



**Robert Eckels**  
County Judge

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# PRESS ADVISORY

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## **Last Sweep of Houston Freeways Ends Evacuation** *Metro & Law Enforcement Agencies Call it a Day, Go Home*

(Houston, TX) – Multi-agency law enforcement officers teamed up with Metro buses yesterday and today to deliver gasoline and water to stranded motorists. They traveled Houston freeways and areas as far north as Corrigan, Texas to bring stranded motorists back home or get them further away from coastal communities.

With its mission complete, Metro has retired its bus fleet until further notice.

“The time to evacuate is over. If you’re still in Houston, it’s time to go home, hold down the fort and keep you and your family safe,” says Harris County Judge Robert Eckels.

Area residents are highly encouraged to shelter in place and to monitor the progress of Hurricane Rita before leaving their home.

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