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October 26, 2018

Mr. Alan Clark
Director of Transportation Planning
Houston-Galveston Area Council
P.O. Box 22777
Houston, Texas 77227-2777

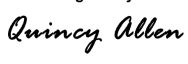
RE: 2018 Houston-Galveston Area Council Call for Projects

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – Houston District is pleased to submit a portfolio of project applications for funding as part of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's 2018 Call for Projects. This correspondence serves as TxDOT's commitment to provide the required local match for federal funding through TxDOT and/or partnering with local agencies. We believe that we have identified appropriate development schedules for the submitted projects and commit to meet the project development timelines identified in the applications to the best of our ability. Furthermore, we believe our portfolio of projects will help the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area meet its stated goals of improving safety, managing and mitigating congestion, enhancing economic competitiveness, and ensuring strong asset management and operations, while simultaneously helping to conserve and protect natural and cultural resources.

We appreciate your consideration of funding for these important regional projects. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Andrew Mao, at (713) 802-5301.

Sincerely,

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Quincy D. Allen, P.E.
District Engineer
Houston District

Attachment

CC: Andrew Mao, P.E.

OUR VALUES: People • Accountability • Trust • Honesty

OUR MISSION: Through collaboration and leadership, we deliver a safe, reliable, and integrated transportation system that enables the movement of people and goods.

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Project Title	County	Highway	Limits From	Limits To	Description
FM 2920 Access Management	Harris	FM 2920	Kuykendahl Rd	Lexington Rd	Access management including raised medians, turn lanes, and signal improvements
FM 2920 Access Management	Harris	FM 2920	Kuykendahl Rd	Willow St	Access management including raised medians, turn lanes, signal improvements, and sidewalk widening
US 90A Access Management	Fort Bend	US 90A	Bamore Rd	Harlem Rd	Access management including raised medians, turn lanes, signal improvements, and pedestrian improvements
US 90A Access Management	Fort Bend	FM 1640	Bamore Rd	FM 762	Access management including raised medians, turn lanes, signal improvements, and pedestrian improvements
US 90A Access Management	Fort Bend	FM 762	US 90A	FM 1640	Access management including raised medians, turn lanes, signal improvements, and pedestrian improvements
SH 249 Access Management	Harris	SH 249	BW 8	IH 45 N	Access management including raised medians, turn lanes, and signal improvements
FM 1092 Access Management	Fort Bend	FM 1092	SH 6	US 59	Access management including raised medians, turn lanes, and signal improvements
BW 8 Corridor Study	Harris	BW 8	IH 10 W	US 59 S	Implement operational improvements
SH 288/Rodeo Palms Pkwy Grade Separation	Brazoria	SH 288	At Rodeo Palms Pkwy		Construct grade separation
SH 288/CR 48 Grade Separation	Brazoria	SH 288	At CR 48		Construct grade separation
SH 288/CR 57 Grade Separation	Brazoria	SH 288	At CR 57		Construct grade separation
SH 288/CR 64 Grade Separation	Brazoria	SH 288	At CR 64		Construct grade separation
SH 288/CR 63 Grade Separation	Brazoria	SH 288	At CR 63		Construct grade separation
SH 288/CR 60 Grade Separation	Brazoria	SH 288	At CR 60		Construct grade separation

