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## PHOTO RELEASE

## Celebrating the new Mason Park Pedestrian/Bike Bridge Ribbon Cutting along Brays Bayou Greenway



Photo Caption: Community members and elected officials gathered on Saturday, November 10 to celebrate the opening of the 485-foot-long, 16-foot-wide Mason Park Ped/Bike Bridge with Houston Parks Board, Houston Parks and Recreation Department, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Harris County Flood Control District, and Houston-Galveston Area Council.

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On Saturday, community members joined Houston Parks Board, Houston Parks and Recreation Department, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Harris County Flood Control District, Houston-Galveston Area Council, and Council Member Robert Gallegos for a ribbon cutting ceremony

celebrating the completion of the Mason Park Ped/Bike Bridge. The bridge officially opened on September 22, although the community celebration was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The iconic 485-foot-long, 16-foot-wide pedestrian/bike suspension bridge, a pivotal moment for Bayou Greenways 2020, provides a new, safe crossing over Brays Bayou and has already been used widely by many in the community.

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A nonprofit 501(c)(3) dedicated to providing access to quality parks and greenspace for all people, **Houston Parks Board** creates, improves, protects and advocates for parks for everyone. Since 1976, the organization has utilized public-private partnerships and its extensive philanthropic, government and community relationships to improve parks large and small. Houston Parks Board is currently leading the transformational \$220 million Bayou Greenways 2020 project to complete a city-wide vision of a 150-mile network of connected parks and trails along Houston's major waterways. For more information, visit www.houstonparksboard.org.

The **Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.)** stewards and manages over 37,851 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit <a href="https://www.houstonparks.org">www.houstonparks.org</a>.