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October 12, 2018

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Mr. Alan Clark
Director of Transportation Planning
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane #100
Houston, TX 77027

Subject: *Local Match Commitment for Houston's 2018 TIP Call for Projects Application--
Port Regional Connector Greenway Project*

Dear Mr. Clark,

The Houston Parks Board is delighted to support the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department application to the 2018 TIP Call for Projects by implementing financial and management support to the Port Regional Connector Greenway Project. A portion of the required 20% match, \$6 million, will come from Bayou Greenways 2020 park city bond funds to be appropriated for the Sims Bayou Greenway. The balance, of approximately \$3 million will come from private funds raised by the Houston Parks Board for Bayou Greenways 2020. This letter serves as the letter of financial commitment required for the final grant application package.

Prior to completion, a maintenance agreement will be negotiated between the Houston Parks Board and the trail stakeholders.

The Port Regional Connector Greenway Project will create an alternate mode of transportation for the Greater East End and Hobby areas to connect bus services, sidewalks and crosswalks throughout the corridor for pedestrians and cyclists. These connections will improve mobility and access for existing and future transit riders, local residents, commuters, and travelers who have origins and destinations in this area.

We look forward to your positive review of the grant application.

Best Regards,

Beth White
President & CEO

Houston Parks Board is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) dedicated to providing access to quality parks and greenspace for all people. Houston Parks Board creates, improves, protects and advocates for parkland in the Greater Houston region. Since 1976, the organization has utilized public-private partnerships and its extensive philanthropic, government and community relationships to improve parks large and small.

Stephen Wright
*Director, Houston Parks and
Recreation Department*
Ex-Officio

Beth White
President & CEO



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COMMISSIONER

October 29, 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:

Harris County Precinct One is pleased to send this letter in support of Houston Parks Board's application for Transportation Improvement Project funding. Precinct One supports connecting 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.

The *Little White Oak Bayou Regional Greenway* will extend from Halls Bayou at Acres Home through several largely low-income and minority neighborhoods to White Oak Bayou Greenway near downtown. The proposed trail will also connect to three transit centers—Northline, North Shepherd, and Acres Home, vastly improving access to jobs, education, and recreation.

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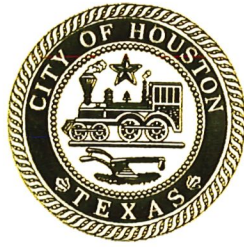
We support these projects.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at 713-991-6881.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Ellis".

Rodney Ellis
Commissioner



ROBERT GALLEGOS
HOUSTON COUNCIL MEMBER
DISTRICT I

October 15, 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,

I am pleased to send this letter in support of Houston Parks Board's application for Transportation Improvement Project funding. As a City of Houston Council Member, I support uniting the city by developing a network of off-road shared use paths on which 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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The *Port Connector Greenway* project links the Port of Houston Turning Basin to Buffalo, Brays and Sims Bayou Greenways, and ultimately to Hobby Airport – all located in my District. It also creates a link to the west along Navigation, connecting to the trails at Buffalo Bayou Park East leading to downtown.

These projects create neighborhood connections to existing parks, METRO lines, employment centers and residential areas in District I, and both are deserving.

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

Sincerely,

Robert Gallegos
Council Member
District I





Dwight A. Boykins

Houston City Council Member, District D

October 29, 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,

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These projects create neighborhood connections to existing parks, METRO lines, employment centers and residential areas in District D, and both are deserving.

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

Sincerely,

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Dwight A. Boykins
Houston City Council
District D



KARLA CISNEROS
Houston City Council Member, District H

October 16, 2018

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

Dear Beth,

I am pleased to send this letter in support of Houston Parks Board's application for Transportation Improvement Project funding. As Council Member representing District H, I support 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.

The *Port Connector Segment* project connects from the Port of Houston Turning Basin, to Buffalo, Brays and Sims Bayou Greenways, and ultimately to Hobby e4d2A airport. It also completes a missing link west along Navigation to connect into the trails at Buffalo Bayou Park East into downtown.