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IH 10 Baytown Ramp Reversal	Harris	IH 10	John Martin Rd	Garth Rd	Eastbound ramps reversal
IH 10/SS 330 East Bound Ramp	Harris	IH 10	SS 330	Thompson Rd	Construct east bound entrance ramp
FM 2920 Widening	Harris	FM 2920	BS 290	Rosehill Rd	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes
FM 2920 Widening	Harris	FM 2920	Rosehill Rd	SH 249	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes
FM 518 Widening	Brazoria	FM 518	SH 288	FM 865	Reconstruct and widen from 4 & 6 lanes to 6 lanes
FM 518 Widening	Brazoria	FM 518	FM 865	SH 35	Widen from 4 to 6 lanes
FM 528 Extension	Brazoria	FM 528	BS 35 (N Gordon St)	SH 6	Construct 2-lane roadway on new location with railroad grade separation
Magnolia Relief Route	Montgomery	FM 1488	Existing FM 1488 (W of Magnolia)	SH 249	Construct 4-lane roadway on new location
Magnolia Relief Route (Phased)	Montgomery	FM 1488	Existing FM 1488 (W of Magnolia)	SH 249	Construct 2-lane roadway on new location (Phase 1 of ultimate facility)
SH 146 Railroad Overpass	Galveston	SH 146	FM 519	LOOP 197	Construct railroad overpass and widen from 2 to 4 lanes (Remove bottleneck)
SH 35/IH 610 Direct Connectors	Harris	IH 610	AT SH 35		Construct 2 direct connectors between IH 610 and SH 35
SH 99 Segment D Widening	Fort Bend	SH 99	Harris County Line	FM 1093	Widen existing pavement to ultimate 6 lane freeway
SH 99 Segment D Widening	Harris	SH 99	N of Kingsland Blvd	Fort Bend County Line	Widen existing pavement to ultimate 6 lane freeway
South SL 336 Widening	Montgomery	SL 336	FM 1314	IH 45	Widen to 4-lane divided

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US 90 Widening	Waller	US 90	IH 10	FM 2855	Widen to 4-lane divided
US 90 Widening	Waller and Fort Bend	US 90	FM 2855	FM 1463	Widen to 4-lane divided
US 90A/SH 99 Grade Separation	Fort Bend	US 90A	AT SH 99		Construct grade separation and intersection improvements
SH 146 Baytown Grade Separation	Harris	SH 146	Ferry Rd	BS 146E	Construct 4 mainlanes and grade separation
FM 517 Widening and Access Management	Brazoria	FM 517	Galveston County Line	SH 35	Reconstruct and widen from 2 to 4 lanes
FM 517 Widening and Access Management	Galveston	FM 517	Brazoria County Line	IH 45	Reconstruct and widen 2 lane sections from 2 to 4 lanes and install access management treatment
FM 830 Widening	Montgomery	FM 830	Old Montgomery Rd	SH 75	Widen from 2 to 4 lanes
SH 332 Widening	Brazoria	SH 332	E of FM 521	SH 288	Reconstruct and widen from 2 to 4 lane divided
US 90A Widening	Fort Bend	US 90A	FM 359	US 99	Widen from 4 to 6 lane divided
SH 35 Mainlanes and Grade Separations	Brazoria	SH 35	BS 35 (North Gordon St)	Steele Rd	Construct 4 mainlanes and overpasses
FM 1314 Bottleneck	Montgomery	FM 1314	At SH 242		Widen from 2 to 4 lane divided (Remove bottleneck)
FM 518/FM 521 Overpass	Fort Bend	FM 518	At FM 521		Construct overpass
IH 45/SH 242 Intersection Improvements	Montgomery	IH 45	At SH 242		Operational improvements at intersection
Hempstead Highway Frontage Roads	Harris	Hempstead	IH 610	W Little York	Construct two 4-lane frontage roads

