

## **COUNTY JUDGE**

Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert County Judge October 23, 2018

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Mr. Alan Clark Metropolitan Planning Organization Director Houston-Galveston Area Council 3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120 Houston, Texas 77027

Via Application Submittal

Subject:

2018 TIP Call for Projects

Letter of Local Match Support

Mr. Clark:

With this application, Fort Bend County is requesting funding for advanced planning, environmental, design, utility relocation, construction management and construction of a Park and Ride to be located at the University of Houston – Sugar Land. The County entered into an agreement with Central Houston to assess feasibility of park and ride services into downtown Houston in 2014. Outcomes of that effort indicated high demand for commuter services from Sugar Land into Houston's central business district. The County has had a long-standing partnership with the University of Houston Sugar Land, with the University and County sharing use of a park and ride facility located on University property. As the University's needs have grown so has their need for student and employee parking. In addition, they need to transport students from the Sugar Land area to/from their campuses near Houston's central business district. Funding of this application will allow us to implement commuter services to downtown Houston, consolidate park and ride locations, continue our parking partnership with the University and expand service to include coordination of commuter stops to include University locations in Houston.

This project is to be coordinated with the University of Houston Sugar Land. The University will provide Fort Bend County with a long-term land lease at no cost to the County. The County in turn will construct the park and ride lot and provide expanded services from the lot. The value of the land lease will be used to match the cost for bringing the project to fruition.

If you have any questions regarding this application or need any additional information, please contact Yvette R. Maldonado in the Public Transportation Department at 281-633-7433, or by email at <a href="Yvette.Maldonado@fortbendcountytx.gov">Yvette.Maldonado@fortbendcountytx.gov</a>. Please know we truly appreciate the efforts of H-GAC to coordinate these activities for our region and we look forward to working with you on this much-needed project.

Sipcerely.

Robert Hebert County Judge