The *Little White Oak Bayou Regional Connector* would extend from Acres Home through multiple neighborhoods, to White Oak Bayou Greenway and ultimately to downtown. The proposed trail will connect to two Bayou Greenways (White Oak and Halls) and the three transit centers (Northline, North Shepherd, and Acres homes) and link several largely low income and minority neighborhoods to the Bayou Greenways, improving access to jobs, education, and recreation.

Each of these projects create neighborhood connections to existing parks, METRO lines, employment centers and residential areas in District H, and are all deserving. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karla Cisneros".

Karla Cisneros
Council Member, District H



AMANDA K. EDWARDS
Houston City Council Member, At-Large 4

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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,

I am pleased to send this letter in support of Houston Parks Board's application for Transportation Improvement Project funding. As a City of Houston Council Member At-Large, I support 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 projects identified below provide a vision for future linkages that connect five separate Bayou Greenways. I support these proposed projects:

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.

The *West Side/Westpark Connector Greenway* project will provide safe bicycle/pedestrian access from Gulfton, the densest neighborhood in Houston, to two transit centers, seven high frequency bus routes, and Brays Bayou Greenway. It will also connect multiple schools, parks, and businesses.



AMANDA K. EDWARDS
Houston City Council Member, At-Large 4

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The *Port Connector Greenway* project links the Port of Houston Turning Basin to Buffalo, Brays and Sims Bayou Greenways, and ultimately to Hobby Airport. It also creates a link to the west along Navigation, connecting to the trails at Buffalo Bayou Park East leading to downtown.

The *Little White Oak Bayou Regional Greenway* will extend from Halls Bayou at Acres Home through several largely low income and minority neighborhoods to White Oak Bayou Greenway near downtown. The proposed trail will also connect to three transit centers—Northline, North Shepherd, and Acres Home, vastly improving access to jobs, education, and recreation.

Together the *West Side/Westpark*, *Port Connector*, and *Little White Oak Bayou Greenway* projects will add more than 29 miles of trails to the 150 miles of Bayou Greenways 2020 trails. Each of these projects are unique, but all create neighborhood connections to existing parks, METRO lines and residential areas and all are deserving.

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

Sincerely,


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



David W. Robinson

Houston City Council Member, At-Large 2

Committees

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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:

- 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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- The *Little White Oak Bayou Regional Greenway* will extend from Halls Bayou at Acres Home through several largely low-income minority neighborhoods to White Oak Bayou Greenway near downtown. The trail will also connect to three transit centers, vastly improving access to jobs, education and recreation.

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



October 19, 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 East End District 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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The *Port Connector Greenway* project links the Port of Houston Turning Basin over Buffalo Bayou to Brays and Sims Bayou Greenways, and ultimately to Hobby Airport. It also creates a link to the west along Navigation, connecting into the trails at Buffalo Bayou Park East leading to downtown. It will greatly expand and enhance safe access throughout the Greater East End.

We support these projects.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at 713-928-9916.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Veronica Chapa Gorczynski".

Veronica Chapa Gorczynski
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HOBBY AREA DISTRICT

October 15, 2018

Beth White
President & CEO
Houston Parks Board
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Houston, TX 77024

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

Dear Ms. White,

The Hobby Area District 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 activities. This reduces stress on people, on our roads, and on household budgets.

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We support these projects.

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

Sincerely,

Jerry Lowry
Executive Director

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October 17, 2018

Mr. Stephen Wright
Houston Parks and Recreation Department
2999 South Wayside
Houston, TX 77023

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

Dear Director Wright:

The City of Houston Review Committee has reviewed the Department's application for TIP funding to construct the Port Regional Connector Segment. 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,



Margaret Wallace Brown
Acting Director
Planning & Development Department



Carol Ellinger Haddock, P.E.
Director
Houston Public Works

MWB:JO/smb

c: Maureen Crocker, Assistant Director, Houston Public Works
Jeff Weatherford, Deputy Director, Houston Public Works
Greater East End Management District
Hobby Area Management District



TIRZ23.org

Harrisburg Redevelopment Authority

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #23
PO BOX 22167 Houston, TX 77227

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 Harrisburg Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 23 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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We support these projects.