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Memorial Connector	Harris	IH 10	Washington Ave	Cohn St Pedestrian Bridge	Construct shared-use path, widen existing Cohn St pedestrian bridge and intersection improvements.
MKT Trail to White Oak Bayou Connector via Rutland Detention	Harris	IH 10	MKT Trail	White Oak Bayou trail	Construct shared-use path, pedestrian/bicycle bridge, and ADA ramps and sidewalks
NASA RD 1 Commuter Route to JSC	Harris	NASA Rd 1	Space Center Blvd	Kirby Blvd	Construct ADA ramps and sidewalks, shared-use path, widen Mud Lake Bridge to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle facilities
		Space Center Blvd	NASA Rd 1	JSC Employee entrance	
FM 1960/Cypress Creek Pwky Sidewalks	Harris	FM 1960	SH 249	IH 45	Construct ADA ramps and sidewalks
SH 3 Bridge over Sims Bayou - Shared-Use Path	Harris	SH 3	At Sims Bayou Bridge		Widen bridge over Sims Bayou to accommodate shared-use path
Hillcroft Park & Ride - Accessibility to Transit	Harris	IH 69	Westward St/Entrance to the Hillcroft P&R	Westpark Tollway	Construct wide sidewalks and ADA compliant pedestrian intersection improvements
Northwest Transit Center	Harris	IH 610/US 290	W 12th St	Old Katy Rd	Construct shared-use path from existing shared-use path to Transit Center and intersection improvements
Wheeler Transit Station	Harris	IH 69	Graustark St	Main St	Construct ADA ramps and wide sidewalks
FM 518 Pedestrian Improvements	Galveston	FM 518	FM 2351 (E Edgewood Dr)	Cowards Creek (southeast of Whispering Pines Ave)	Construct ADA ramps, wide sidewalks and associated pedestrian intersection improvements
La Marque Sidewalk Section 1	Galveston	FM 519	Bayou Rd	SH 3	Construct ADA ramps and sidewalks on both the north and south sides of the roadway
La Marque Sidewalk Section 2	Galveston	FM 1765	IH 45	Westward Ave	Construct ADA ramps and sidewalks on the south side of the roadway
Installation of Arterial Intelligent Transportation Systems	Fort Bend	SS 10	IH 69	SH 36 S	Installation of fiber optic cable and ITS devices to expand ITS coverage for incident detection, traffic monitoring, as well as to close an existing communications gap between SH 36 and IH 69
Installation of Arterial Intelligent Transportation Systems	Brazoria	SH 6	SH 288	Galveston County Line	Installation of fiber optic cable and ITS devices to expand ITS coverage for incident detection and traffic monitoring on a critical evacuation route. Integrate traffic signals for remote communications to Houston TranStar
Installation of Arterial Intelligent Transportation Systems	Galveston	SH 6	Galveston County Line	IH 45 South	Installation of fiber optic cable and ITS devices to expand ITS coverage for incident detection and traffic monitoring on a critical evacuation route. Integrate traffic signals for remote communications to Houston TranStar

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Installation of Active Traffic Management System on IH 69	Harris	IH 69	Spur 527	Beltway 8 South	Installation of additional ITS devices that will provide the coverage along the corridor to improve travel mobility, incident management, safety, and travel time reliability, addressing one of the most congested corridors in Texas
Installation of Arterial Intelligent Transportation Systems	Harris	US 90	BW 8 E	Runneburg Rd	Installation of fiber optic cable and ITS devices to expand ITS coverage for incident detection and traffic monitoring. This project will also include the integration of traffic signals for remote communications to Houston TranStar
Installation of Arterial Intelligent Transportation Systems	Harris	BS 90	Sheldon Rd	FM 2100	Installation of fiber optic cable and ITS devices to expand ITS coverage for incident detection and traffic monitoring. This project will also include the integration of traffic signals for remote communications to Houston TranStar
Installation of Traffic Signal Adaptive Systems	Montgomery	SH 242	IH 45 N	Alden Woods	Installation of Adaptive Traffic Signal System to improve travel time reliability along route
Installation of School Zone Clock Communications	District wide	Various	Various	Various	Installation of School Zone Clock Communications System to automate annual programming and allow technicians to remotely enter, modify, and change school programming
Traffic Signal Centralized Software Upgrades	District wide	Various	Various	Various	Upgrades to Traffic Signal Centralized Software and servers to include modules for adaptive timing and remote reconfiguration of all connected signals to the system
Traffic Signal Integration	Montgomery	SH 105	Fostoria Rd	FM 1486	Installation of fiber optic cable to traffic signals to allow for integration for remote communications to Houston TranStar
Traffic Signal Integration	Montgomery	SH 242	IH 45 N	FM 1485	Installation of fiber optic cable to traffic signals to allow for integration for remote communications to Houston TranStar
Traffic Signal Integration	Montgomery	Loop 494	FM 1485 N	North Park Plaza	Installation of fiber optic cable to traffic signals to allow for integration for remote communications to Houston TranStar
Galveston ITS on TxDOT Facilities	Galveston	SH 275, SH 342, SH 87, FM 3005	Along SH 275, SH 342, SH 87, FM 3005		Install/upgrade communications equipment, signal improvements, fiber, and traffic management system



