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November 10, 2009

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McCaleb Rd and Fish Creek Thoroughfare:
Functional Classification Changes

Mr. Alan Clark, MPO Director
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Dear Mr. Clark:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is requesting your support to change the functional classification of McCaleb Road from SH 105 to FM 2854 from rural minor collector to rural major collector; also to change the classification of Fish Creek Thoroughfare from FM 2854 to Sendera Ranch Drive, Sendera Ranch Drive from Fish Creek to Honea-Egypt Road, and Honea Egypt Road from Sendera Ranch Drive to FM 1488, collectively, from rural local to rural major collectors.

Justification:

1. Changing the functional classification of McCaleb Road, Fish Creek Thoroughfare, Sendera Ranch Drive, and Honea-Egypt Road in Montgomery County from Rural Minor Collector/Rural Local to Rural Major Collector Road will adequately reflect the operational characteristics these roadways at this time.
2. Montgomery County is currently undertaking preliminary engineering for the extension of FM 2978 through Fish Creek to SH 105, with the construction of a railroad grade separation at the intersection of FM 2854. The County has submitted the widening of this two-lane facility, and is proposing this roadway alignment to be an extension of FM 2978 from the south in the future. These planned improvements are all listed in the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
3. McCaleb/Fish Creek Thoroughfare and Honea-Egypt are currently two-lane asphalt facilities with traffic volumes of 4,800 in 2008 and 6,900 in 2028. However, these roadways also intersect with major arterials in the region with the following traffic volumes: SH 105 at McCaleb 30,000 (2008) 57,000 (2028); FM 2854 at McCaleb 9,900 (2008) 24,100 (2028); FM 1488 at Honea-Egypt 15,200 (2008) 32,500 (2028); and FM 2879 at Honea-Egypt 9,700 (2008) 19,000 (2028).
4. Changing the functional classification of these roadways will not add mileage to current rural major collectors in our district but simply transfer rural major collector mileage from the existing FM 2978 extension to the new FM 2978 future alignment.

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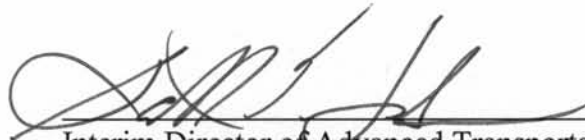
Facility	Map Sheet	From	To	New FC	Added Mileage	Old FC	Removed Mileage	Justification
McCaleb Road	Sheet 1	SH 105	FM 2854	Rural Major Collector	2.45	Rural Minor Collector	2.45	Increased traffic, major regional thoroughfare
Fish Creek Thoroughfare	Sheet 1	FM 2854	Sendera Ranch Drive	Rural Major Collector	4.84	Rural Local	4.84	Increased traffic, major regional thoroughfare
Sendera Ranch Drive	Sheet 1	Fish Creek Thoroughfare	Honea Egypt Road	Rural Major Collector	1.30	Rural Local	1.30	Increased traffic, major regional thoroughfare
Honea-Egypt Road	Sheet 1	Sendera Ranch Drive	FM 1488	Rural Major Collector	1.04	Rural Local	1.04	Increased traffic, major regional thoroughfare
FM 2978 Extension	Sheet 1	FM 1488	105	Rural Local	9.20	Rural Major Collector	9.20	Remove FM 2978 Extension to Fish Creek
Lake Creek Road	Sheet 1	FM 1488	FM 2978 Ext.	Rural Local	4.70	Rural Major Collector	4.70	Remove FM 2978 Extension to Fish Creek

Upgrading the functional classifications of these roadways to Rural Major Collectors will definitely create efficient facilities for the transport of the traveling public and goods in the western section of the City of Conroe and in Montgomery County, in general. These proposed changes are consistent with the Highway Functional Classification, Concepts, Criteria and Procedures as established by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Attached to assist you in processing these requests are: vicinity maps showing the locations of these roadways and their limits, and the Montgomery County Commissioners' Court letter supporting and adopting the requested changes.

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Charles U. Airiohuodion at (713) 802-5310. We request that you expedite this request so that the projects associated with this request can be approved for letting in a timely manner.

