Count from Spring 2016 Temporary Counter at White Oak Trail 266 to 826 user/day in 2015

Counter A

MKT Trail at 7th Street/Moy Street (White Oak Bayou Crossing)

Location Information		
Location Name	MKT Trail at 7th Street/Moy Street (White Oak Bayou Crossing)	
Location Description	MKT Trail at 7th Street/Moy Street (White Oak Bayou Crossing)	
Jurisdiction	City of Houston	
Agency Deployed	City of Houston: Parks & Recreation Department	
GPS Coordinates	29°46'59.96"N, 95°24'48.94"W	
Surrounding Land Uses	North	Single-Family Residential, Multi-Family Residential
	South	Industrial
	East	Industrial
	West	Industrial, Single-Family Residential, Multi-Family Residential
What object was device secured to?	Bridge Railing (Near Western End of Bridge)	
Sidewalk Width	14'	
Buffer Width	N/A (Off-Road Shared-Use Path)	
Street Width	N/A (Off-Road Shared-Use Path)	
Parallel Parking	N/A (Off-Road Shared-Use Path)	
Landscaping or Trees	Yes (Mostly Open with Newly-Planted Trees)	
Sidewalk Pavement Type	Concrete	
ADA Ramps	Yes	
Sidewalk Condition	Excellent	
Speed Limit	N/A (Off-Road Shared-Use Path)	
Street Lighting	None	
Street Traffic Volume	N/A (Off-Road Shared-Use Path)	
Transit	No	
Shade	No (Mostly Open with Newly-Planted Trees)	
Have counts been collected by H-GAC at this location before?	Yes (March 31, 2015 - April 22, 2015; August 28, 2015 - September 15, 2015)	
Notes	Construction was underway to extend the White Oak Trail east, closing an existing gap. Construction crews were working under the bridge that carries the MKT Trail over White Oak Bayou, where Counter A was deployed.	

Trends

- Usage tends to be much higher during weekends than on weekdays.
- On weekdays, usage is highest in the evening (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.).
- During weekends, usage is highest in the morning (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) and gradually decreases as the day progresses.
- Between April 2015 (when pedestrian/bicycle counts were first collected at this location) and March 2016, average daily usage increased 211% (266 users/day to 826 users/day).
- Rain seems to impact usage. The wettest day (Wednesday, March 9: 1.44" of rain) had the least usage (116 users).

CRIS Data

- Incapacitating Injury of Cyclists 2016 @ W 13th Street- Heights Blvd
- Incapacitating Injury of Pedestrian 2017 @ W 15th Street - Heights Blvd
- Incapacitating Injury of Cyclists 2016 @ W 6th Street - Yale St
- Incapacitating Injury of Pedestrian 2017 @ W 10th St - Yale St

Hot Spot - 2013 Washington Livable Centers Study

Hot spot at Heights Blvd, the bike lane is the only existing north-south facility.

Yale Street

EXISTING CONDITIONS:		FUTURE CONDITIONS:	
Existing Lanes	4	MTFP Designation	T-4-70
Existing Counts Range	12,000-16,000	Future Volume Range	17,000-31,000
Right-of-way	70’	Proposed MMC	Urban Avenue
Median/CTL/Undivided	Undivided	Median/CTL/Undivided	Undivided

Priority Elements

Existing Condition

Yale Street is a 4-lane undivided Major Thoroughfare with 70’ right-of-way connecting IH 610 to IH 10. Sidewalks flank both sides of the corridor, and serve a mix of residential and commercial/retail developments. The intersection of W 20th Street and Yale Street is home to a large commercial and retail node.

Identified Needs

The public perceives signal timing as the major cause of congestion along the corridor. As a regional vehicular connector, signals are dispersed along the corridor to encourage to encourage traffic movement. As such, the provided spacing is not intended to accommodate multiple, close-knit pedestrian crossing points across the corridor. Public comment indicate a desire for pedestrian beacons along some portions of the corridor as well as safer crosswalks at existing signalized intersections. Stakeholders asked for an increase in signage to encourage people to commute downtown by bike.

Future Vision

Future volumes along Yale Street range between 17,000-31,000 vehicles. These higher volume demands indicate the need to maintain the current Major Thoroughfare classification. The multi-modal classification for Yale Street is recommended as an Urban Avenue. Priorities for this corridor will focus on enhancing the pedestrian realm; due to projected traffic volumes and associated speed of vehicular traffic, a bicycle facility is not recommended, and instead is encouraged on Heights Boulevard. However, connection of the bicycle network across IH 610 is recognized as a noted barrier, and further analysis is encouraged to determine the proper solution to this provided gap within the bicycle network A local bus facility is recommended for increased access across IH 610 north of 19th Street.

Possible Option(s):

* Recommended Local Bus Facility

Yale St has no bike lane planes in its redevelopment.

MKT – White Oak Bayou

Applicable to Alternative A & B

Dog bag dispenser near MKT/Heights entrance.

Looking west from MKT/Heights entrance. North bank of detention pond (pond to left).