R. Jack Cagle, Commissioner

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October 18, 2018

Mr. Alan Clark
Director of Transportation Planning
Houston-Galveston Area Council
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RE: Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Proposed Hike and Bike Trail Project,
White Oak Bayou Trail to Memorial Park via Cottage Grove Park, 2018 TIP Submission

Dear Mr. Clark:

On behalf of Harris County Precinct 4, I would like to lend my support to TxDOT in its pursuit of grant funds via the 2018 HGAC Call for Projects. This support is in addition to the Hamblen Road and Townsen Road Park-n-Ride Trail Connection projects that Precinct 4 also believes are worthy of funding. The TxDOT project will provide improved facilities for area residents to walk, jog, bike, and commute, while improving health and the environment.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



R. Jack Cagle
County Commissioner
Precinct 4

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STATE of TEXAS
HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES



SARAH DAVIS
DISTRICT 134
HARRIS COUNTY

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HOUSTON DISTRICT MAINTENANCE

JUN 11 2018

June 8, 2018

Texas Department of Transportation
ATTN Mr. Mark Wooldridge, P.E.
Director of Maintenance
7600 Washington Ave.
Houston, TX 77008

RE: Proposed Hike and Bike Trail Project White Oak Bayou Trail to Memorial Park via Cottage Grove Park

Dear Mr. Woolridge:

As the State Representative for Texas House District 134, including the Lazybrook and Timbergrove neighborhoods, we are writing to express our strong support for a trail project consisting of the segments shown on the attachment.

The project offers the following benefits to our community:

- Provides a short and direct connection between the White Oak Bayou/Heights MKT trails (which in turn connect to downtown Houston and other trails connected at that location) to Memorial Park.
- Avoids at-grade or above-grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad by virtue of the proposed safe underpass of the railroad between Cohn St and Washington Ave. on the south side of I-10. Note that this underpass would not require a FEMA CLOMR permit, as would be required if following a waterway.
- It utilizes an existing 6' wide bike/pedestrian bridge over I-10 near Cottage Grove Park. If this bridge proves inadequate in the future, there is plenty of land in Cottage Grove Park north of I-10 and on the TxDOT ROW south of I-10 to construct an additional bike/ped bridge.
- The trail includes a safe underpass of the high speed high volume TC Jester Blvd along City of Houston owned drainage land.
- Connects via Cottage Grove Park and Woodcrest Park. It also provides the opportunity for a pocket park on TxDOT owned land west of the Cohn St bike/pedestrian bridge over I-10.

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- This connection utilizes a safe signalized crossing of Washington Ave./Westcott St. If a better crossing of Washington/Westcott is needed in the future, a bike/ped bridge over these streets could be considered. This is a large piece of public land in the median to support such a bridge.
- The entire length of the connection is 1.36 miles; however, only 3866' (0.73 miles) of new trail is required to complete the connection. The on-street portion of the connection is in the Cottage Grove neighborhood with primarily local traffic as no major roads cross this area..
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- All land where new trails would be constructed is owned by TxDOT or the City of Houston.
- These improvements will increase property values for homeowners & taxing authorities.
- Provides improved facilities for area residents to walk, jog, bike, and commute, while improving health and the environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you require additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 512-463-0389.

