

Comments Received at Public Meetings

Transcript of Public Comments
Recorded at 2013-2016 TIP Call for Projects Public Meetings
March 19, 2013

Public Comments Recorded at 6:00 P.M. Meeting:

1. **Barbara Koslov**, President of the Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership, or BayTran – Bay Tran supports several projects that would improve mobility and enhance traffic conditions:
 - The City of Galveston Island Transit project to allocate funds for preventative maintenance;
 - The transit vehicle purchase project to expand operations at the park and ride at Victory Lakes;
 - The McHard Road widening in Pearland and Smith Ranch Road widening;
 - The SH 146 adaptive signal coordination and synchronization in Baytown;
 - Two transit projects in Kemah: the multi-modal terminal and the Kemah Trolley;
 - Two of the shared path bike-ped projects on NASA Road One and Hwy 270

2. **Steve Fisher**, business owner on Mykawa Road in Pearland – His business is growing jobs and stressed the urgency of the need for widening of Mykawa Road.



**Public Meeting to Receive Comments on
The 2013-2016 TIP Call for Projects
Tuesday, March 19, 2013
Noon - 1:00 p.m.**

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3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor, Room A
Houston, TX 77027

Name: Margaret Shater

Email Address: gshater@citizensgroup.com

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Comments / Questions / Concerns: Support Pearland Project
to improve Smith Ranch Road from FM 518 to
Hughes Ranch Rd.

Thank you! Please check here if you would you like to be added to the H-GAC Transportation Department's mailing list.

Public input is vital to the success of these proposed improvements. Written comments can be made online at PublicComments@h-gac.com, faxed to 713-993-4508, or mailed to H-GAC Transportation Public Information, P.O. Box 22777, Houston, TX 77227-2777.

Toll free voicemail to submit comments: 1-855-363-2516.



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Name: JoBeth Prochaska
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Comments / Questions / Concerns: Support the
Pearland initiative to fund
improvements on Smith Ranch
Road from FM 518 to Hughes
Ranch Road.

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Name: Barbara Rieck

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Phone: 281-485-3133

Comments / Questions / Concerns: _____

I support the widening of
Mykawa Rd from BW8
to FM 518.

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Email Comments Received

City of Pearland Roadway Projects

I am writing in support of four roadway projects located in the City of Pearland. It is said that the City of Pearland is the second fastest growing city in Texas and the fifteenth fastest growing city in the USA. With that growth, safe roadways and connectivity for our residents and businesses along these corridors is essential. Expanded roadways would not only provide safety but assist in alleviating time consuming congestion and provide better air quality. The City of Pearland has submitted four important projects to reduce congestion and traffic issues that are in competitive consideration for federal funding through our region's Transportation Improved Program (TIP) that is coordinated by Houston-Galveston Area Council. As a partner in making these roadway projects come to fruition, they can provide financial support to accomplish these necessary roadway projects. I'm writing to support allocation of funds for the four road projects described as:

- McHard Road from Cullen to Mykawa
- Smith Ranch Road, N of FM 518 to Hughes Ranch Road
- Bailey Road, FM 1128 to Veterans
- Mykawa Road, FM 518 to BW 8

Sydney Davis, Lesley Duncan, Ricky Mitchell, Kelly Collins, Sree Nair, Grif Carnes, Cynthia Durrance, Kimberly Johnson, Joshua Hari, Aaron Schneider, Tobin Maples, Brendon Boyd, Butch Babineaux, Linda Weeks, Leisha DAngelo, Joseph Cook, Andrew Miller, Rahman Frost, Diana Sanchez, Tom Alexander, Yasmin Walji, Cassie Edge, Brandon Knauth, Donna Rizzo, Brendan Halford, Mark Cooper, Juan Caraveo, Janet Cole, Eric Melass, J.P. Rose, Mona Chavarria, Dion McInnis, Donna Coneley, Michael McCain, Stephanie Martinez, Judy Van Cleve, Corine Carpenter, Cecil Barcelo, Leah Gonzales, Richard Fields, Carletta Nichols, Marie Mullarkey, Richard Fields, Arnold Moreno, Timmy Weeks, Altyn Ferguson, Cecile Reynolds, Dee Northcutt, Joshua Daniels, Fred Bauhof, Sally Mercer, Alan Mueller, Gary Shepherd, Tina Perea, Katrina Barnes, Dale Pillow, Boysie Solem, Jim Johnson, Maria Shaw, Moises Brito, Johann Sitter, Nancy Bosire, Jennifer Arenkiel, Dolores Loyd, Carolyn Hamilton, Steven Williamson, Amanda Broussard, Mary Starr

This email is in response to the request for public comments on the current list of Pearland Roadway Projects that are scheduled for public meetings tomorrow, March 19th.