Applicable to Alternative A & B

Going south from MKT/Heights entrance.
Detention pond to right (west).

Going south from MKT/Heights entrance.
Detention pond to right (west).

Looking west toward Yale from Heights bridge on north bank of White Oak Bayou.

Applicable to Alternative B

Looking south at I-10 feeder road & mainlanes from northeast bank of White Oak Bayou.

Applicable to Alternative B

Looking northeast behind nursery toward homeless camp.

Applicable to Alternative B

Looking east from White Oak Bayou up HCFCD feeder ditch. Outfall from detention pond.

Applicable to Alternative B

Applicable to Alternative B

Looking East on I-10 Feeder Road Westbound, from Yale St

Applicable to Alternative B

Looking Southwest at corner of I-10 and Yale St.

Looking North on existing sidepath on Yale St. bridge Applicable to Alternative B

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. MIKE ALFORD: Good evening. My name is Mike Alford, Houston District Engineer for the TxDOT Houston District.

Texas Department of Transportation welcomes you to this public hearing at Reagan High School for the IH 10 at White Oak Bayou Detention Basins Project.

The purpose of -- the proposed project scope is to construct detention basins along the White Oak Bayou watershed near IH 10 in conjunction with the IH 10 roadway improvements. Today's date is February 18th, 2010; and the time is 7:02 p.m.

At this time, please turn off or silence any personal electronic devices for the remainder of the hearing.

The purpose of this hearing is to present the recommended alternatives for the project and to receive public comment.

This public hearing is being recorded by a certified court reporter for the formal record.

You may have noticed sign-in tables as you walked in. If you have not already done so, please sign in before you leave tonight. The sign-in sheets allow us to record tonight's participation.

The public comment session will begin following -- following the presentation. We will not answer questions during the presentation or public comment session, but we will be available to answer your questions following the comment period.

Please feel free to view the exhibits on display tonight. They will also be available for viewing after the public comment session.

At this time I would like to recognize the elected officials that are in attendance: Carlos Doroteo for Council Member Ed Gonzalez; Council Member Ed Gonzalez, District 8; Javier Riera, representative of -- representative of Senator Gallegos' office; Ariana Campos with Representative Farrar's office; Sandra -- I think it's Puente, with Council Member Bradford's office; Council Member Stephen Costello, At-Large Position 1; State Representative Jessica Farrar, Texas House District 148; Ruben Vela with the Mayor's office; Michael Halpin for Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee's office and Richard Zientek with Judge Ed Emmett's office; and Shaun Light with Council Member Melissa Noriega's office.

If there are any other elected officials present tonight, please raise your hand and be recognized.

Okay. Thank you for attending.

Early coordination letters were sent to resource agencies, businesses, private property owners and homeowners to solicit opinions and comments regarding the proposed improvements.

Public meetings were held to further receive your input on this project on November 29th, 2005, and June 8th, 2006. All comments received during the public involvement process were taken into consideration in the development of the recommended alternatives.

The appropriate environmental studies have been completed and the project has received approval from the Federal Highway Administration to go to the next step of the project development, which is a public hearing.

A notice affording the opportunity for a public hearing was published in the newspaper and mailed to residents within the project area. Requests for a public hearing were received; therefore, this public hearing was scheduled.

Notice of this public hearing was advertised in English and Spanish in the *Houston Chronicle*, *La Voz* and *The Heights Leader*.

The project schematic design and the environmental assessment are available for review at the

TxDOT-Houston District office located at 7600 Washington Avenue in Houston, Texas.

Participating with me in tonight's presentation is Ms. Casey Hall of PBS&J. She will be presenting the project description, design and environmental studies that have been conducted for the proposed project.

And now I would like to have Casey Hall present the project information and design.

MS. CASEY HALL: Thank you, Mr. Alford.

Good evening. My name is Casey Hall, and I will first present the project information and design.

The general project location is shown on this map. The recommended alternatives for the detention basins are shown in green and are located along this approximate 0.6-mile section of White Oak Bayou from Shepherd Drive to Yale Street.

IH 10 from Washington Avenue to White Oak Bayou is currently located within the 100-year floodplain.

During a heavy rainfall event, White Oak Bayou rises and inundates the IH 10 westbound exit ramp just east of Patterson and then overflows into the IH 10 depressed main lanes. This makes the freeway impassable and restricts access to neighborhoods and businesses.

The map on this slide points to where the overflow stormwater currently enters IH 10. The 100-year floodplain is shown in blue, and you can see the portion of IH 10 currently in the floodplain.

The photos on this slide were taken during Tropical Storm Allison. These photos illustrate how IH 10 can become inundated with overflow of floodwater from White Oak Bayou.

The proposed project is needed for a number of reasons, which I will briefly explain. Part of the IH 10 frontage roads project will extend the westbound exit ramp east of Patterson Street across White Oak Bayou.

One purpose for this is to block White Oak Bayou overflows from flooding the main lanes of IH 10. This will improve mobility and safety. However, this results in a loss of floodplain storage in the IH 10 area from White Oak Bayou to Washington Avenue.

