

TAC - August 17, 2022 – Public Comments

**Public Comment 1:
Super Neighborhood 22 (Cottage Grove Civic
Association)**

Houston-Galveston Area Council
Transportation Policy Council and Transportation Advisory Committee

Re: 2045 Regional Transportation Plan

Dear H-GAC- Planning and Projects Committees,

Thank you for engaging Cottage Grove and the rest of Super Neighborhood 22 in the recent RTP Survey and public information sessions. Residents gained a better understanding of HGAC's vision and we look forward to more sessions as the plan is further developed.

Super Neighborhood 22 (SN22) held a general meeting where two of the proposed 2045 RTP projects were discussed. These were the Inner Katy Managed Lanes and I-10 Main Lane Raising Projects. Cottage Grove and other SN22 associated neighborhoods occupy a large percentage of the Inner loop I-10 West corridor. Our neighborhoods pre-date I-10 and as a result there are many homes on the edge of the freeway.

During the meeting several neighborhoods affected by these projects expressed concern about the impact this would have to their residents. I-10 in its current form, presents serious noise and pollution hazards, as well as a barrier between communities. Attempts to expand I-10 by either raising or increasing the number of lanes exacerbates these risks and damages the neighborhoods around them.

These projects shock our communities in the form of road-noise, traffic pollution and unknown environmental impact. As a result, Super Neighborhood 22 issued an opposition letter.

We stand with Super Neighborhood 22 and its member neighborhoods. We strongly oppose efforts by TxDOT to expand I-10 and do not support these two projects.

We understand these I-10 expansion projects are based upon long term traffic data projections. We challenge HGAC to revisit these assumptions given the planned BRT, TXDOTs reconfiguration of I-45 and the long-term traffic reductions due to the growth of remote work.

We encourage HGAC's goals of multi-modal solutions that improve safety, accessibility and conserve cultural resources. We recommend H-GAC reconsider their support of these projects and review alternatives that will be more in line with the stated goals of the 2045 RTP.

We look forward to providing more input
in the future. Regards,

Cottage Grove Civic

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Public Comment 2:

Linda Gonzales

Property Owner in Magnolia, TX

Good Morning,

Due to the very late notification of the meeting, we were not able to attend, but would like to provide the following comment, as property owners in Grand Oaks, Magnolia, TX, for over 4 years.

A traffic light in front of the development is definitely needed. Additionally, the speed limit (westbound) should be reduced to 40mph prior to reaching our development, not after. There are a lot of children in this development. The addition of Audubon will increase thru traffic, whose only concern will be to get home or work most expeditiously.

As far as traffic congestion, it is due to OVERdevelopment. This area is being OVERdeveloped. The price of this OVERdevelopment should be shouldered by the developers. Isn't the affect on traffic reviewed when these developers submit their proposals?? Anyone placing new businesses along Nichols-Sawmill should be required to install sidewalks. It is from Grand Oaks west where additional static traffic will be seen, as people utilize the park and access the schools.

Whose idea was it to place a 200-unit apartment complex in such a small area? Who did the review on that proposal?? And allowing a liquor store to be placed near schools? Who approved of that?? We are taxed here without representation! Our children shouldn't be subjected to seeing a liquor store near their schools! Is someone trying to breed delinquency?

To whom much has been given, much will be required, and I believe that would apply to authority and responsibility.

Chose wisely. I don't believe our good Lord is very happy our current decisions. If you don't believe me, remember 2020.

Thank you,
Linda Gonzales