Project Name	Limits
McHard Road	Cullen to Mykawa
Smith Ranch Rd	N. of FM 518 to Hughes Ranch Road
Bailey Road	FM 1128 to Veterans
Mykawa Road	FM 518 to BW 8

First let me say that I am glad to see all of these up for discussion as Pearland definitely needs to try to keep with the exploding population of the city. Three of these projects, McHard, Smith Ranch, and Mykawa, directly affect my daily commute as not only do I work in Pearland (Mykawa and Shaft road) but live here also (Smith Ranch and Hughes Ranch). The nightmare known as the FM518 commute has got to have some relief from what it is experiencing. On a recent Saturday, traveling from CR90 to Hwy 288 took 20 minutes which is like Houston Traffic at rush hour. In addition to the repairs of the current road conditions on both Mykawa and Smith Ranch, the widening of both of these as well as the addition of the stretch of McHard that doesn't currently exist between Mykawa and Cullen will not only be beneficial but probably necessary by the time these projects come to fruition. I encourage you do whatever is possible to have all of these projects happen.

Larry Fox

This project is in desperate need of your support. This submission provides you with the facts that when investigated will lead you to support the Mykawa Road project from FM 518 to Beltway 8. Your support of this project will affect the future commerce, local jobs, and safety of the citizens of Pearland. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Paul Glenn

Regarding the widening of Shank Road in Pearland, I think it should be done and is a wise choice to do it now. I am the CEO of Somers Kempf, Inc., which owns 16.5 acres at the end of Shank Rd. Over the years the truck traffic and residential traffic has increased significantly. We have had employees be driven into ditches by trucks and fender benders that create traffic jams that are unnecessary. The businesses on Shank are expanding which means more trucks and greater congestion. We believe the widening of Mykawa Road now will lead to a much smoother future growth. The truck traffic is obviously a problem now. But with so much land available, any project by a developer will increase the traffic greatly. If the economy continues forward that alone will increase the car traffic by 25 to 30 percent. Example: the business at 5220 Shank Rd employed 100 people in 2008. They now employ 70, as the economy went down but they will continue to hire full time employees as their business gets back to where it was. They are also hiring many more temporary employees than in 2008 so the impact on Mykawa will only get worse. Please use my input to widen Mykawa Road.

Brad Somers

The City of Pearland is the 3rd largest city in the Houston Metro Area. From 2000 to 2010, according to U.S. Census Bureau population figures, Pearland's population grew 142 percent to 91,252. This ranked Pearland as the 15th fastest growing city in the U.S. from 2000 to 2010 compared to other cities with a population of 10,000 or greater in 2000. Also, from 2000 to 2010, Pearland ranked as the fastest growing city in the Houston Metro Area and the second fastest growing city in Texas. Since the 2010 census, that growth has continued with the most recent population estimate at 103,800. In addition, a recent report by the Texas Retail Survey determined that, for the five-year period between 2006 and 2011, Pearland was the state's fastest growing retail market, with a growth rate of 9.2 percent. The 2011 report is the third straight year that Pearland's retail growth was highest among the state's 50 largest retail markets. With this unprecedented growth comes a significant impact on the City's transportation infrastructure. The City has made major investments in several corridors over the past several years but the congestion continues to increase with no end in sight. The City has four highly ranked roadway projects that are being considered in the 2013-2016 TIP. Each of these projects are definitely needed and will provide a significant improvement to mobility in the City of Pearland and regionally. Their regional impacts are based on the following three items. First, an increasingly significant amount of pass-through traffic from Brazoria County utilize the roadways in Pearland to reach BW8 in Harris County. Second, the projects will provide significant relief to existing regional thoroughfares such as BW8, SH288, FM518, and SH35. Third, Pearland has become a significant retail destination for the region bringing traffic from a much greater area than Pearland alone. Specifically, each project will provide the following benefits:

1. **McHard Road** - Additional east-west roadway that will provide relief to FM518 and Beltway 8. In addition, it will provide the missing piece to a regional connection from the BW8 in Fort Bend County (South Gessner) through Missouri City and Pearland to BW8 in Harris County at Pearland Parkway/ Monroe. In between, it connects FM3345, Fort Bend Parkway, FM521, SH288, FM865, and SH35.