The proposed project is needed to mitigate for the loss of floodplain resulting from the frontage road project.

The purpose of this proposed project is to address the needs summarized on the previous slide. The purpose of the proposed project is to create additional floodplain storage by constructing detention

basins. A minimum of 420 acre-feet of capacity is needed for floodplain mitigation.

I will now describe some of the design elements of the proposed project. The proposed detention basins would include the construction of two recommended detention basins. The combined size at these sites will provide more than needed detention capacity.

The detention basins are designed to contain floodwater for a limited period of time. Instead of floodwater from White Oak Bayou -- excuse me.

Instead of floodwater flowing from White Oak Bayou to IH 10, the overflow would be stored in the detention basins and then slowly outfall back into White Oak Bayou.

New right-of-way would be required for the construction of the detention basins. TxDOT is currently in discussion with local officials concerning the design details of the detention basins.

Additionally, the proposed project would remove a portion of the railroad bridge which crosses White Oak Bayou, upstream from Yale Street. This section of the railroad bridge has been abandoned and is no longer in use.

The photo in this slide shows the portion of the railroad bridge which would be removed.

Since completion of the environmental document and preparation of this public hearing, 12 new townhomes were constructed within a portion of one of the basins, which was previously vacant land. To avoid additional displacements and impacts from the proposed project, the detention basin design was modified to avoid these townhomes.

Based on these design modifications, now approximately 28 acres of additional right-of-way would be required. There would be 11 residential displacements and 2 commercial displacements, which includes one salvage yard and a warehouse facility.

There are representatives here this evening at the right-of-way table that can assist you with information on the TxDOT process that will be followed for right-of-way acquisition. Brochures are also available to answer any questions you may have.

Based on the design presented tonight, the estimated construction cost is approximately $9 million.

Pending FHWA approval of this project, the approximate start date of construction is fall of 2010.

This concludes the project information and design portion of the presentation.

Now I will discuss the environmental studies that have been conducted for the proposed project. An Environmental Assessment has been prepared and received preliminary approval for further processing from the Federal Highway Administration, enabling us to hold this public hearing.

We have copies of the document here this evening at the Environmental Studies table that you can view. You may also either order a hard copy or a CD of the document from TxDOT for the cost of reproduction.

An alternative analysis was conducted for this proposed project. Alternatives considered included the no-build alternative, which does not involve the construction of the detention basins. The no-build alternative would not mitigate for the loss of floodplain storage, causing adverse impacts to White Oak Bayou and the surrounding area.

Thirteen alternative sites, or combinations thereof, were initially evaluated as potential detention basin locations, as shown on the map.

The potential effects from each alternative were evaluated based on the following environmental constraints: the number of displacements, wetland impacts, floodplain impacts, threatened or endangered species habitat, hydric soils, hazardous

1 material sites, social and economic impacts, and cultural
2 resources impacts.
3 Based on review of the alternative
4 analysis, seven sites were eliminated due to
5 environmental and/or social concern. Six sites were
6 selected as the recommended alternatives and a
7 combination of these sites create two detention basins.
8 These basins provide the required
9 capacity while having a lower impact on the human and
10 natural environment compared to the other alternatives.
11 For these reasons and in consideration of the design and
12 safety constraints, these two basins are presented this
13 evening as the recommended alternatives.
14 I will summarize the impact analysis that
15 was completed as part of the Environmental Assessment.
16 One 0.08-acre of wetland is located within the project
17 area that is subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water
18 Act. Therefore, a permit from the Corps of Engineers is
19 required.
20 Four hazardous material sites were
21 identified within the project area where potential for
22 encountering hazardous materials and/or contamination
23 exists. Appropriate environmental remediation would be
24 completed where required.
25 Forty percent of the Build Alternative is

1 already developed. The remaining 60 percent contains
2 grassland, scrub-shrub vegetation, woody vegetation, and
3 cleared areas. A total of approximately 22 acres of
4 vegetation would be impacted by the proposed project.
5 Landscaping would be included as part of
6 the proposed project and will include reseeding and
7 replanting the right-of-way with native species of
8 grasses, shrubs, or trees where applicable.
9 A number of other resources and issues
10 were studied during the environmental investigations, as
11 outlined on this slide. Results of these studies
12 determined impacts to these resources are expected to be
13 minimal.
14 So what's next in the environmental
15 process? TxDOT will prepare a Public Hearing Summary
16 report to address the oral and written comments received
17 at tonight's hearing and within the public comment
18 period.
19 This report will be submitted to the
20 Federal Highway Administration for review, as well as any
21 changes as a result of tonight's hearing. Changes to the
22 environmental document due to design modification will
23 also be completed at this time.
24 Following Federal Highway
25 Administration's approval, the Public Hearing Summary

