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COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT ANNOUNCES MAJOR PARTNERSHIP WITH MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Judge Seeking Input On Transportation, Health and Environmental Initiatives

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett will host a major summit of Harris County municipal officials early next year to address and resolve some of the county's most difficult issues.

In a speech before the Harris County Mayors' & Councils' Association at the Monument Inn in La Porte last week, Emmett outlined plans for a series of upcoming transportation, health and environmental projects. Emmett told the group he would be seeking the advice and cooperation of mayors and council members from the 31 incorporated cities and towns within Harris County.

"Because of its size, the City of Houston is a highly visible part of Harris County. But I want to be sure the other cities have full input as well," said Emmett. "The incredible growth our region has experienced in recent years has triggered numerous challenges in the environment, health care and transportation. These challenges require a coordinated and comprehensive effort between those of us representing the county and those representing the various municipalities from Katy to Seabrook. I intend to seek a joint solution in meeting these challenges head on."

First on Emmett's agenda is transportation. The judge says he intends to announce the framework of a major transportation initiative sometime next month and then meet with the mayor and council members on details in the following weeks.

"Quite simply, I'm seeking a partnership with the cities in finding solutions to the challenges we face," Emmett said. "My meetings with local officials over the past eight months have made it clear there are many actions we can take to improve our quality of life by working together across all levels of government."