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RE: Houston Parks Board / Houston Parks and Recreation Department submissions for

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Sincerely,

Clark Martinson, AICP, Assoc. AIA

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Executive Director BikeHouston

October 17, 2018



Beth White President & CEO Houston Parks Board 300 North Post Oak Blvd. Houston, TX 77024

RE: Houston Parks Board / Houston Parks and Recreation Department submissions for H-GAC Call for Projects 2018

Dear Ms. White,

As a City of Houston Council Member, I support uniting the city by developing a network of offroad shared use paths where residents can walk and bike safely. Expanding our network of greenways designed to reach jobs, education, and other services will make it easier for residents to rely on biking and walking as primary modes of transportation. I am proud to support the Houston Parks Board's application for Transportation Improvement Project funding.

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Sincerely,

Council Member Mike Laster

City of Houston District J



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Ms. Beth White President and CEO Houston Parks Board 300 North Post Oak Boulevard Houston, Texas 77024

Dear Ms. White:

On behalf of Buffalo Bayou Partnership, I am writing to support the Houston Parks Board's Transportation Improvement Project application for the *Beyond the Bayous Regional Connector Network of Greenways* project. This important initiative will contribute to a comprehensive network of connecting greenways throughout Harris County.

Buffalo Bayou Partnership is particularly interested in the *Port Connector Greenway* as it links the Port of Houston Turning Basin along Buffalo Bayou to Brays and Sims bayous, and ultimately to Hobby Airport. The project also includes a link to the west along Navigation Boulevard which will allow alternative transportation all the way to Buffalo Bayou Park, just west of downtown.

Once again, Buffalo Bayou Partnership supports the *Beyond the Bayous* Regional *Connector Network of Greenways* and wishes you good luck with your funding application.

Sincerely,

Anne Olson President



October 25, 2018

Tracy Bridge
Executive Vice President
and President
Electric Division

Ms. Beth White President & CEO Houston Parks Board 300 North Post Oak Blvd. Houston, TX 77024

RE: Houston Parks Board / Houston Parks and Recreation Department submissions for H-GAC Call for Projects 2018

Dear Ms. White,

CenterPoint Energy is pleased to send this letter in support of Houston Parks Board's application for Transportation Improvement Project funding. Our organization supports uniting the city by developing a network of off-road shared use paths where residents can walk and bike safely. Expanding our network of greenways that reach jobs, education, and other services makes it easier for residents to rely on biking and walking to go about their daily lives. This reduces stress on people, on our roads, and on household budgets.

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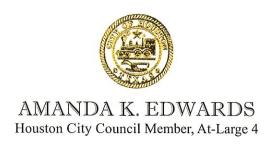
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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Committee Assignments:

October 17, 2018

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President & CEO

Houston Parks Board

300 North Post Oak Blvd.

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RE: Houston Parks Board / Houston Parks and Recreation Department submissions for H-GAC Call for Projects 2018

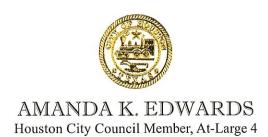
Dear Ms. White,

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Sincerely,

Council Member Amanda Edwards
City of Houston At-Large Position 4



David W. Robinson

Houston City Council Member, At-Large 2

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October 26, 2018

Beth White President & CEO, Houston Parks Board 300 North Post Oak Blvd. Houston, TX 77024

RE: Houston Parks Board / Houston Parks and Recreation Department submissions for 2018 Call for Projects

Dear Ms. White,

I am pleased to support the Houston Parks Board and Houston Parks and Recreation Department's application for funding through the 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). As an at-large council member, I believe our city and our region must make it easier and safer for residents to bike and walk in their daily routines in order to reduce the stress on our road network and improve quality of life. The projects identified below provide a compelling vision for future linkages that connect five separate Bayou Greenways:

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Together, the West Side/Westpark, Port Connector and Little White Oak Bayou projects will add more than 29 miles of trails to the 150 miles of Bayou Greenways 2020. I fully support these projects, which will create vital connections linking people and neighborhoods to parks, transit and job centers.

