

Media Contact:

LaWanda Howse, Special Projects Manager
Office: (832) 601-7879
e-mail: lawanda.howse@hctra.org

December 19, 2008
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Toll Road Authority Opens Northwest (NW) Transit Center Ramps
HOV drivers can now access the Katy Freeway Managed Lanes to and from the
NW Transit Center Ramps**

HOUSTON – The Harris County Toll Road Authority will open the NW Transit Center Ramps beginning Monday, December 22, 2008. High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) will now be able to access the Katy Freeway Managed Lanes to and from the NW Transit Center during normal HOV hours. Current HOV hours are 5 – 11 AM and 2 – 8 PM, Monday thru Friday, both directions (eastbound and westbound).

The NW Transit Center access points to the Katy Freeway Managed Lanes were still under construction when the facility initially opened on October 29th. Only METRO buses were allowed on the NW Transit Center ramps to and from the managed lanes while construction was being completed. Now that construction has been completed HOV drivers will also be able to access the managed lanes to and from the NW Transit Center ramps.

For more information on the operations of the Katy Freeway Managed Lanes go to www.hctra.org/katymanagedlanes.

###