INTRODUCTION

This study was performed to evaluate the 7 mile FM 1960 corridor from Mills Road just west of SH 249 to Gatewick Drive just east of IH 45. The purpose of the study was to recommend access management tools that can be implemented to reduce traffic delay and improve mobility and safety.

The HNTB team, under contract with the Houston-Galveston Area Council, identified short-, medium- and long-range improvement recommendations for implementation.

The study includes documentation of existing conditions, public involvement process, access management tools, recommended improvements, traffic analysis, implementation strategies and a vision for redevelopment through the Express (Smart) Street concept.

ESTIMATED COSTS

The table below summarizes the construction costs for the short-, medium- and long-range improvements by type and responsible agency.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The short-range improvements centered on low cost access management techniques that could be implemented very quickly with little or no additional right-of-way, utility adjustments or coordination with adjacent property owners.

The medium-range improvements included other low cost access management techniques that potentially require additional right-of-way, utility coordination or, in some cases, coordination with adjacent land owners. More complex and costly solutions, such as grade separations and new roadways, were identified as long-range. A detailed list of improvements and costs can be found on the back of this document.

**ANTICIPATED BENEFITS**

- Annual travel time savings of $1.2 M (in PM Peak Hour)
- Annual crash cost savings of $10M
- Annual reduction in hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide levels of 4%
- Annual reduction in nitrogen oxides of 3%

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