Gratefully,

David W. Robinson, FAIA

Council Member, At-Large Position 2

City Hall Annex 900 Bagby St., 1st Floor, Houston, TX 77002 Phone 832.393.3013 Fax 832.393.3336

Southwest Houston Redevelopment Authority



October 17, 2018

Beth White President & CEO Houston Parks Board 300 North Post Oak Blvd. Houston, TX 77024

RE: Houston Parks Board / Houston Parks and Recreation Department submissions for H-GAC Call for Projects 2018

Dear Ms. White,

The Southwest Houston Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 20 is pleased to send this letter in support of Houston Parks Board's application for Transportation Improvement Project funding. Our organization supports uniting the city by developing a network of off-road shared use paths where residents can walk and bike safely. Expanding our network of greenways that reach jobs, education, and other services makes it easier for residents to rely on biking and walking to go about their daily lives. This reduces stress on people, on our roads, and on household budgets. The Beyond the Bayous Regional Connector Network of Greenways offers a vision to broaden the reach of Bayou Greenways 2020. Its inclusion in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan will provide a roadmap for a comprehensive network of connected greenway trails throughout Harris County.

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We support these efforts. Sincerely,

David W. Hawes **Executive Director**



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October 30, 2018

Alan C. Clark Houston-Galveston Area Council 3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120 Houston, Texas 77027

RE: Letter of Support for Houston Parks Board 2018 Call for Projects Applications

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) supports the Houston Parks Board's 2018 Call for Projects applications. When taken together, The Beyond the Bayous, West Side and Westpark Regional Connector Segments, Port Regional Connector Segments and Little White Oak Bayou Regional Connector Segments, constitute a wide-ranging mobility plan for the City of Houston. Each of the proposed segments will support access to METRO's transit system, providing regional interconnectivity within a multimodal system. METRO is making significant investments in universal accessibility at its transit stops. We believe the proposed projects will provide an opportunity to maximize that investment by providing improved bicycle and pedestrian connections in high-demand locations.

METRO looks forward to partnering with the Houston Parks Board and the Houston-Galveston Area Council to deliver strategies and implement projects in the Houston area that support the goals of universal accessibility for our patrons today and tomorrow. Please feel free to contact me at 713-739-6062 should you need further information about our recommendation.

Sincerely.

Roberto Treviño, P.E. Executive Vice President

Planning, Engineering & Construction

Cc: Beth While, President & CEO, Houston Parks Board

Thomas C. Lambert, President & CEO, METRO

Clint Harbert, AICP, VP Systems & Capital Planning, METRO

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October 9, 2018

Beth White
President & CEO
Houston Parks Board
300 North Post Oak Blvd.
Houston, TX 77024

RE:

Houston Parks Board / Houston Parks and Recreation Department submissions for

H-GAC's 2018 Call for Projects

Dear Beth White,

The TIRZ of St George Place Redevelopment Authority is pleased to send this letter in support of Houston Parks Board's application for Transportation Improvement Project funding. Our organization supports uniting the City of Houston by developing a network of off-road shared use paths where residents can walk and bike safely. Expanding our network of greenways that reach jobs, education, and other services makes it easier for residents to rely on biking and walking to go about their daily lives. This reduces stress on people, on our roads, and on household budgets.

The West side / Westpark Connector Segment project will provide safe bicycle/pedestrian access from Gulfton, the densest neighborhood in Houston, to two transit centers, 7 frequent bus routes, and Brays Bayou Greenway. It will also add to Houston Park and Recreation Department's, Uptown's, and Memorial Park Conservancy's work by continuing the Memorial Park CenterPoint easement trail further south from Richmond Avenue, under I-59 to connect to Brays Bayou Greenway.

Furthermore, these projects will connect to our two proposed TIP submissions, the Briargrove Extension Project and the Chimney Rock Added Capacity project. Both of the TIRZ 1 / St. George Place Projects will include pedestrian and bicycle facilities, further enhancing access to our regional alternative mode network.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Bill Hutz

Chairman of the Board

William G. Heitz



October 3, 2018

Ms. Beth White President & CEO Houston Parks Board 300 North Post Oak Blvd. Houston, TX 77024

SUBJECT: Houston Parks Board / Houston Parks and

Recreation Department submissions for H-GAC call

for projects 2018

Dear Ms. White:

Harris County Improvement District #1 is pleased to send this letter in support of Houston Parks Board's application for Transportation Improvement Project funding. Our organization supports uniting the city by developing a network of off-road shared use paths where residents can walk and bike safely. Expanding our network of greenways that reach jobs, education, and other services makes it easier for residents to rely on biking and walking to go about their daily lives. This reduces stress on people, on our roads, and on household budgets.

The Regional Connector Network of Greenways is a vision for expanding the network of Bayou Greenway 2020 trails. Its inclusion in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan would provide a roadmap for a comprehensive network of greenway trails that connect throughout Harris County, including the Uptown area.

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The project's 6.2 miles of greenway will also connect multiple schools, parks, and businesses.

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Sincerely,

John R. Breeding

President



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