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

Harris County Precinct Two

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October 29, 2018

Quincy Allen
District Engineer
TxDOT Houston District
7600 Washington Ave.
Houston, TX 77007

RE: Letter of Support TxDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

Dear Mr. Allen:

Precinct 2 is pleased to provide a letter of support to TxDOT's Houston District for their recent submission to call for projects.

As a partner, we affirm our financial support to pay for our share of trails and are committed to work with the state for pedestrian and bike improvements.

We are excited to partner with TxDOT to improve this important section for the Bay Area Hike and Bike trail. The enhancements to this section will not only improve connectivity, but greatly enhance safety across the NASA 1 Bridge over Armand Bayou.

Sincerely,

Jack Morman
Commissioner



PORT HOUSTON
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October 29, 2018

Via USPS and email: BethWhite@houstonparksboard.org

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
Submission to H-GAC call for projects 2018

Dear Ms. White:

The Port of Houston Authority is pleased to send this letter in support of the Houston Parks Board's application for Transportation Improvement Project funding.

The Port Authority supports the Parks Board's effort to develop a network of off-road shared-use paths to permit residents, visitors, and workers to walk and bike safely away from most vehicular traffic.

The Park Board's *Beyond the Bayous Regional Connector Network* is a realistic vision for expanding the network of Bayou Greenway 2020 trails. We urge that it be included in the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan, to help blaze the trail for a more comprehensive network of greenway connectors throughout Harris County, including connections to the Port of Houston.

The *Port Regional Connector* segment would connect the Turning Basin area to Buffalo, Brays, and Sims Bayou Greenways, and ultimately to Hobby Airport. It would also complete a missing link west along Navigation to connect into the trails at Buffalo Bayou Park East to downtown. While it will also be a challenge to put in place a north-south connector over Buffalo Bayou, we look forward to working with the Parks Board to coordinate with our own Port 2040 planning efforts and help bring the *Port Regional Connector* vision to reality.

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

Sincerely,

Roger Guenther
Executive Director

Copies: Chip Place (Chip@houstonparksboard.org)
Lisa Graiff (Lisag@houstonparksboard.org)
Erik Eriksson



October 09, 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 Beth White,

The TIRZ 08 Gulfgate 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 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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The *Port Connector Segment* project connects from the Port of Houston Turning Basin, to Buffalo, Brays and Sims Bayou Greenways, and ultimately to Hobby Airport. It also completes a missing link west along Navigation to connect into the trails at Buffalo Bayou Park East into downtown. It will therefore provide safe access to and from all of these amenities for walkers and bikers in the Gulfgate area, as such we support this project.

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

Sincerely,

Sonny Garza
Chairman of the Board



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October 31, 2018

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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,

I am pleased to send this letter in support of Houston Parks Board's application for H-GAC's 2018 TIP Call for Projects. As the Executive Director of Bike Houston, I support uniting the city by developing a network of off-road shared use paths and on-street high comfort bikeways where residents can bike safely that compliments the Houston Bike Plan. The projects identified below provide a vision for future linkages that connect five separate Bayou Greenways. I support these proposed projects:

- ***Beyond the Bayous Regional Connector Network of Greenways*** - offers a vision to broaden the reach of Bayou Greenways 2020 and implement many Houston BikePlan Priority Projects.
- ***West Side/Westpark Connector Greenway Project*** - will provide safe bicycle/pedestrian access from Gulfton, the densest neighborhood in Houston, to two transit centers, seven high frequency bus routes, and Brays Bayou Greenway.
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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at 713-824-6808.

Sincerely,

Clark Martinson, AICP, Assoc. AIA
Executive Director
BikeHouston