2. **Smith Ranch Road/CR94** - This widening of this roadway will provide relief to SH288 and the intersection of FM518/SH288. It also provides access to the future METRO Park-n-Ride

project.

3. **Bailey Road** - The widening of Bailey Road provides another east-west reliever to FM518 and connects SH288 to SH35 on the south side of Pearland. The project also provides a significant safety upgrade to the corridor by eliminating the large ten to twelve foot ditch that is just a few feet from the existing roadway.

4. **Mykawa Road** - Mykawa serves one of the major industrial sectors of the City and provides a main connection for heavy truck traffic from BW8 to FM518. It will also provide relief to other north-south thoroughfares that connect BW8 and FM518, including Pearland Parkway, FM865, and SH35.

These projects are vital to the continued prosperity of Pearland and the region and I strongly support the funding of all four projects in the 2013-2016 TIP Call for Projects.

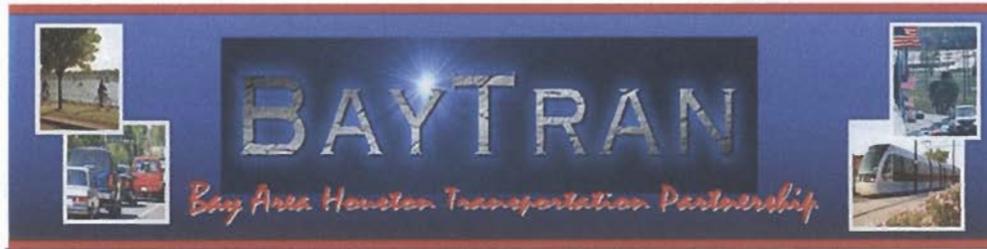
Trent Epperson

I write to you with the following earnest plea for guidance and help. I just received, through the Chamber of Commerce, an email encouraging support from local business members of some proposed road project plans for Pearland. As a longtime resident of Brookside Village, I would respectfully like to inform you and everyone at HGAC, that while it is important to us as citizens of a small city, to maintain a great and friendly working relationship with our neighboring cities, especially Pearland--Brookside Village does not want any of these road projects to encroach upon our city lines. The problem lies in that no one at our City Hall, City Council, nor any citizens have even seen the proposed projects. We only recently found out about the Max Rd and McCard Rd projects and only from just receiving the aforementioned Chamber email, have now learned of the Mykawa Rd project. Please note that **ALL** of these projects involve our city. This really only came to our attention after one of our elderly citizens called City Hall recently, very upset, after members of a Pearland city entity approached her, where and when she was told she had to sign papers to allow a road to be placed 10 feet from her door, that such construction was even in the works for our community. (She is 90 years old, mind you) We do not feel that this is kosher or appropriate behavior or activity to maintain our desired positive working relationship. We also do not feel that our small community can afford to lose the small amount of land that we have. Please advise the good, concerned citizens of Brookside Village, as to what our options are in this matter.

Glenda Hundl

Letters & Other Correspondence

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April 2, 2013

Transportation Public Information
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Re: TIP 2013-2016 Candidate Project –Widen Bailey Road in Pearland to 4 lanes from Veterans Drive to FM 1128

Dear Members of the Transportation Policy Council:

The Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (BayTran) would like to express its support for the TIP candidate project to widen Bailey Road in Pearland to 4 lanes from Veterans Drive to FM 1128, a distance of approximately 2.75 miles. With the continued growth and development in the Pearland area, the increased capacity provided by the widened roadway will help alleviate traffic congestion and accommodate the higher volume school traffic in the area. BayTran backs this roadway project, as it is a critical piece of the City of Pearland's roadway network and drainage improvement program.

As the regional Transportation Management Organization (TMO) for the Houston Bay Area, the BayTran Board of Directors and Executive Committee authorized this letter of support for the City of Pearland sponsored Bailey Road improvement project. BayTran promotes all modes of transportation in the Houston Bay Area and recognizes the transportation benefit the Bailey Road widening project will bring to Pearland and the northern Brazoria County community.

