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Transportation Public Information Houston-Galveston Area Council P.O. Box 22777 Houston, TX 77227-2777

RE: TIP 2013-2016 Candidate Project – Transit Preventative Maintenance for Island Transit Vehicles

Dear Members of the Transportation Policy Council:

The Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (BayTran) is very supportive of TIP candidate project; City of Galveston sponsored Transit Preventative Maintenance for Island Transit vehicles. This request for capital funds through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will allow the City of Galveston to reallocate local funds towards operating costs. BayTran strongly endorses the use of annual revenue from the flexible highway funds to support capitalized operating expenditures (preventative maintenance). The use of capital funds for preventative maintenance is needed in order to allow use of local funds to be directed towards the delivery of daily transit services.

As the regional Transportation Management Organization (TMO) for the Houston Bay Area, the BayTran Board of Directors and Executive Committee voted to authorize this letter of support for the City of Galveston Transit Preventative Maintenance funding. BayTran promotes all modes of transportation in the Houston Bay Area and recognizes the significant transportation need for Island Transit to continue to provide safe and effective transit service to the Galveston community.

Please accept this letter as BayTran's full support for funding the City of Galveston sponsored Transit Preventative Maintenance program in the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Best Regards,

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RE: TIP 2013-2016 Candidate Project ~ Transit Vehicle Purchase (Victory Lakes Park and Ride Expansion)

Dear Members of the Transportation Policy Council:

The Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (BayTran) is very supportive of TIP candidate project; City of Galveston sponsored Transit Vehicle Purchase (Victory Lakes Park and Ride Expansion). This request for capital funds through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will allow for the purchase of new buses to sustain and expand park and ride services from the Victory Lakes Park and Ride. BayTran strongly endorses this project and understands that this is a cooperative project and securing the needed operating funds is dependent upon the TIP funding of the Island Transit vehicle maintenance program.

As the regional Transportation Management Organization (TMO) for the Houston Bay Area, the BayTran Board of Directors and Executive Committee have voted to authorize this letter of support for the City of Galveston sponsored transit vehicle purchase to allow for the expansion of the Victory Lakes Park and Ride service. BayTran promotes all modes of transportation in the Houston Bay Area and recognizes the significant transportation role the City of Galveston, the Gulf Coast Center, and Island Transit play in providing safe and effective transit services to the Bay Area Houston community.

Please accept this letter as BayTran's full support for funding the City of Galveston sponsored Transit Vehicle Purchase program in the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Best Regards,

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