Sincerely,

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Representative Sarah Davis
House District 134



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4302

June 20, 2018

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HOUSTON DISTRICT MAINTENANCE
JUN 25 2018

Texas Department of Transportation
ATTN Mr. Mark Wooldridge, P.E.
Director of Maintenance
7600 Washington Ave.
Houston, TX 77008

Subject: Proposed Hike and Bike Trail Project
White Oak Bayou Trail to Memorial Park via Cottage Grove Park

Dear Mr. Wooldridge,

As the representative in Congress of the residents of the White Oak Bayou/Heights neighborhood in Houston, I am writing to express my strong support for a trail project consisting of the segments shown on the attachment.

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Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if there is anything else I can do to help. Please let us know your decision with regard to moving forward with this great community improvement project.

GOD and TEXAS,

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Ted Poe
Member of Congress
TEXAS

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ELLEN R. COHEN
Houston City Council Member, District C

Committee Assignments:

Quality of Life: Committee Chair

Public Safety and
Homeland Security

Ethics, Elections and
Council Governance

Budget and Fiscal Affairs

Texas Department of Transportation
ATTN Mr. Mark Wooldridge, P.E.
Director of Maintenance
7600 Washington Ave.
Houston, TX 77008

October 17, 2018

Dear Mr. Wooldridge,

As the Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Houston and the Council Member representing District C, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of a hike and bike trail project to connect Houston's White Oak Bayou Trail with Memorial Park via Cottage Grove Park.

The project offers the following benefits to our community:

- Provides a short and direct connection between the White Oak Bayou/Heights MKT trails (which in turn connect to downtown Houston and other trails connected at that location) to Memorial Park.
- Avoids at-grade or above-grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad by virtue of the proposed safe underpass of the railroad between Cohn St. and Washington Ave. on the south side of I-10.
- The entire length of the connection is 1.2 miles; however, only 2646' (0.5 miles) of new trail is required to complete the connection. The on-street portion of the connection is in the Cottage Grove neighborhood with primarily local traffic as no major roads cross in this area.
- Provides an alternative to the south side of Memorial Drive sidewalk connection between Memorial Park and downtown Houston, which is a significant constraint in its current configuration.
- All land where new trail would be constructed is already owned by TxDOT, precluding any need for land acquisition costs.
- These improvements will increase property values for homeowners & taxing authorities.
- Provides improved facilities for area residents to walk, jog, bike, and commute, while improving the health, environment, and quality of life of my constituents.
- The project is consistent with the Houston Bike Plan.

For these reasons, I am pleased to support this grant application for a hike and bike trail connection from White Oak Bayou Trail to Memorial Park. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions at (832) 393-3004 or DistrictC@houston.tx.gov.

Sincerely,

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Ellen R. Cohen

City of Houston Mayor Pro Tem
Council Member, District C

October 9, 2018

Greater Heights Super Neighborhood Council (SN15)
107 West 12th Street
Houston, TX 77008

Texas Department of Transportation
ATTN Mr. Mark Wooldridge, P.E.
Director of Maintenance
7600 Washington Ave.
Houston, TX 77008

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HOUSTON DISTRICT MAINTENANCE
OCT 12 2018

Subject: Proposed Hike and Bike Trail Project
White Oak Bayou Trail to Memorial Park via Cottage Grove Park

Dear Mr. Wooldridge:

As representatives of the residents of the Greater Heights super-neighborhood with ~21,300 homes and ~41,400 residents, we are writing to express our strong support for a trail project consisting of the segments shown on the attachment.

The Greater Heights Super Neighborhood is located in north central Houston, inside the 610 Loop. It is roughly bounded by I-10 to the south, I-610 to the north, I-45 to the east, and White Oak Bayou to the west.

The GHSNC is comprised of the following stakeholder organizations:

- Clark Pines Civic Association
- East Sunset Heights Association
- Heights West Home Owners Group
- Houston Heights Association
- Houston Heights Progressive Civic Club
- Lower Heights Civic Club
- Montie Beach Civic Club
- Norhill Neighborhood Association
- Park Square Homeowners Association
- Rotary Club of Houston Heights
- Shady Acres Civic Club
- Sunset Heights Civic Club
- Woodland Heights Civic Association

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- Connects via Cottage Grove Park and Woodcrest Park. It also provides the opportunity for a pocket park on TxDOT owned land west of the Cohn St bike/pedestrian bridge on the south side of I-10.