1 report is available upon request. You may send your
2 request to the address on the agenda and comment form.
3 The report will be available in late spring/early summer
4 2010 and may also be viewed on TxDOT's web page.
5 Following Federal Highway
6 Administration's final review, a Finding of No
7 Significant Impact will be requested.
8 Thank you for your attention.
9 I'll now turn it back over to Mr. Alford.
10 MR. MIKE ALFORD: Thank you, Casey.
11 Now we will begin the formal public
12 comment session. Only registered speakers will be called
13 upon. Please raise your hand if you would like to speak
14 for the record tonight and have not completed a
15 registration card. Our staff has cards for you to fill
16 out.
17 We will collect any additional speaker
18 registration cards after we hear from our elected
19 officials who are present tonight and wish to make a
20 public comment.
21 Okay. First, Council Member Ed Gonzalez.
22 COUNCIL MEMBER ED GONZALEZ: Good
23 evening. My name is Council Member Ed Gonzalez; and I
24 represent District H, which covers the location where the
25 detention basins would be placed.

And I just want to make sure that TxDOT communicates with the community and updates them and provides an avenue to where they can voice their concerns beyond just this meeting, perhaps, if we need additional, you know, follow-up meetings and be willing to host them.

And also, if we could make sure that we're trying to include within the detention basins different features that, perhaps, the community could use as well, that, you know, maybe some trails or at least create the basins to where these features could be added at some point at least to where the City could perhaps participate at some point. So I just want to comment, listen to the comments and hopefully be able to follow up after that. Thank you.

MR. MIKE ALFORD: Thank you.

And at the beginning I failed to recognize Representative Bohac also present.

The next speaker will be Representative Ferrar.

REPRESENTATIVE JESSICA FERRAR: Thank you so much for allowing me this opportunity.

Really I want to enter into the record what resulted from our meeting or what was discussed at our meeting with you last Friday -- well, with Jim Koch and Pat Henry and I appreciate the opportunity that they

gave us to present an idea to them; and it was a meeting with Kevin Shanley from the White Oak Bayou Association.

So I don't know if he's going to be presenting it or not, but I wanted to make sure it gets into the record. And the request that we made was that in the design work of these projects that the -- especially the earthwork that's done, it be left in a condition to where a future project, whether it's a public or a private entity, could come back and make a -- different ideas have been discussed: Dog parks, trails, connections to bike trails that are already planned and so on.

But basically the idea is that the costs to the state agency in terms of earthwork is minimal to the needs of a future park; but if a group comes in subsequently to build that park, the cost for earthwork would be substantial. So we're just asking if you would, so to speak, leave the beds ready; and we'll come back and plant the flowers later.

So that is my request, is that the agency work with the groups that are interested and it's -- Council Member Gonzalez has asked the Houston Parks Department be involved. It's questionable at this moment whether there's funds to do so, but there are private groups that are interested as well. But the interest is

there and that's what I would like to express is that if you could help these groups in your -- and the work that is being done in the near future to the work that these groups can do later on in terms of making these spaces, expanding the green space that we know that we're in such need of in the Houston area.

So that's what I would like to contribute, and I look forward to working with you more on this. Thank you.

MR. MIKE ALFORD: Thank you.

Michael Halpin for Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee.

MR. MICHAEL HALPIN: Thank you. Michael Halpin with the office of Congresswoman Jackson Lee, who asked me to bring a letter tonight that I'll leave with you, and I'll just read a portion of it.

"I joined some very concerned neighbors this past weekend on the banks of White Oak Bayou. I was impressed by the cohesiveness of the neighbors and of the massive greenbelt of which our bayous are part. However, I was disappointed at the disregard of the greenbelt and lack of development.

"Let us agree on one thing tonight. We will all work together to make White Oak Bayou and the detention ponds into park space and complimentary hike

1 and bike trails. Let's work together to connect our
2 bikeways and make them better.
3 "I strongly support recommendations by
4 White Oak Bayou Association and Greater Heights Super
5 Neighborhood Council encouraging TxDOT to include
6 provisions for park features to be added in the areas
7 identified as detention ponds for mitigation on the I-10
8 frontage road project.
9 "The cost to acquire the land alone will
10 provide multiple benefits to surrounding communities by
11 TxDOT working with the Flood Control District and the
12 City of Houston. We encourage a collaborative effort for
13 the inclusion of the park option. We want to encourage,
14 wherever possible, the pursuit of shared goals and
15 effective communication between the different
16 representative bodies. We look forward to working with
17 TxDOT to deliver this valuable benefit to the community.
18 "Thank you for your consideration.
19 Sincerely, Sheila Jackson Lee, member of Congress."
20 MR. MIKE ALFORD: Thank you.
21 Any other public official?
22 Our staff will now collect the speaker
23 registration cards. Anybody else have any more cards?
24 The purpose of this comment session is to
25 receive your comments on issues relevant to the project.

