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Mr. Alan Clark
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Re: 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects – **Letter of Support for City of Houston Projects**

Dear Mr. Clark:

On behalf of the City of Houston, we would like to inform you that the City plans to submit twelve projects to H-GAC for consideration in the 2015 TIP Call for Projects. We respectfully request H-GAC's support and consideration for the projects listed below.

These are projects the City deems as high priority due to project readiness and the impact they will provide to the region's transportation network. The proposed projects will fill gaps to our bikeway system, improve pedestrian safety, improve pavement conditions, and will further the City's goal of having a multi-modal transportation network that encourages walking, biking and public transit. Based on the region's current and predicted growth, a highly functioning transportation network is crucial for regional connectivity and economic success. Furthermore, these transportation projects are consistent with the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan goals to maintain, enhance and expand the multi-modal, regional transportation system.

We note that three of these twelve projects are further supported by agencies that are acting as funding partners for the project: the International Management District, the Houston Parks Board and Uptown District. The projects for which these agencies are acting as partner are noted below.

1. Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department – Automated Parking Guidance System
2. Public Works & Engineering Department - Tanner Rd: Hempstead to BW 8 P&D
3. Public Works & Engineering Department – Westpark P&D: Wilcrest to Dairy Ashford
4. Public Works & Engineering Department – W. Airport: Hiram Clarke to FM 521
5. Public Works & Engineering Department – Gessner: Buffalo Bayou to Richmond
6. Public Works & Engineering Department – Fondren: Braeswood to W. Airport
7. Public Works & Engineering Department – Dairy Ashford: IH-10 to Buffalo Bayou
8. Public Works & Engineering Department – W. Fuqua: City Limit to Chimney Rock
9. Public Works & Engineering Department – Signal Detection Upgrades
10. Parks & Recreation Department/Houston Parks Board (funding partner) – Kingwood Pedestrian/Bicycle Connection

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11. Parks & Recreation Department/Uptown District (funding partner) – Memorial to San Felipe Connections

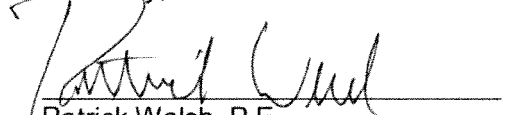
Project Previously Approved for Transportation Enhancement (TE) Funding:

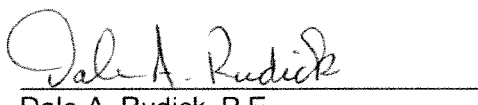
The following project had previously been selected for funding but was unable to advance to construction within the required 3-year timeframe. We respectfully request that H-GAC give additional consideration to this project, since it previously demonstrated worthiness of TE funding.

12. Parks & Recreation Department/International Management District (funding partner) – International Management District Bikeways

If you have any questions regarding these projects, please contact Michael Kramer at (713) 837-7781 or via email at michael.kramer@houstontx.gov. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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