- This connection utilizes a safe signalized crossing of Washington Ave./Westcott St. We encourage TxDOT to make upgrades to this intersection to improve the safety of bicycle and pedestrian traffic.
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Thank you for your consideration, and please let us know if there is anything else we can do to help. Please let us know your decision with regard to moving forward with this great community improvement project.

Yours very truly,

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Mark R. Williamson
President, Greater Heights Super Neighborhood Council (SN15)

Attachment
Hike and Bike Trail Project Plat
Yellow = New Trail Construction



WASHINGTON AVENUE COALITION - MEMORIAL PARK

The Super Neighborhood Between The Bayous

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HOUSTON DISTRICT MAINTENANCE

SEP 14 2018

September 14, 2018

Mr. Mark Wooldridge, P.E.
Director of Maintenance
Texas Department of Transportation
7600 Washington Ave.
Houston, Texas 77007

Dear Mr. Wooldridge:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Washington Avenue Coalition/Memorial Park Super Neighborhood 22 to express our support of a proposed bikeway within our super neighborhood, shown in the graphic included with this letter.

This new bikeway would provide these benefits to our community:

1. A much needed link between the existing White Oak/Heights trail and the northeast entrance of Memorial Park is provided for cyclists in our neighborhoods.
2. It utilizes an existing pedestrian bridge at Cohn Street, currently linking the neighborhood north of IH10 with neighborhoods south of IH10.
3. The proposed right-of-way enhancement along the south side of IH10 provides an off-roadway, dedicated, high comfort link between the pedestrian bridge and the Washington-Westcott-IH10 intersection, and offers the opportunity for park amenities within the right-of-way.
4. Meetings with Ana Ramirez-Huerta with TxDOT, Ian Hlavacek with Houston Public Works, and neighborhood cyclists indicate that changes to the Washington-Westcott-IH10 intersection are being investigated that would make this intersection safe for cyclists, and safer for motor vehicles. These enhancements are badly needed.

Please give this bikeway your full consideration. Do not hesitate to contact me for further information regarding the affected neighborhoods, or to discuss our continued support for this important bikeway.

Regards,



Mike VanDusen

Vice President

Washington Avenue Coalition/Memorial Park Super Neighborhood

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JUN 28 2018

6/25/2018

Cottage Grove Civic Association
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Director of Maintenance
7600 Washington Ave.
Houston, TX 77008

Subject: Proposed Hike and Bike Trail Project
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Dear Mr. Wooldridge

As representatives of the residents of the Cottage Grove neighborhood with 1,902 homes, we are writing to express our strong support for a trail project consisting of the segments shown on the attachment.

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Jeffrey Garoon
President of Cottage Grove Civic Association

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Citizens' Transportation Coalition
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July 27, 2018

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HOUSTON DISTRICT MAINTENANCE

AUG 23 2018

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The Citizens' Transportation Coalition (CTC) submits this letter in strong support of the proposed trail project consisting of the segments shown on the attachment. This project meets several of CTC's application principles including the effective allocation of scarce transportation dollars specifically application Principles 5 and 6. "5. Promote multi-modes and particularly projects for those who cannot drive and projects that will help HGAC with its air quality issues; 6. Bicycle, pedestrian, and other non-motorized projects provide inexpensive infrastructure and right of way, and safe and healthful mobility, particularly for shorter trips."

The project offers the following benefits to our community:

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- It utilizes an existing 6' wide bike/pedestrian bridge over I-10 near Cottage Grove Park. If this bridge proves inadequate in the future, there is plenty of land in Cottage Grove Park north of I-10 and on the TxDOT ROW south of I-10 to construct an additional bike/ped bridge.
- The trail includes a safe underpass of the high speed, high volume TC Jester Blvd along City of Houston owned drainage land.
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- Provides improved facilities for area residents to walk, jog, bike, and commute, while improving health and air quality.