1 Both written and oral comments will be considered
2 equally.
3 If you would like to comment, but do not
4 wish to do a comment orally or if you would like to
5 comment in more detail, you may submit a written comment.
6 Written comments must be postmarked by March 4th, 2010.
7 Comment forms are available at the sign-in table and may
8 be turned in tonight, or e-mailed, or mailed to the
9 address on the slide.
10 The names of speakers will be called in
11 the order that they were received. When your name is
12 called, please come to the microphone. Use the
13 microphone in the front of the room and please face our
14 court reporter, so that she can make an accurate record
15 of your comments. Please state your name for the record
16 and whom you may be representing.
17 A timed display on this screen will
18 indicate the start of each speaker's three minutes. The
19 timer will count down your remaining time. When the
20 clock is at zero, your speaking time is over. Once the
21 three-minute period is over, we ask that you allow the
22 next speaker to present their comment.
23 The comment session will adjourn after
24 all who have registered to make an oral comment have been
25 given an opportunity to speak. We will not respond to

1 questions at this time. TxDOT representatives and
2 members of the consultant team will be available to
3 answer all questions following the comment session.
4 Okay. Representative Bohac would like to
5 speak, so --
6 REPRESENTATIVE DWAYNE BOHAC: Good
7 evening. My name is Representative Bohac, and I
8 represent Houston and West Houston in the Texas
9 legislature. I've also been a member of the White Oak
10 Bayou Association for more years than I can count. I
11 know they talked with you-all last week, and there's some
12 plans that they put on the table.
13 I just wanted to let you-all know that I
14 strongly support their plans. I would like for you-all
15 to take them very seriously and look at those plans and
16 adopting them on a go-forward basis.
17 So, thank you.
18 MR. MIKE ALFORD: Thank you.
19 Okay. Speaker Number 1, Jonathan
20 Smulian.
21 MR. JONATHAN SMULIAN: I would like to
22 pass.
23 MR. MIKE ALFORD: Anne Culotta.
24 (Ms. Culotta walks up the stairs to the
25 podium on stage instead of the microphone in front of the

stage.)

MS. CASEY HALL: Sorry. There's one right here you can use.

MS. ANNE CULOTTA: Oh, I'm sorry. So I talk this way?

MS. CASEY HALL: Sure.

MS. ANNE CULOTTA: Oh, okay.

Let me introduce myself. I'm the president of the Houston Heights Association, the neighborhood association; and I would simply like to read the Houston Heights Association's position statement.

MR. MIKE ALFORD: Can you state your name?

MS. ANNE CULOTTA: My name is Anne Culotta.

MR. MIKE ALFORD: Thank you.

MS. ANNE CULOTTA: Because of this mission to preserve and enhance the quality of life in the Heights, the Houston Heights Association is opposed in principle to road construction or other infrastructure projects that could generate increased congestion or risk of flooding in our historic neighborhood.

In the case of the proposed TxDOT project to construct access ramps at Yale Street to and from Interstate 10, based on information brought before us, we

consider that the project may, one, lead to a significant increase in traffic volumes for through traffic between the 610 Loop and Interstate 10 that does not have its origin or destination within the Heights, resulting in an increase in traffic congestion in our historic neighborhood and, two, as currently planned, we consider that the project may pose a risk of increased flooding in our historic neighborhood and, three, the Houston Heights Association specifically requests that TxDOT apply its new policy of context sensitive design for this project and coordinate with the City of Houston, the Harris County Flood Control District and the community. And the Houston Heights Association requests that all floodwater detention and mitigation issues be addressed and implemented concurrently with road construction.

The Houston Heights Association welcomes the opportunity to work with TxDOT and our elected officials to address these issues. However, without further study and any necessary actions to alleviate these community concerns, the Heights Association is opposed to the current execution of the project.

Thank you.

MR. MIKE ALFORD: Tom Dornbusch.

MR. TOM DORNBUSCH: My name is Tom Dornbusch. I live four blocks from Interstate 10, so I'm

1 aware of the flooding issues there. I am the
2 vice-president of Super Neighborhood 22, Washington
3 Avenue/Memorial Park Super Neighborhood, which I-10 moves
4 through.
5 And as much as I feel compelled to use my
6 time to address concerns over TxDOT's lack of community
7 involvement with regard to the IH 10 frontage lanes
8 project that necessitates these detention ponds; given
9 the seven-year lag between the only public hearing, which
10 was held outside the area of immediate impact; the
11 hundreds, possibly thousands, of new residents new to the
12 impact area since that hearing who have had no
13 opportunity to comment on that project; TxDOT's recent
14 severe reprimanding from its Sunset Review Commission for
15 lack of transparency and the disingenuousness of agreeing
16 to a formal meeting about the project, then announcing at
17 that meeting the letting of construction contracts
18 earlier in the same day, after having, a few weeks
19 earlier -- after having, a few weeks earlier, touted the
20 adoption of and commitment to context sensitive
21 solutions -- well, I don't need to address that.
22 Instead, I'll thank you for scheduling
23 this additional hearing for the detention facilities
24 project and I urge you to exercise that stated commitment
25 to context sensitive solutions by taking the steps

