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Greater East End Management District 3211 Harrisburg Blvd. Houston, TX 77003

## Re: 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects – City of Houston Concurrence

Dear Greater East End Management District:

The City of Houston Review Committee has reviewed Greater East End Management District's application for TIP funding to construct the Eastwood Intermodal Terminal. The Review Committee will notify H-GAC that the conceptual design is consistent with City guidelines and plans.

Please be advised that projects will be subject to City of Houston final design review and approval prior to construction. Any non-standard improvements in city right-of-way will require a maintenance agreement prior to construction. Sponsors awarded federal funding should be prepared to coordinate design and construction through Houston Public Works as a local let contract.

The staff of both departments is prepared to continue working with you during the project development process. Please contact Jennifer Ostlind at (832) 393-6569 or via email at jennifer.ostlind@houstontx.gov or Gary Hill at (832) 395-3082 or via email at gary.hill@houstontx.gov if you have any questions or require additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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## Re: Letter of Concurrence with Greater East End Management District (GEEMD) Terminal Project

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Dear Mr. Koski:

METRO is very supportive of the Greater East End Management District's Eastwood Terminal Project. The GEEMD is seeking federal funding for the Eastwood Intermodal Terminal as a federally eligible component and is planning to apply through the next Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects in the 2017-2020 fiscal year cycle.

This project is part of a larger transit-oriented development (TOD) project through a partnership with a local developer to design and construct a structured parking facility adjacent to the METRORail Lockwood/Eastwood stop. A parking demand review conducted by METRO has identified the need for approximately 150 parking spaces for the short-term and 200-250 spaces for the long-term for the proposed Eastwood Intermodal Terminal. This parking demand is in addition to the demand attributable to retail activity and residents at the proposed TOD site.

Included with the terminal project are key pedestrian-transit enhancements that will improve access to the Lockwood/Eastwood METRORail station, the proposed terminal location, and local area fixed-route transit service. Enhanced safety and connectivity to fixed-route transit and light rail service are the direct benefit of this investment.

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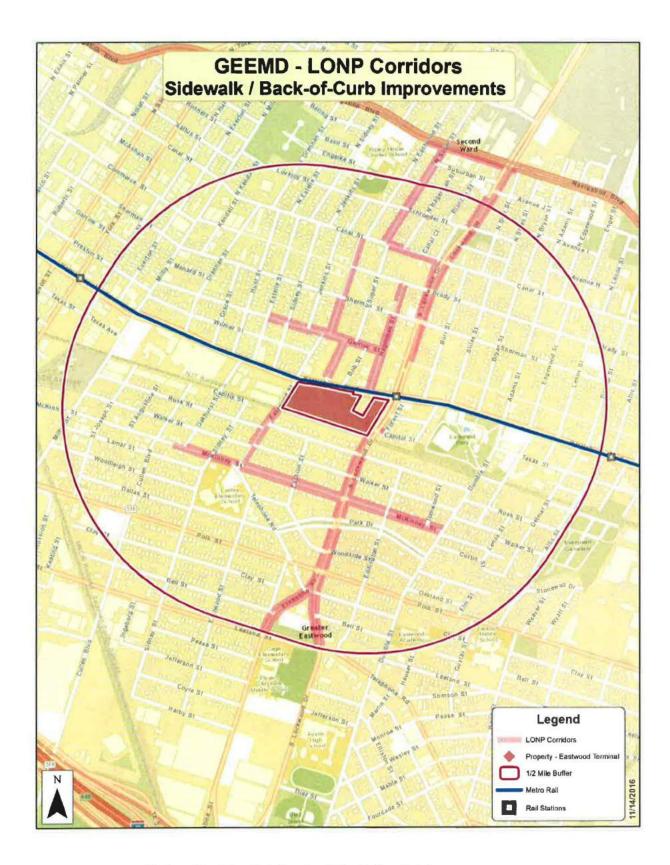
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Overall, the new terminal has many benefits; it is strategically located along the METRORail Green Line, it provides alternative parking for vehicles traveling to Downtown Houston and the Texas Medical Center and, most importantly, it supports the TOD initiative that METRO, the City of Houston, and H-GAC partnered on in the development of the 2015 Transit Oriented Development Study.

Sincerely, sident & CE

Attached: Appendix A: GEEMD - LONP Corridors

cc: Ms. Patrick Ezzell, Director of Economic Development & Infrastructure, Greater East End Management District Ms. Melissa Foreman, Community Planner, FTA Mr. Roberto Trevino, PE, Planning, Engineering & Construction, METRO Mr. Clint Harbert, AICP, Vice President System and Capital Planning



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