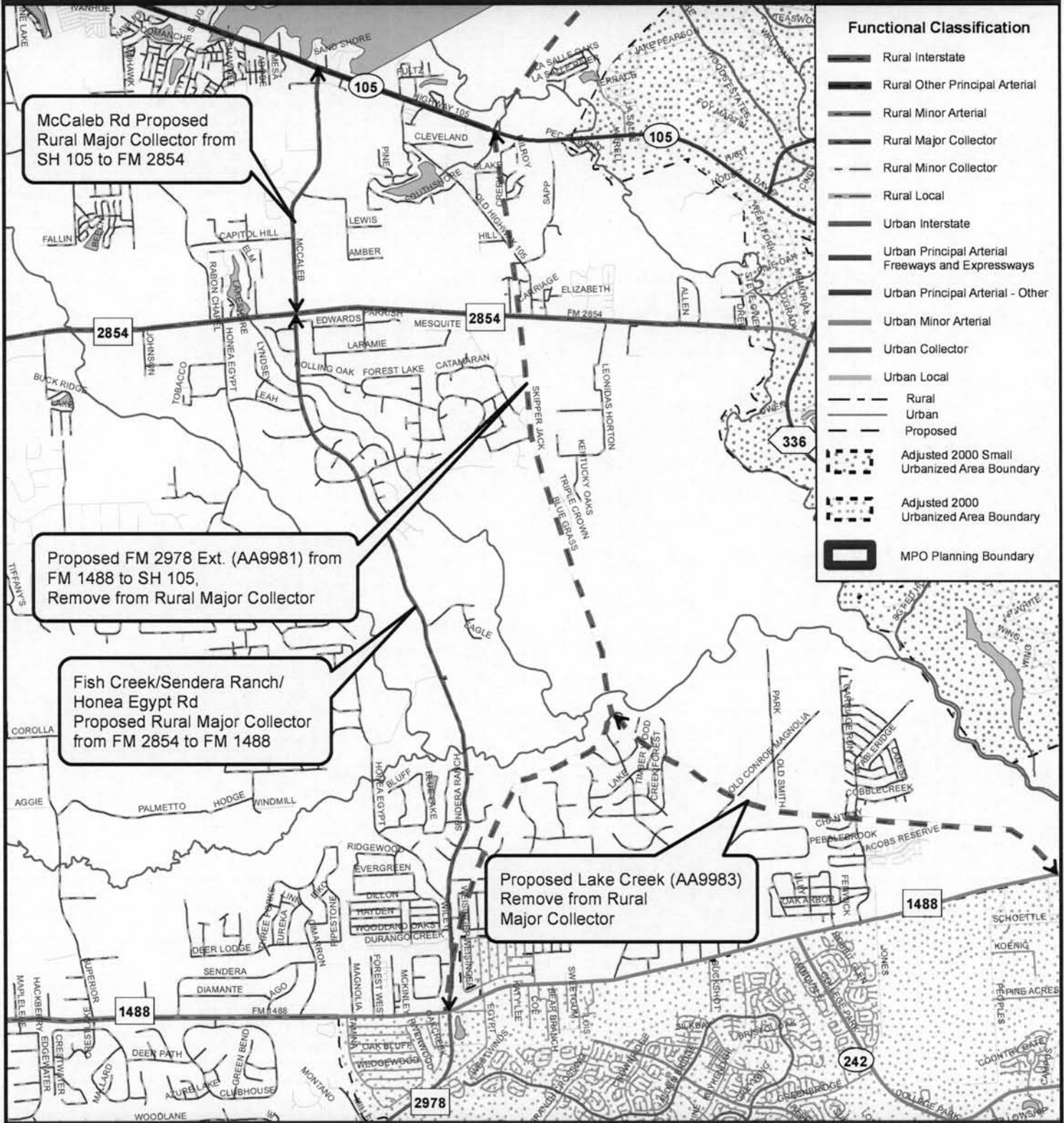

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Planning
Houston District

Attachments

cc: Ms. Pat Waskowiak, H-GAC
Mr. Charles U. Airiohuodion



McCaleb/Fish Creek/Sendera Ranch/Honea Egypt Rural Major Collector PROPOSED FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION



Functional Classification

- Rural Interstate
- Rural Other Principal Arterial
- Rural Minor Arterial
- Rural Major Collector
- Rural Minor Collector
- Rural Local
- Urban Interstate
- Urban Principal Arterial Freeways and Expressways
- Urban Principal Arterial - Other
- Urban Minor Arterial
- Urban Collector
- Urban Local
- Rural Urban
- Proposed
- Adjusted 2000 Small Urbanized Area Boundary
- Adjusted 2000 Urbanized Area Boundary
- MPO Planning Boundary



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November 9, 2009

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Re: McCaleb Rd. / Fish Creek Thoroughfare, Sendera Ranch Dr., Honea Egypt Road
Functional Classification Changes

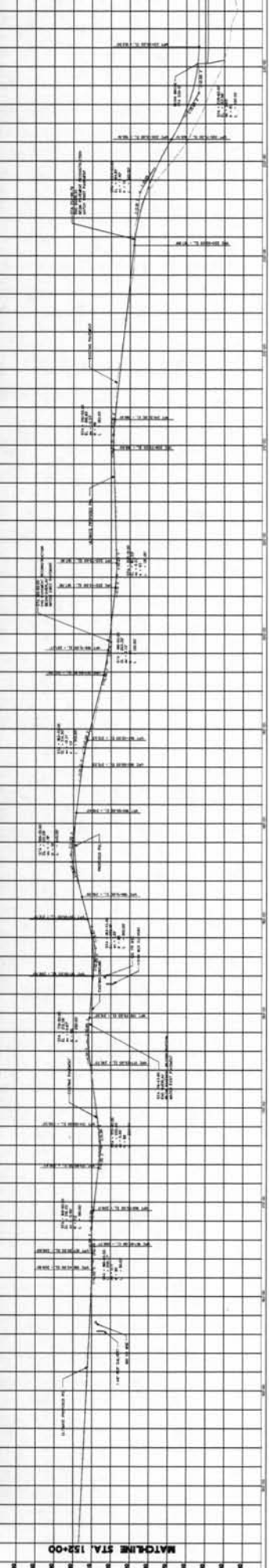
Dear Mr. Dennis:

In response to your November 2, 2009 letter, Montgomery County changed the functional classification of: McCaleb Road from SH 105 to FM 2854; Fish Creek Thoroughfare from FM 2854 to Lake Creek; Sendera Ranch from Lake Creek to Honea-Egypt; and Honea-Egypt from Sendera Ranch to FM 1488 from rural local to major collector in Montgomery Commissioner's Court today. Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Alan B. Sadler
Montgomery County Judge

cc: Mark Mooney, P.E.
Gabriel Y. Johnson, P.E.