Please accept this letter as BayTran's full support for funding this City of Pearland project, Bailey Road Widening, in the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Best Regards,

Barbara Koslov
President
Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership



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March 29, 2013

Transportation Public Information
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Re: TIP 2013-2016 Candidate Project –Widen Mykawa Road in Pearland to 4 lanes from Beltway 8 to FM 518/Broadway

Dear Members of the Transportation Policy Council:

The Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (BayTran) would like to express its support for the TIP candidate project to widen Mykawa Road in Pearland to 4 lanes from Beltway 8 to FM 518/Broadway. With the continued growth and development in the Pearland area, the increased capacity provided by the widened roadway will help alleviate traffic congestion and provide an alternate north/south route for local travel. BayTran strongly backs this project, as it is an important piece of the City of Pearland's roadway network and will enhance mobility for the Pearland community.

As the regional Transportation Management Organization (TMO) for the Houston Bay Area, the BayTran Board of Directors and Executive Committee authorized this letter of support for the City of Pearland sponsored Mykawa Road improvement project. BayTran promotes all modes of transportation in the Houston Bay Area and recognizes the significant transportation benefit the Mykawa Road widening project will bring to Pearland and the surrounding area.

Please accept this letter as BayTran's full support for funding this City of Pearland project, Mykawa Road Widening, in the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Best Regards,

Barbara Koslov
President

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March 29, 2013

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Re: TIP 2013-2016 Candidate Project – Improve and Widen McHard Road in Pearland to 4 lanes from Cullen to Mykawa

Dear Members of the Transportation Policy Council:

The Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (BayTran) would like to express its support for the TIP candidate project to improve and widen McHard Road in Pearland to 4 lanes from Cullen to Mykawa. With the continued growth and development in the Pearland area, the increased capacity provided by the rebuilt and widened roadway will help alleviate traffic congestion on FM518 by providing an alternate east/west route between SH288 and SH35. BayTran strongly backs this project as it is an important piece of the City of Pearland's roadway network and will significantly enhance mobility in Pearland community, particularly for east/west travel in the region.

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 Pearland sponsored McHard Road improvement project. BayTran promotes all modes of transportation in the Houston Bay Area and recognizes the significant transportation benefit the McHard Road widening project will bring to Pearland and Northern Brazoria County.

Please accept this letter as BayTran's full support for funding this City of Pearland project, McHard Road Widening, in the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Best Regards,

Barbara Koslov
President

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Re: TIP 2013-2016 Candidate Project – Widen Smith Ranch Road in Pearland to 4 lanes from Hughes Ranch Road to just north of Broadway

Dear Members of the Transportation Policy Council:

The Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (BayTran) would like to express its support for the TIP candidate project to widen Smith Ranch Road in Pearland to 4 lanes from Hughes Ranch Road to just north of Broadway. Smith Ranch Road runs parallel to SH 288 and serves as the major access road to commercial, recreational and medical developments between Hughes Ranch Road and Broadway. BayTran strongly backs this project as it will increase capacity on a heavily traveled roadway and help relieve congestion in the area. A widen Smith Ranch Road will also serve as an alternative route for north/south travel between Broadway and Hughes Ranch Road.

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 Pearland sponsored Smith Ranch Road widening project. BayTran promotes all modes of transportation in the Houston Bay Area and recognizes the significant transportation benefit widening Smith Ranch Road offers to Pearland and Northern Brazoria County.

Please accept this letter as BayTran's full support for funding this City of Pearland project, Smith Ranch Road Widening, in the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Best Regards,

Barbara Koslov
President
Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership



C.B. "Buck" Stevens

Constable-Brazoria County Pct. 3

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April 4, 2013

Transportation Public Information
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Re: City of Pearland Roadway Projects

Having been in our great community for over 51 years and seeing the growth thereof and as a 30 year police officer in this same area, I am writing in support of four roadway projects located in northern Brazoria County and the City of Pearland.

Recent articles indicate that Pearland is the second fastest growing city in Texas and the fifteenth fastest growing city in the nation. This growth negates safe roadways and connectivity for our residents and commuters as they enjoy our community and shopping experience. Expanded roadways would not only provide safety but assist in alleviating time consuming congestion and provide better air quality.

Over the years, the City of Pearland has worked extensively on their Comprehensive plan which includes expansion of roadway capacity in our city. Some of the roadways listed below are of high importance for not only residential commute, but much needed commerce routes for large industrial areas and intercity truck traffic. It is my understanding that the city is willing to partner in making these roadway projects come to fruition in many ways including providing for financial support to accomplish these projects.