1 necessary to assure residents of the area, who are
2 concerned about these projects' impact on their property,
3 that this detention will be provided concurrently with
4 the roadway construction so that there will be no
5 opportunity for neighborhood flooding resulting from that
6 construction before detention is provided and that you
7 will act on the suggestions presented and assist with
8 making these facilities multipurpose community assets
9 rather than fenced off pits.
10 MR. MIKE ALFORD: Jim Mackey.
11 MR. JIM MACKEY: Good evening. I'm Jim
12 Mackey, vice-president of the White Oak Bayou
13 Association; and our organization goes by the acronym
14 WOBA. We join with the other community groups in the
15 Heights area on the following points: We believe that
16 the detention ponds should be designed and built in such
17 a way to support the future development of the site's
18 parks, complete with wet bottoms, native plants and
19 trails.
20 Additionally, we urge TxDOT to secure
21 funding and proceed quickly with the acquisition of the
22 detention pond sites. On this point we fully support
23 TxDOT's efforts and offer to advocate for funding.
24 It's somewhat of a disappointment this
25 evening that in the formal presentation we didn't hear

more about the proposed funding of the acquisition of the detention sites.

Additionally, we strongly request, as did some of the other speakers already, that all the detention and mitigation measures be constructed concurrently, if not before the feeder road construction, that will impact White Oak Bayou and the drainage of the below-grade section of I-10.

Our organization took the time to review TxDOT's drainage study, the detention pond renditions and the road plans; and we have several questions in that regard.

We still would like to meet with TxDOT and discuss the detention pond capacities. We feel there is a little bit of discrepancy between our numbers and TxDOT's, that we may be able to resolve that; but we would like to meet on that matter.

While technically sound and the drainage study used what are considered best practices, we're somewhat troubled in the study in that TxDOT didn't run any simulations that showed the bridges, the feeder road bridges at different levels. We would have liked to have seen a simulation run with the ponds -- or with the bridges, excuse me, raised to see if any additional mitigation may be required. We think that we would

1 encourage TxDOT to undertake that study.
2 And finally, some concern -- as time is
3 running out here -- we're very concerned about the
4 flooding and drainage situation of Yale at I-10 because
5 the bridges at that location are a problem.
6 Thank you.
7 MR. MIKE ALFORD: Becky Lindow.
8 MS. PEGGY LINDOW: No comment. There
9 will be a question period later, a public question
10 period?
11 MR. MIKE ALFORD: It will be done with
12 the staff after this.
13 MS. PEGGY LINDOW: That's a
14 disappointment.
15 MR. MIKE ALFORD: Ken Culotta.
16 MR. KEN CULOTTA: Thank you. I'm Ken
17 Culotta. I'm a resident of the Heights for over 20
18 years. I want to express my appreciation, first, to
19 TxDOT. You-all have fielded a lot of citizens' concerns,
20 sometimes very passionately expressed and often, I think,
21 outside of your authority to really change things and put
22 in motion. For that reason my comments are really
23 directed to the elected officials present tonight as much
24 as they are to TxDOT.
25 We have been told that this is a meeting

about detention ponds and flood control and indeed to the extent that we are only talking about flood control, and we're talking about flood control for this neighborhood, I am sure that compromises can be arrived at. And, in fact, I'm grateful for some of the positive suggestions that have already been made tonight.

But integral to the flood control project is a roadway project, that based on information that I and others have reviewed, could make the detention ponds less effective and, perhaps, from the neighborhood perspective, ineffective or worse in controlling of floods in our neighborhood, not to mention other issues to which this roadway work may give rise to in the neighborhood, which I won't go into here tonight because that is not the subject of this meeting.

But again, for our elected officials present, I want to make it clear that those are our concerns, and we would like to continue to take this up with them. So for the record, for the neighborhood I ask that our elected officials review the project in its entirety carefully in cooperation with the Houston Heights Association and the White Oak Bayou Association to ensure that it improves the neighborhood and not just the freeway.

Thank you.

MR. MIKE ALFORD: Mark Williamson.

MR. MARK WILLIAMSON: I'm not as tall as Ken. My name is Mark Williamson. I'm the president of the Greater Heights Super Neighborhood Council, and I would like to read a letter that we approved and mailed to you. And I will provide a hard copy also to you and various elected officials.

The Greater Heights Super Neighborhood Council strongly supports the inclusion of park features and/or park convertibility on both of the areas previously identified as detention ponds for use as mitigation on the I-10 frontage road project. We ask that formal plans be developed to convert the detention pond sites as public parks or sites with park features and amenities.

Our super neighborhood council feels that a public park will be of great value to the surrounding community and area as a whole. This letter follows a formal adoption of a resolution in support of the inclusion of the public park as part of the detention ponds that are to be designed as part of the above-referenced project.