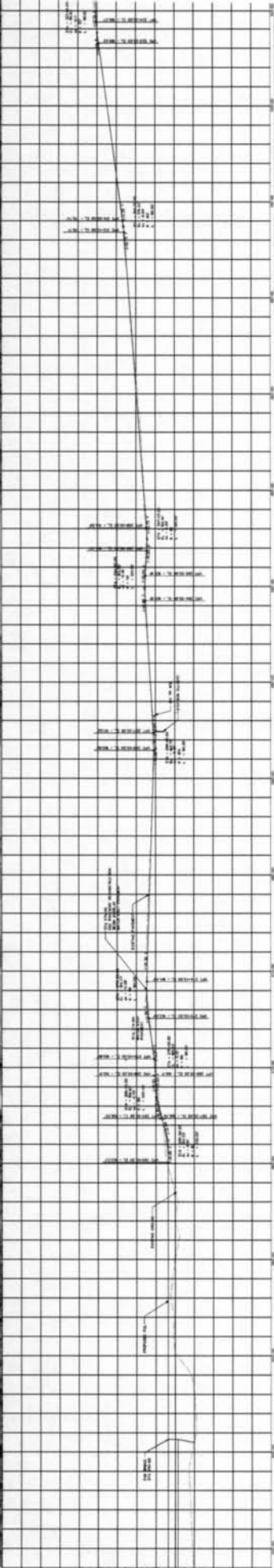
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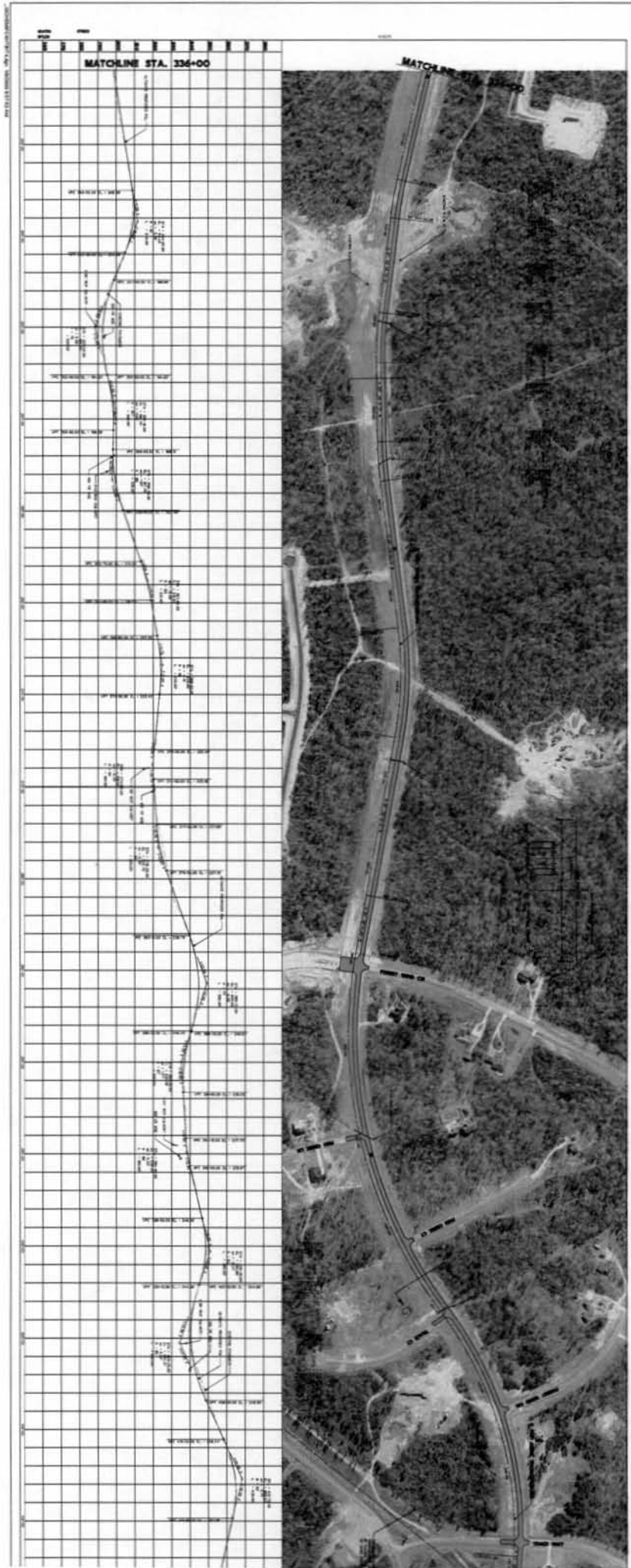
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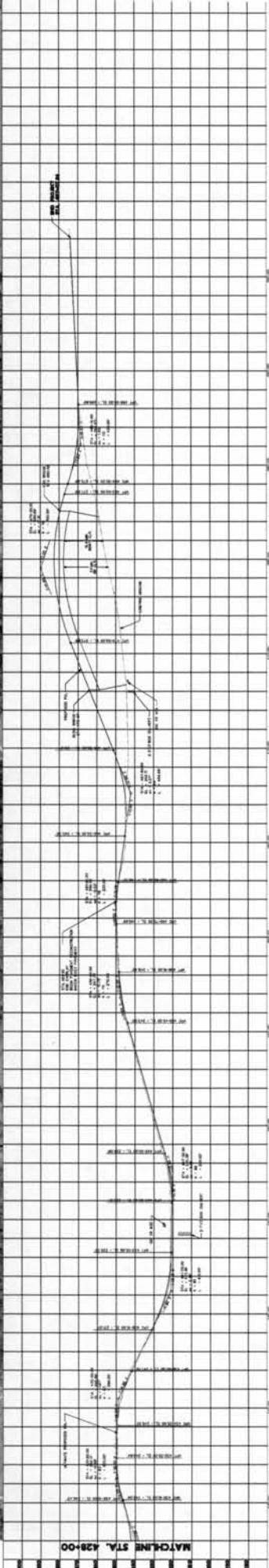