As Constable in Brazoria County and as a citizen of Pearland, I'm writing to support the four road projects described as:

**McHard Road from Cullen to Mykawa
Smith Ranch Road, N of FM 518 to Hughes Ranch Road
Bailey Road, FM 1128 to Veterans
Mykawa Road, FM 518 to BW 8**

Please thoughtfully consider these projects in your appropriations and planning as one of importance. I fully understand that you may have other issues such as these from across the Houston region, but we as a community fully stand behind our request and look forward to your participation.

Respectfully,

C. B. Buck Stevens
Constable, Pct 3, Brazoria County



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Re: City of Pearland Roadway Projects

As President of the Pearland Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in support of four roadway projects located in the City of Pearland. It is said that the City of Pearland is the second fastest growing city in Texas and the fifteenth fastest growing city in Texas. With that growth, safe roadways and connectivity for our residents and businesses along these corridors is essential. Expanded roadways would not only provide safety but assist in alleviating time consuming congestion and provide better air quality.

The City of Pearland has provided foresight to see this growth, and have plans for expanding the roadway system capacity in our city. As a partner in making these roadway projects come to fruition, they can provide financial support to accomplish these necessary roadway projects.

As President/CEO of the Pearland Chamber of Commerce, I'm writing to support the four road projects described as:

McHard Road from Cullen to Mykawa
Smith Ranch Road, N of FM 518 to Hughes Ranch Road
Bailey Road, FM 1128 to Veterans
Mykawa Road, FM 518 to BW 8

and the support of prudent financial allocations to fund them.

The Pearland Chamber is a well-respected leader in business retention and expansion and we understand the need for safety and connectivity on the above described roadways. Through our initiatives with local industry, we see first-hand the impact transportation has in our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Artz-Bucek".

Carol Artz-Bucek, CCE, IOM
President/CEO



PEARLAND ISD

John P. Kelly, Ph.D.
Superintendent

April 4, 2013

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Re: City of Pearland Roadway Projects

As superintendent of the Pearland ISD, I am writing in support of four roadway projects located in the City of Pearland. Realizing the City of Pearland is the second fastest growing city in Texas and the fifteenth fastest growing city in the nation, the effect on our school district is profound. With growth, safe roadways and connectivity for our students and parents is essential. Expanded roadways would not only provide safety but assist in alleviating time consuming congestion and provide better air quality.

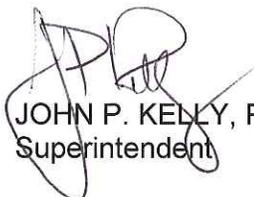
The City of Pearland has provided the foresight to see this growth, and have plans for expanding the roadway system capacity in our city. As a partner in making these roadway projects come to fruition, they can provide financial support to accomplish these necessary roadway projects.

Therefore I'm writing to strongly support the four road projects described as:

- McHard Road from Cullen to Mykawa
- Smith Ranch Road, N of FM 518 to Hughes Ranch Road
- Bailey Road, FM 1128 to Veterans
- Mykawa Road, FM 518 to BW 8

I have personally participated in a long range strategic planning process in connection with the Pearland Economic Development Corporation. It is clear, through that process, that these projects would greatly help in this growing and thriving community!

Respectfully,



JOHN P. KELLY, Ph.D.
Superintendent

April 4, 2013

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Re: City of Pearland Roadway Projects

As a resident and business owner in Shadow Creek Ranch, I am writing in support of four roadway projects located in the City of Pearland. It is said that the City of Pearland is the second fastest growing city in Texas and the fifteenth fastest growing city in Texas. With that growth, safe roadways and connectivity for our residents and businesses along these corridors is essential. Expanded roadways would not only provide safety but assist in alleviating time consuming congestion and provide better air quality.

I'm writing to support the four road projects described as:

McHard Road from Cullen to Mykawa
Smith Ranch Road, N of FM 518 to Hughes Ranch Road
Bailey Road, FM 1128 to Veterans
Mykawa Road, FM 518 to BW 8

and the support of prudent financial allocations to fund them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeanne D. Alvarez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leanne Dobard Alvarez

The UPS Store at Shadow Creek
Resident of Shadow Creek Ranch

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April 04, 2013

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RE: City of Pearland Roadway Projects

As a business owner in Pearland, I am writing in support of the four roadway projects located in the City of Pearland. Based on the recent news articles, Pearland is the second fastest growing city in Texas and the fifteenth fastest growing city in the US. With that growth, safe roadways and connectivity for Pearland residents and businesses along these corridors is of paramount importance. An improved roadway network resulting from the four projects would not only provide safety but also alleviate congestion frequently experienced by the users.