We understand that TxDOT is willing to support ane facilitate a design that would allow for accommodate the use of one or both of the proposed

1 detention ponds as a public park.
2 We strongly urge all parties to come
3 together and reach an agreement regarding the direction
4 of design for this option and to determine an amenable
5 solution for future acceptance, maintenance and upkeep of
6 this park. We specifically ask that one of our
7 representative bodies volunteer to become a sponsor for
8 the park and to agree to future maintenance in a manner
9 acceptable to TxDOT so that final design of the detention
10 ponds may incorporate these aspects.
11 Lastly, Greater Heights Super
12 Neighborhood Council requests that the necessary
13 properties for both detention ponds required for
14 mitigation of the frontage road projects be acquired and
15 constructed prior to or contemporaneously with the
16 construction of the frontage road projects.
17 Furthermore, we understand that a prompt
18 decision must be made if the park option is to be
19 included as part of the detention pond projects.
20 The Greater Heights Super Neighborhood
21 Council requests that a resolution on this matter be made
22 prior to any, quote, point of no return, unquote,
23 decisions from TxDOT on the direction of the detention
24 pond design. We humbly ask that the involved parties
25 coordinate with TxDOT to discuss a date by which a

1 decision can be made.
2 The Greater Heights Super Neighborhood
3 Council understands this must be a collaborative effort
4 on the part of several different entities if the
5 inclusion of the park option to be successful. We want
6 to encourage, wherever possible, the pursuit of shared
7 goals and effective communication between the different
8 representative bodies. We look forward to working with
9 the involved parties to provide the valuable benefits to
10 the community.
11 Thank you for your time and consideration
12 on this matter.
13 And on a personal note, I support the
14 proposal of the White Oak Bayou Association. They look
15 very nice.
16 MR. MIKE ALFORD: Blake Masters.
17 MR. BLAKE MASTERS: No additional
18 comment.
19 MR. MIKE ALFORD: Laura Virgadamo. Laura
20 Virgadamo?
21 (No response.)
22 MR. MIKE ALFORD: Robin Holzer.
23 MS. ROBIN HOLZER: Good evening. My name
24 is Robin Holzer, and I chair the board of the Citizens'
25 Transportation Coalition, which is an all-volunteer

1 grassroots group that works to engage neighborhoods in
2 the transportation pattern.
3 I want to start by saying that we support
4 the extensive work and recommendations of the White Oak
5 Bayou Association, whose volunteers have done a heroic
6 effort to figure out how to make sure these detention
7 facilities are a neighborhood amenity and not merely a
8 flood mitigation element.
9 We also share the concerns of the Houston
10 Heights Association and other neighborhoods along I-10
11 who still have unaddressed issues with the roadway
12 project that is in concert with the detention facilities
13 tonight's hearing is about.
14 To that end, I want to reiterate
15 something you have heard tonight already, which is that
16 given the concerns about flooding in the neighborhood,
17 it's essential that the roadway project and the flood
18 detention project be synchronized, such that the new
19 flood mitigation measures come on-line in conjunction
20 with the roadway. You can't rush forward with the road
21 and get to the road so quickly. It's key, essentially.
22 I also want to support the recommendation
23 you've heard several times tonight to employ context
24 sensitive design. In June of 2009, the Texas
25 Transportation Commission at the highest level said

1 context matters and it's essential on all projects that
2 TxDOT develops to work with the neighborhood to figure
3 out what they value and how to make sure the new projects
4 meet their needs as much as possible; and this project is
5 a great opportunity to do that. So I want to exhort you
6 to embrace context sensitivity as you move forward with
7 the design of this project.
8 Finally, I want to wrap up by saying
9 tonight's hearing, this formal public hearing, is a
10 required piece of an extensive Federal process, and you
11 guys know that. We know that. And it includes the
12 environmental assessment that has been done and so on.
13 It is a step of many steps, a long process to ultimately
14 lead to the funding of the project with Federal funds.
15 However, I urge both TxDOT and the
16 elected officials and the neighbors in this room not to
17 let this hearing be the extent -- or the final extent of
18 the engagement on this project. While this is one
19 opportunity for you to hear from us, please don't let it
20 be the last, and please don't let the communication be
21 one direction.
22 With that, I would conclude by saying
23 public participation matters, and we strongly believe
24 that the input you get from the community will make your
25 project better. Work with us.

1 Thank you.
2 MR. MIKE ALFORD: Nancy Wilcox.
3 MS. NANCY WILCOX: Thank you. I
4 appreciate the opportunity to speak. I would like to
5 reiterate the concern of concurrent construction of the
6 detention basins and the project.
7 I am concerned that the land has yet to
8 be acquired; nor has there been much discussion, if any
9 discussion, as to where the funding is going to come from
10 for the acquisition of these detention basins. At this
11 point, as I understand, the design work is not even
12 completed because the land has yet to be acquired.
13 So I am concerned about how a project
14 that has already been let is going to be constructed
15 concurrent to the construction of the detention basins
16 when the property has yet to be acquired.
17 Given that situation, I would propose
18 that there would be no grave raising and no pump station
19 installed in the area where the water leaves White Oak
20 Bayou and then floods into I-10, so that I-10 continues
21 as the default detention basin until -- until the
22 detention basins are, in fact, functioning and on-line.
23 There is another safety concern that I
24 would like to articulate. At the westbound feeder, as it
25 goes over White Oak Bayou at Yale, drops down to the

level -- or to below the BFE so that, in fact, when traffic exits on a dark rainy night, it is conceivable that the driver would not see the water flowing over the bridge because it is well below BFE and, in fact, run into several feet of water and could conceivably be whisked off the bridge because that bridge is well below the BFE and I'm concerned that we would be creating a very serious safety issue there.