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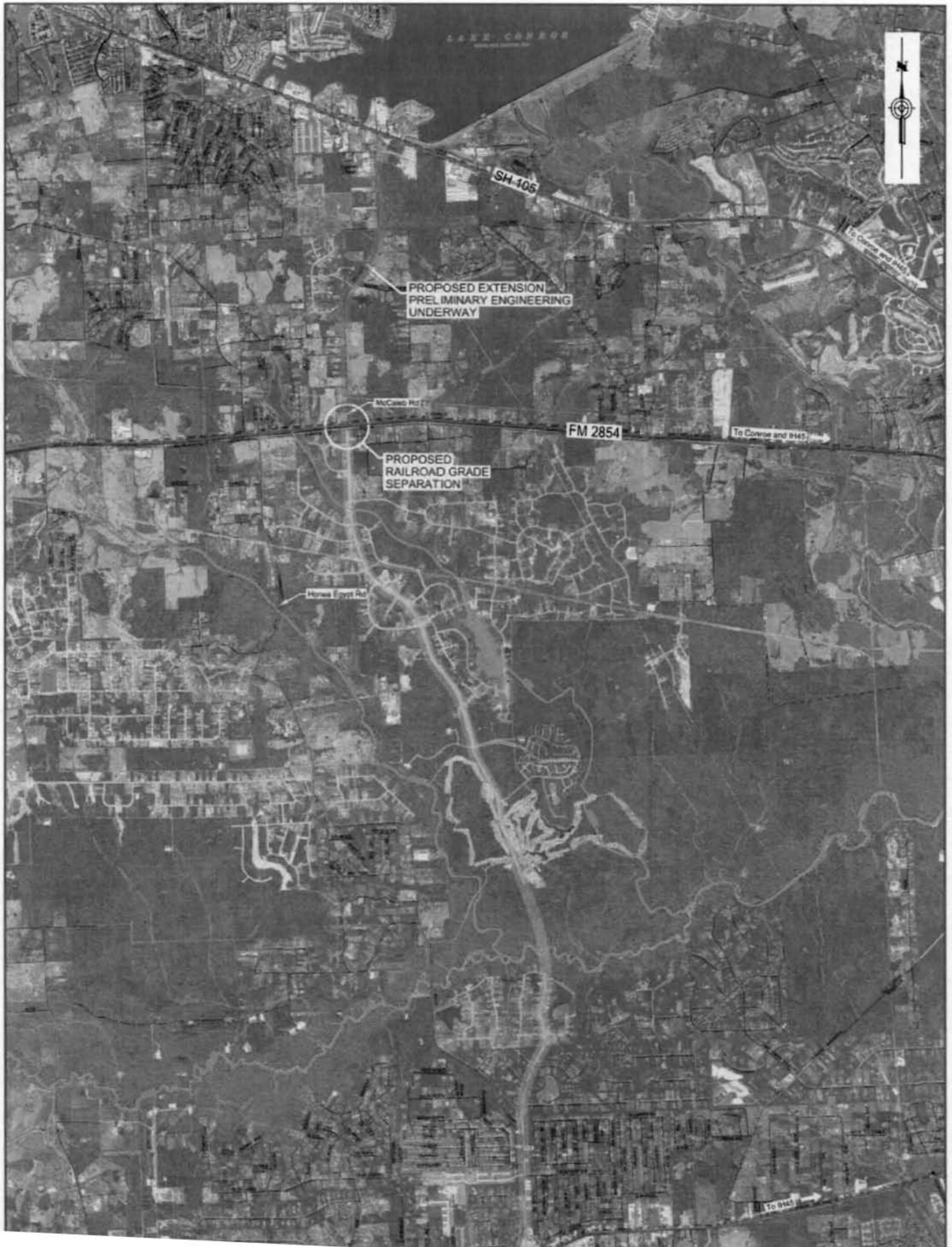


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PROPOSED PROJECT NO. 1000011810



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SH 105

PROPOSED EXTENSION
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FM 2854

To Conroe and 845

Hornes Creek Rd

To 845

