



Resolution

NO. 2021-11

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP) was initiated to update the I-45 North Corridor from Beltway 8 North to and around Downtown Houston and enhance safety and travel for residents, businesses, and visitors to the Houston-Galveston region.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council has continuously included the North Houston Highway Improvement Project in the Regional Transportation Plan since 2005 as a project of regional significance and an important element of the region's transportation future.

WHEREAS, multiple public engagement activities conducted by TxDOT and by the City of Houston, Harris County, and other stakeholders during the environmental review process have generated substantial public comment, robust discussion at the Transportation Policy Council, and resulted in a series of community and local government proposed refinements to the project.

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation issued a Record of Decision (ROD) on February 1, 2021 identifying the Preferred Alternative for the North Houston Highway Improvement Project.

WHEREAS, in the Record of Decision announcement, the Texas Department of Transportation committed to mitigate and offset adverse impacts of the project as part of its further planning and development, and has subsequently reinforced that commitment in other settings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL that the Transportation Policy Council supports continued development and refinement of the North Houston Highway Improvement Project and the Texas Department of Transportation's commitment to refine the project to minimize and mitigate adverse community impacts from the project as it moves towards eventual construction and completion.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Transportation Policy Council commits the Metropolitan Planning Organization to help facilitate and support a cooperative approach between the Texas Department of Transportation and local agencies during the next steps of planning and design of the North Houston Highway Improvement Project, and with any other efforts to collaborate on project design that can address stakeholder and community concerns and environmental impacts.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of March 2021, by the Transportation Policy Council.

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