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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO HOST EL CAMINO REAL DE LOS TEJAS NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL MEETINGS

AUSTIN, Texas --The Texas Historical Commission (THC) will be conducting a series of public meetings in July at several locations across the state to discuss the development of the El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail. The public is invited to attend and learn how they can participate in the organization and development of this national historic trail. El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail is a partnership between the National Parks Service and the THC.

Five meetings will be held at various locations along the trail. The scheduled dates are:

July 5, 2005	Calvert, Texas	2 p.m.
July 6, 2005	San Augustine, Texas	10 a.m.
July 7, 2005	San Antonio, Texas	1 p.m.
(AACOG Board Room, 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 100, San Antonio)		
July 19, 2005	Carrizo Springs, Texas	2 p.m.
July 20, 2005	Laredo, Texas	10 a.m.

Specific meeting site location information is available by contacting 512/463-6092.

El Camino Real de los Tejas, or The Royal Road of historic Texas, is a combination of historic routes totaling more than 2,500 miles from the Rio Grande River near Laredo and into Louisiana. It is a trail through Texas history used for exploration, colonization, trading, ranching and battle. It is not one route, but a road system that served as a corridor during the War of Independence and the Texas Revolution.

"Given Texas has an established and very successful heritage tourism program, these meetings will serve as an opportunity to further develop a partnership between local, state and federal entities to work together towards a common goal," said Texas Historical Commission Executive Director Larry Oaks.

For more information on the El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail, contact Janie Headrick, Texas Historical Commission Heritage Trails Program state coordinator, at 512/463-5754. For additional information on Texas travel events and vacation destinations, visit www.TravelTex.com or for a free Texas State Travel Guide call 1-800-8888-TEX.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.