The City of Pearland has provided foresight to see this growth, and have plans for expanding the capacity of the roadway system in our city. Please consider this letter as my support for H-GAC to prioritize and fund the following four roadway projects:

- McHard Road from Cullen to Mykawa Road,
- Smith Ranch Road, N of FM 518 to Hughes Ranch Road,
- Bailey Road, FM 1128 to Veterans, and
- Mykawa Road, FM 518 to BW 8.

Pearland plays an important role not only in serving as a quality place to live for the families of those who work in Houston but also as a destination town with ever increasing business and entertainment activity. We believe four thoroughfare projects indicated above will greatly enhance the mobility in the area and therefore are extremely vital for the quality of life and economic growth in the region.

Sincerely,



Mahendra Rodrigo



April 5, 2013

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Re: 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects Public Comments

On behalf of the Pearland Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors (PEDC), an organization dedicated to promoting the economic development of the City of Pearland, I am writing to express our organization's unanimous support for the four projects submitted by the City of Pearland to the 2013-2016 TIP Call for Projects. These projects include McHard Road (Cullen to Mykawa), Smith Ranch Road (N. of FM 518 to Hughes Ranch Rd.), Bailey Road (FM 1128 to Veterans) and Mykawa Road (FM 518 to BW 8).

PEDC believes that the four proposed projects will help alleviate traffic congestion in our region. Pearland sits between various economic engines of the Gulf Coast Region. This strategic location has led to explosive growth in Pearland during the last decade. From 2000 to 2010, Pearland's population grew by 142% to 91,252 residents, making our community the 15th fastest growing city in the US and the fastest growing city in the Houston metropolitan area.

Pearland's rapid growth has led to significant commercial growth in our community, which is currently ranked one of the 50 largest retail centers in the State of Texas. This continued growth has made Pearland a hub for new residents and businesses, which are now suffering from increased traffic congestion.

McHard and Bailey Road will both provide much needed relief to a congested section of FM 518 and give northern Brazoria County residents alternative east west connectivity to SH 288 and the new commercial center for our region at FM 518 and SH 288.

Smith Ranch Road will also provide improved access to the commercial center and will improve a roadway located in both the City of Pearland and Brazoria County. The current roadway is in poor condition and is extremely narrow.

Mykawa Road has become an alternative route for residents and commuters accessing both Beltway 8 and Interstate 610 and an alternative route to State Highway 35. The improvements would be in both the City of Pearland and in southern Harris County. The road also has seen significant industrial development in recent years from major community employers including Third Coast Terminals, Amerlux, Packaging Services, SolveChem, Pipe and Tube Supplies and many others. Many of these companies utilize the Burlington Northern Santa Fe line that runs parallel to Mykawa Road.

The Pearland Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors believes that these proposed projects are essential to relieve traffic congestion and support the economic vibrancy of not only the City of Pearland, but our entire region. Failure to approve these projects would significantly add further to our areas traffic congestion and seriously inhibit the full economic potential of the region. We appreciate your consideration of these projects and your work on behalf of our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Buchanan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Matt Buchanan
President

April 4, 2013

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As a resident of Pearland, I am writing in support of four roadway projects located in the City. It is said that the City of Pearland is the second fastest growing city in Texas and the fifteenth fastest growing city in Texas. With that growth, safe roadways and connectivity for our residents and businesses along these corridors is essential. Expanded roadways would not only provide safety but assist in alleviating time consuming congestion and provide better air quality.

The City of Pearland has provided foresight to see this growth, and have plans for expanding the roadway system capacity in our city. As a partner in making these roadway projects come to fruition, they can provide financial support to accomplish these necessary roadway projects.

Specifically, I am writing to support the four road projects described below as well as prudent financial allocations to fund them:

McHard Road from Cullen to Mykawa
Smith Ranch Road, N of FM 518 to Hughes Ranch Road
Bailey Road, FM 1128 to Veterans
Mykawa Road, FM 518 to BW 8

I understand the impact transportation has in our community as well as the need for safety and connectivity on the above described roadways. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Mike Flanagan
Pearland Resident



March 18, 2013

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Re: Support for Pearland Roadway Projects

I would like to Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak to the importance of the Mykawa Road project from FM 518 to Beltway 8 on behalf of the Third Coast Family.