I think that would conclude my comments.

Thank you.

MR. MIKE ALFORD: David Danburg.

MR. DAVUD DANBURG: I'm David Danburg and I own the majority of the property between 4th, 5th and 6th Street, to the west of Yale and this is where the detention pond is going to be dug out. And at the same time the Yale Street from I-10 to 610 is going to be under construction, I have no access or egress from my property if those projects are simultaneously being done -- worked on.

On a more personal note, the maintenance of 5th Street and 6th Street between Yale and that detention pond has been left solely to me for the last 40 years. I have permitted, built and paid for the sanitary sewer system back there and the street repairs on both 5th and 6th Street and I would respectfully submit that

1 you-all pay a little bit of homage to me when you are
2 tearing them up with trucks going in and out of the
3 street.
4 But particularly I'm concerned about the
5 fact that Yale would be built and torn up at the same
6 time that the detention pond work is being done, and it's
7 going to create a great hardship for us. We've been
8 there for 60-something years, and we don't want the
9 discomfort of having to tell people we can't get to our
10 property because of the work on Yale Street and the work
11 back on the detention pond.
12 Also, on another personal note, Debbie
13 Boreman is here tonight. She talked me into,
14 20-something years ago, planting those many oak trees
15 along Yale Street and when I built the building on Yale
16 between 5th and 6th, all of that landscaping has just
17 been torn up last year.
18 I don't want my trees destroyed. I don't
19 know how to prevent it but between me crying to Dale
20 Garchintzky (phonetically), Adrian Garcia, Felix Fraga,
21 and I don't want to go to Councilman Gonzalez and start
22 crying about all the work that's being done to tear down
23 all of the money that I've spent over the last 40 or 50
24 years.
25 I would respectfully submit that someone

1 give me some consideration when all of this work goes on.
2 Thank you.
3 MR. MIKE ALFORD: John Kleiber.
4 MR. JOHN KLEIBER: Hello. My name is
5 John Kleiber with the Floodway Coalition of Houston. One
6 of the primary concerns that I have is the feeder road
7 bridges at Yale. The feeder road bridges at Yale are
8 designed to be 4 feet below the base flood elevation.
9 City of Houston Ordinance, 1943, dictates that no
10 structure shall be built unless it is 18 inches above the
11 base flood elevation. State of Texas, TxDOT should not
12 be above the laws that us, as the citizens of Houston,
13 have got to abide by.
14 Secondly, it's a hazard because,
15 effectively, if you put a bridge 4 feet below the base
16 flood elevation, you are creating a dam. Where is the
17 water going to go? It has but one place, and that's into
18 the neighborhood.
19 In addition, there are several spillways,
20 more specifically the one in front of the Firefighters'
21 Credit Union. During major flooding events, that water
22 is as much as 10 feet high. If the ramp that you guys
23 are proposing to put in is put in place, that is going to
24 create yet another wall if you do not have detention in
25 place to hold the water. Again, effectively, what you

will have is a 10-foot dam. You'll have a nice dry I-10, but your neighborhoods are going to be flooding.

I look around this room and I see a lot of signs and it looks interesting when I see these icons of flooding on I-10, but I dare say if you ask anyone here, they would rather see a dozen 18 wheelers with some water than hundreds upon hundreds of their homes.

Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. MIKE ALFORD: Darryl Heine.

MR. DARRYL HEINE: My name is Darryl Heine.

Thank you, Mr. Gonzalez, for coming to this hearing. You-all have got a good councilman out here.

I just found out about this project yesterday. You would think that a person who is a native Houstonian, that grew up in this neighborhood would have gotten some kind of notice from TxDOT, when I own a piece of property that I just saw on your map up here that's going to be impacted by this flood -- flood pond. And I'm wondering how in the world that my house won't be in it if the streets are gone and my house. That is kind of interesting.

Even I know that the Federal Government,

we had to give them notice a year in advance when we had to get rid of the HUD people that we had up in Brenham; and I'm wondering why in the world TxDOT didn't give me any kind of notice that my property is going to be impacted.

What's interesting also is I'm wondering if whether or not the City of Houston and TxDOT have been in collaboration with this whole program for who knows how far back. It seems that this floodway was put into fruition about two or three years ago to affect 9900 properties and the people got no compensation for their land but their tax values are somewhat still in place.

I'm dumbfounded, dumbfounded by all of this; and I would like to know why I haven't gotten any information.

That's all I've got to say.

Thank you.

MR. MIKE ALFORD: Okay. We will now close this hearing. It is 7:52, and the hearing is adjourned.

Thank you for coming.

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5 Shorthand Reporter in and for the State of Texas, do

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