METRO
Supporting Houston’s Regional Evacuation

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Houston Region Evacuation

► The State plan

- The region is responsible for getting the special needs citizens to the centers of embarkation
- The State sends over-the-road coaches to take them to the host cities
- The general evacuation will follow, facilitated by contra-flow
- The State designates evacuation corridors that will have law enforcement, fuel, and comfort stations
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► METRO’s role

- Responsible for the coordination of transportation (special needs) to the centers of embarkation
  - George R. Brown Convention Center
  - Pasadena Convention Center
  - San Jacinto Mall (Stallworth Stadium)

- This effort will include METRO buses, METROlift, Yellow Cab, Super Shuttle, and other private carriers
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► METRO’s Role (Continued)

- Pets will be included in evacuation transportation
  - Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care
  - Use of pet carriers

- METRO has partnered with the Harris County Department of Education to engage the school districts to coordinate and supplement METRO’s efforts in an evacuation
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► METRO and 311
  - METRO personnel assigned to Houston’s 311 center, along with transportation assets
  - The staff uses 211/311 information to dispatch assets

► METRO and Galveston
  - Agreement with Galveston to provide 30 buses to the Island Convention Center for assistance in evacuation of Galveston to Austin
Questions?

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