Thank you for your consideration and please let us know if we can be of further assistance in moving forward with this great community improvement project.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Dexter R. Handy, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force Retired
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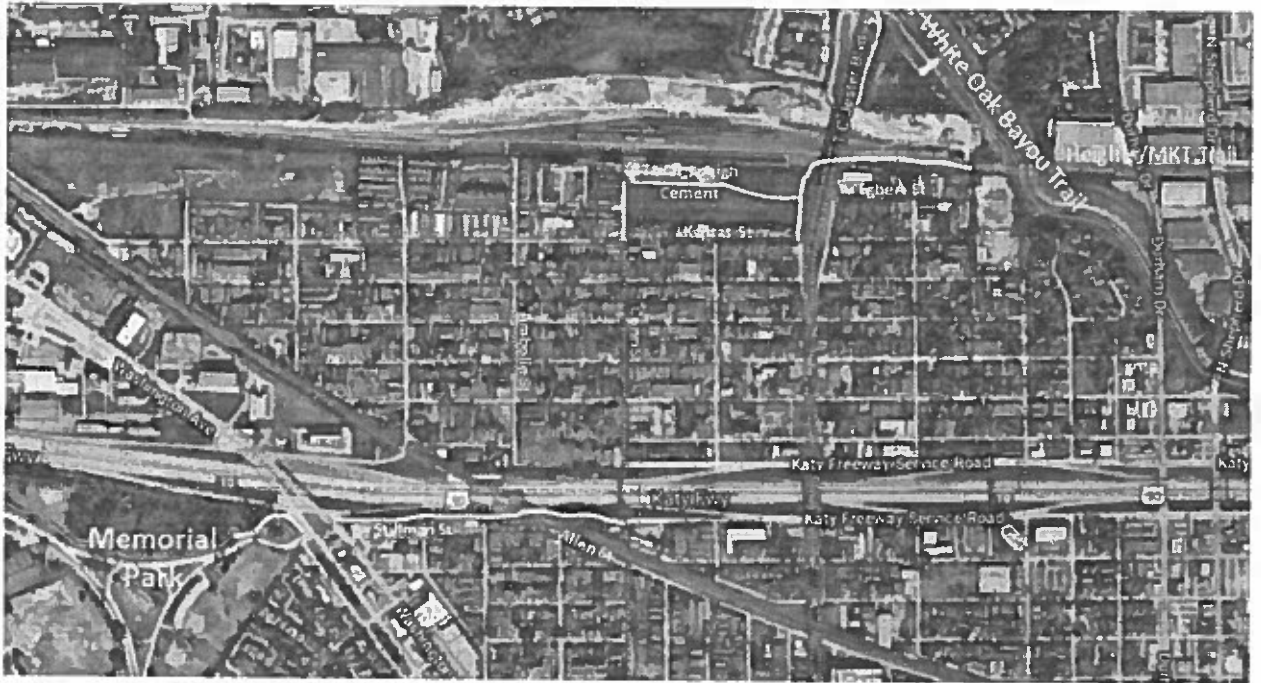
About the Citizens' Transportation Coalition

The Citizens' Transportation Coalition (CTC) is an all-volunteer, grassroots advocacy Organization based in Houston, with members across the 8-county Houston-Galveston region. Since 2004, CTC volunteers have worked to engage neighborhood leaders in the planning of Transportation projects that affect our neighborhood.



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Re: Support for TxDOT Memorial Park Connection TIP Submission

Dear Alan,

As Executive of BikeHouston I would like to lend my support to TxDOT's pursuit of funds through the 2018 Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for:

- Memorial Park Connection (Washington Avenue Intersection Ped/Bike Improvements to Widened Cohn Street Footbridge over IH10 and connections to MKT and White Oak Bayou Trails)

These improvements improve bicycle and pedestrian connections to and from Memorial Park, the Cohn Street Footbridge over IH 10 and safer pedestrian and bicycle connections to the White Oak Bayou and MKT Trails.

