Sealed Proposals until 2:00P.M. and Alternate Competitive Sealed Proposals until 3:00 PM on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at the Cypress/Fairbanks Independent School District 11430 Perry Road, Suite B Houston, Texas 77064 for the 2022 Matzke & Metcalf ES Renovations A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. at the above location. Proposal Evaluation Criteria are published in the "Instructions to Offerors" section of the proposal documents. Plans and specifications will be released Monday, October 10, 2022, and will be available electronically or hard copy from VLK Architects upon request by calling 281.671.2300. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all proposals.

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