Since 1998 we have called our location at 1871 Mykawa Road, “home” for Third Coast Terminals. As of today we have a total of 116 team members, most of them from the local Pearland Area – and we continue to grow. This growth has been created by our hard work – but we must also give credit to the transportation infrastructure that supports these jobs – both rail and roadways that are near our facility.

Today, we are receiving the benefit of projects completed in the past. We are benefitting from the expansion of Beltway 8 and the expansion of McHard road to Mykawa. These were important decisions that were made in the past that have helped us create a thriving business.

At this time we are asking for your immediate help – not to approve the project in the future but to take action today to move the proposed start date forward. Most importantly, without the approval of the Mykawa Road Project – from FM 518 to Beltway 8 – the success of the projects in the past are now in jeopardy. The traffic on Mykawa Road has increased immensely and the road is showing the wear and tear of this usage. Our business has heavy truck traffic of 50-75 truck deliveries a day. Not to mention our neighboring businesses who also use Mykawa as their avenue for major truck deliveries. The expansion of this project – capitalizes on previous infrastructure investments mentioned earlier. Turning your back on this decision – nullifies the progress of the past and leaves the city with a dangerous, deteriorating and overly crowded road.

Your support for the Mykawa Road project from FM 518 to Beltway 8 builds on past decisions and creates a brighter – safer future for Pearland and it’s residents.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul Glenn'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'P'.

Paul Glenn
Third Coast
Vice President of Human Resources



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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BRAZORIA COUNTY (PART)

April 4, 2013

Transportation Public Information
Houston-Galveston Area Council
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Re: City of Pearland Roadway Projects

As the city of Pearland continues to grow, it is imperative that our infrastructure meet the demands that increased population will place on it. Expanding the roadways will increase safety, alleviate congestion and help with air quality by limiting stop-and-go traffic. Safe and efficient means of travel is essential for our residents and businesses.

The City of Pearland has anticipated this growth and planned accordingly for expanding the roadway system capacity in our city. As a partner in making these roadway projects come to fruition, they can provide financial support to achieve these necessary roadway projects.

I'm writing to express my support for the four road projects defined as:

McHard Road from Cullen to Mykawa
Smith Ranch Road, N of FM 518 to Hughes Ranch Road
Bailey Road, FM 1128 to Veterans
Mykawa Road, FM 518 to BW 8

and support prudent financial allocations to fund them.

As a long-time resident of Pearland and businessman, I understand the need for safety and connectivity on the above described roadways. Transportation will continue to have a large impact on our area as families and businesses continue to make the area their home.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Thompson", with a long, sweeping underline.

Ed Thompson
State Representative, District 29

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SENATOR LARRY TAYLOR
DISTRICT 11

April 5, 2013

Transportation Public Information
Houston-Galveston Area Council
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Re: Transportation Improvement Program, City of Pearland Roadway Projects

I am writing to support the City of Pearland and their efforts to seek additional funding for local roadway projects through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

In recent years, our region has experienced tremendous growth. With that growth, safe roadways and connectivity for residents and businesses are essential. The City of Pearland has identified plans for expanding the region's transportation system capacity. Additional funding through the Transportation Improvement Program would allow the City of Pearland to complete these important projects.

Thank you for allowing me to share my support for the roadway projects in the City of Pearland. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Taylor".

Senator Larry Taylor
Texas Senate District 11

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April 5th, 2013

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Support for City of Pearland Roadway Projects

I am writing on behalf of Packaging Service Co., Inc. and Solvchem Inc., in support of four roadway projects located in the City of Pearland. Our companies have shown significant growth over the last several years and we have firm plans for the coming years for continued increase in operations and jobs at our plant on Mykawa Road.

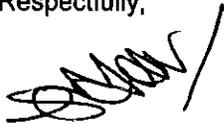
The road infrastructure is essential, especially on Mykawa Road as we increase activity and we are already seeing problems with traffic safety and congestion for our employees, our transportation carriers and of course local residents of the Pearland community.

Expanded roadways would not only provide improved safety but also assist in alleviating time consuming congestion and air quality from idling trucks etc.

As SVP Operations of our companies, I am writing to support the four road projects described as:

Mykawa Road, FM 518 to BW 8
McHard Road from Cullen to Mykawa
Smith Ranch Road, N of FM 518 to Hughes Ranch Road
Bailey Road, FM 1128 to Veterans

Respectfully,



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