These are significant projects because they will improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other alternative mode users by providing safer and more direct access to Memorial Park along dedicated or otherwise marked connections.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at 713-824-6808.

Sincerely,

Clark Martinson
Executive Director
BikeHouston

September 13, 2018

Chere R. O'Neal
2107 Widdicomb Ct
Houston, TX 77008

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Texas Department of Transportation
ATTN Mr. Mark Wooldridge, P.E.
Director of Maintenance
7600 Washington Ave.
Houston, TX 77008

Subject: Proposed Hike and Bike Trail Project
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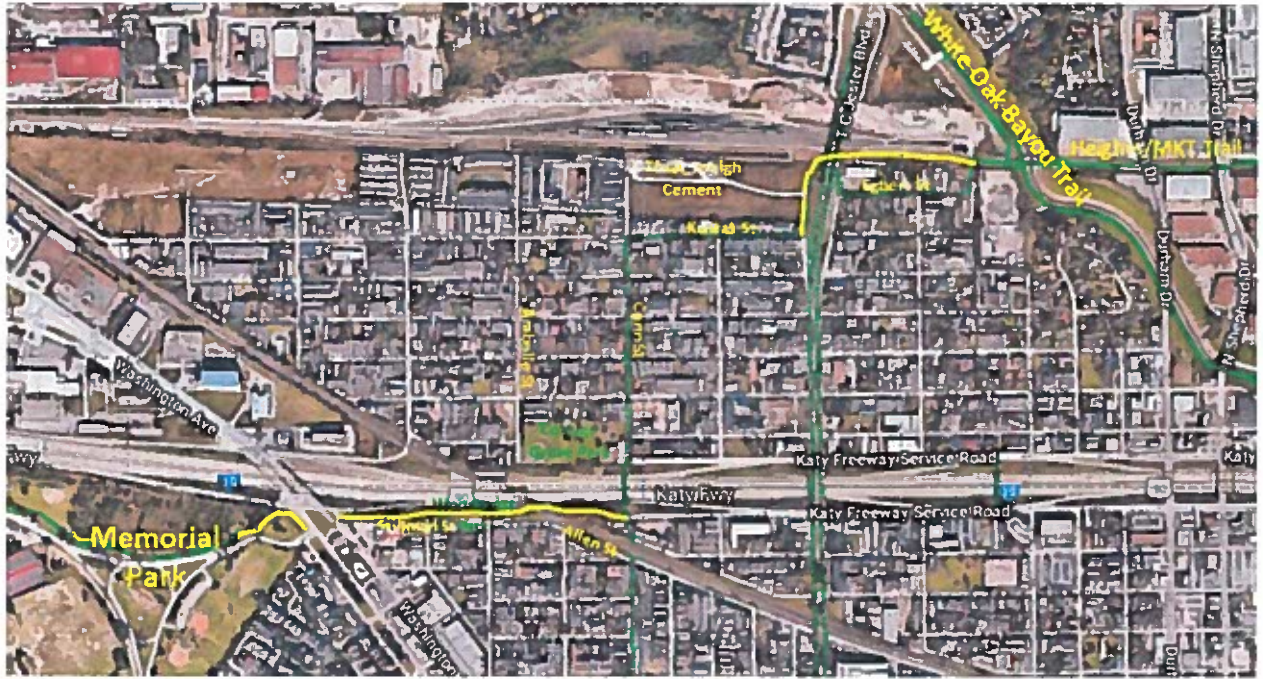
Dear Mr. Wooldridge:

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Thank you for your consideration and please let us know if there is anything else we can do to help. Please let us know your decision with regard to moving forward with this great community improvement project.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Foor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Foor" clearly legible.

David Foor
Intown Homes
VP of Land Acquisition