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October 22, 2018

Mr. Andrew Mao
Texas Department of Transportation
Houston District
PO BOX 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386

Subject: FM 518 Widening
City of Pearland Resolution of Support

Dear Mr. Mao,

Please see the attached copy of the City of Pearland's Resolution of Support for the FM 518 widening from Hwy 288 to Hwy 35.

If you have any questions contact me a call at 281.652.1641 or email at rupton@pearlandtx.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. Upton", written over a light blue circular background.

Robert D. Upton, P.E.
Director of Engineering

Attachment: City of Pearland Resolution of Support R2018-194

CC: Pat Henry, TxDOT
Bill Brudnick, TxDOT

RESOLUTION NO. R2018-194

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pearland, Texas, supporting the Texas Department of Transportation's submission of the FM 518 Widening Project, from SH 288 to SH 35, to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for inclusion in its 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan.

WHEREAS, FM518 is included on the City of Pearland Thoroughfare Plan as a Major Thoroughfare;
and

WHEREAS, FM518 carries the greatest traffic volume and experiences the greatest amount of traffic congestion within the City of Pearland and Brazoria County, excluding freeways; and


WHEREAS, FM518 experiences the highest volume of motor vehicle accidents in the City of Pearland; and

WHEREAS, the widening and safety improvements included in the FM518 Widening project will result in a reduction of traffic congestion and motor vehicle accident; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS:


Section 1. That the City Council hereby supports the Texas Department of Transportation's submission of the FM 518 Widening Project, from SH 288 to SH 35, to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for inclusion in its 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 8th day of October, A.D., 2018.



TOM REID
MAYOR

ATTEST:



YOUNG WORFING, TRMC
CITY SECRETARY





October 25, 2018

TxDOT – Houston District
Mr. Quincy Allen, P.E. District Engineer
PO Box 1386
Houston, TX 77251

Re: 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects – FM 518 Improvements

On behalf of the Pearland Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors (PEDC), an organization dedicated to promoting the economic development of the City of Pearland, I am writing to express our organization's unanimous support for including the FM 518 improvements roadway project submitted by Texas Department of Transportation to the 2018 TIP Call for Projects.

PEDC believes that the proposed project will help alleviate traffic congestion in our region. FM 518 is strategically situated between various economic engines of the Gulf Coast Region. This strategic location has led to explosive growth in Pearland during the last decade. According to US Census population estimates, Pearland was ranked as the eighth fastest growing city in the United States from 2010 to 2016 compared to other cities with a population of 50,000 or greater. Pearland's population was estimated to be 125,000 in January 2018 by the City's planning department.

Pearland's rapid growth has led to significant commercial growth in our community, which is currently ranked one of the 50 largest retail centers in the State of Texas. With the continued growth in Pearland and Northern Brazoria County, this roadway which is the main commerce corridor and major transportation artery for our community and the region, is in dire need of expansion and upgrading from a rural to an urban cross section to handle the existing and future traffic.

The FM 518 corridor is Pearland's most dangerous due to the rural design that is now functioning well over capacity with average daily traffic over 30,000 vehicles. FM 518 has the highest accident and fatality rates within Pearland. The segment from SH 288 to FM 865 was identified in the Northern Brazoria County/Pearland Subregional Planning Initiative as the highest scoring project based on safety, congestion, and the qualitative measures used in the study.

Area residents use this road to access SH 288 and The Texas Medical Center and Downtown Houston. The continued growth of our area will continue to tax the capacity of FM 518 from SH 288 to SH 35, as an ever-increasing number of residents and businesses come to rely on this road.

The Pearland Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors believes that the proposed six-lane configuration of improvements on FM 518 from SH 288 to SH 35 is essential to relieve traffic congestion and support the economic vibrancy of not only Brazoria County, but our entire region.



THE BEST BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY IN HOUSTON IS DUE SOUTH.

Failure to approve this project would significantly add further to our area's traffic congestion and seriously inhibit the full economic potential of the region. We appreciate your consideration of this project and your work on behalf of our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Buchanan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Matt Buchanan
President

cc:

William Brudnick, TxDOT
Andrew Mao, TxDOT
Patrick Gant, TxDOT
Tiffany Stodder, City of Pearland