



June 1, 2023

Mr. Craig Raborn
Director of Transportation
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane
Houston, TX 77027

Re: Harris County Application for funding under the Houston-Galveston Area Council's 2023 Project Selection Process

Dear Mr. Raborn:

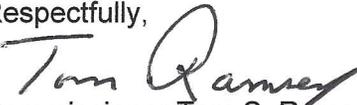
On behalf of Harris County Precinct 3, I am writing to notify you of Harris County's grant application request under the High-Growth Area Needs Category of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) 2023 Project Selection Process.

The proposed project on Barker Cypress Road, which is primarily in existing right-of-way, widens Barker Cypress Road from four to six lanes, converting it from a four-lane asphalt section with open ditch drainage to a six-lane concrete urban section with curb-and-gutter including added sidewalks. The project also includes reconstruction of the bridge over the railroad, and intersection improvements along Barker Cypress Road at Queenston Boulevard and US 290 eastbound and westbound frontage roads. The improvements will reduce congestion and the resulting vehicular emissions, increase safety in the area, improve pedestrian accommodations, improve drainage by modernizing the roadway with curbs and gutters, and decrease the travel delays that currently impact the Barker Cypress Corridor. This project will provide significant and measurable benefits to everyone who utilizes this corridor, and will help support the vibrant growth of the area.

The grant request includes \$48,000,000 in federal funds with \$12,000,000 in matching funds provided by Harris County Precinct 3, for a total project cost of \$60,000,000. This project focuses on improving safety, mobility, economic competitiveness, equity in transportation, and community connectivity.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant application and we hope that it is reviewed favorably. If you should have any questions regarding this request, please contact Dr. Milton Rahman at (713) 274-3605 or Milton.rahman@eng.hctx.net.

Respectfully,


Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey, P.E.
Harris County Precinct 3



Lone Star College-CyFair

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August 2, 2022

Houston-Galveston Area Council
ATTN: Craig Raborn, Director of Transportation
3555 Timmons Lane, Ste 100
Houston, TX 77027

Re: Barker Cypress Road at US 290 Proposed Improvements – Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Raborn:

Harris County has identified the proposed improvements to Barker Cypress Road at US 290 as a high priority. As president of Lone Star College-CyFair, I understand the Barker Cypress corridor provides critical infrastructure connectivity for the northwest region of Houston. However, the existing Barker Cypress Road has broken down as a transportation system:

- The population of Cy-Fair, one of the largest communities in northwest Houston, has increased over 50% to nearly three-quarters of a million people since 2000. The drive times of our Cy-Fair residents are severely impacted by the Barker Cypress congestion.
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We concur this project is a high priority project for the area. We would like to express our full support for this project and implore the H-GAC to include the Barker Cypress at US 290 expansion project in the RTP and the TIP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Valerie Jones', is written over the typed name and title.

Valerie Jones, EdD
President, Lone Star College-CyFair

cc: Harris County Engineering Department



July 22, 2022

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Sincerely,

Maria Adams

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Board President

cc: Harris County Engineering Department

Stone Gate I Owners Association

August 15, 2022

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Sincerely,
Stephanie Wade
Stone Gate I Owners Association
cc: Harris County Engineering Department

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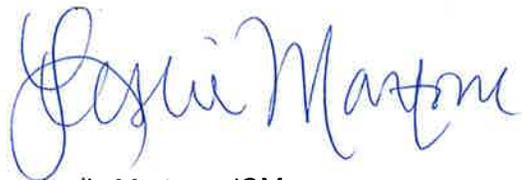
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The Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce SERVES our community by providing VALUE to our business through ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP, and GROWTH.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leslie Martone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leslie" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Martone".

Leslie Martone, IOM

President of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce

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