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April 19, 2021

Mr. Craig Raborn  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
P. O. Box 22777  
Houston, Texas 77227-2777

Re: Adding the State Highway 36A Project to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Raborn,

On behalf of the Economic Development Alliance for Brazoria County, an organization tasked with promoting economic development in Brazoria County, we are writing in support of an amendment to add the State Highway 36A project to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.

Once completed, the Highway 36A project will provide an efficient, expanded and alternative transportation and freight corridor from Port Freeport to US 290 in Waller County. In addition, the Highway 36A corridor will provide another hurricane evacuation route from Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties to points out of harm's way.

The Highway 36A project will enhance H-GAC's freight mobility efforts by providing an automobile and freight route that goes around Houston and not into Houston. With the continued growth of the Houston region's population, we cannot continue to force automobile and freight traffic into Houston, we must develop a route around Houston, and the Highway 36A project is the ideal route.

For the future, the recent groundbreaking of Port Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project, which will deepen and widen Port Freeport, will only add to the amount of freight being moved on the Houston region's highway system. The Highway 36A project will add a regional transportation corridor that will connect Port Freeport to north Texas and beyond without adding to the congestion going into Houston.

TxDOT is currently expanding State Highway 36 to four lanes from Port Freeport to Rosenberg. We need to continue this momentum and construct the Highway 36A project to Interstate 10 and US 290 to provide maximum evacuation capacity and efficient freight mobility movement.

With the pace of development in Fort Bend County, completing the Highway 36A project sooner, rather than later, expands options and reduces the cost to construct this project as compared to undertaking this project at some further point in the future.

We therefore recommend the approval of an amendment to add the Highway 36A project to the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.

Sincerely,

Jim Russ  
Chairman of the Board

Gary Basinger, CEcD  
President & CEO