

AGENDA
 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1019 DALLAS STREET
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012 - 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. INVOCATION
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. RESIDENTS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS
6. RESIDENTS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
7. PRESENTATION BY RIVERON CORPORATION AND R. W. PATRICK & ASSOCIATES, INC., ON A PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND LANDSCAPING ALONG HIGHWAY 3 AND CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ALONG VARIOUS CITY ROADWAYS
8. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE ELECTING FOR THE CITY TO MAKE CURRENT SERVICE AND PRIOR SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY'S ACCOUNT IN THE BENEFIT ACCUMULATION FUND OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM AT THE ACTUARIALLY DETERMINED RATE OF TOTAL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION
9. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2009-30; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE PAY OF THE CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE INCREASE; AUTHORIZING THE EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE AND A SAVINGS CLAUSE
10. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS, TO DESIGNATE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2013, AS THE FLOATING HOLIDAY FOR 2013
11. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2012

AGENDA (CONTINUED)
 OCTOBER 23, 2012 - 6:30 P.M.

12. FINANCE RESOLUTION NO. 2012-18 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CITY VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS SUBMITTING INVOICES
13. COUNCIL'S REPORT
14. MAYOR'S REPORT
15. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, I, Barbara S. Bigham, City Secretary for the City of South Houston, Texas, do certify that this Notice of Meeting was posted at City Hall in a place readily accessible to the general public at all times, on the 19th day of October, 2012, at _____ a.m. /p.m. and will remain so posted for at least 72 continuous hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Barbara Sissy Bigham, City Secretary
 City of South Houston, Texas

Transportation Enhancement Program
10/23/2012
6:30 Meeting

Sign in Sheet

Al Thiel
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Lance Avant
Patricia Lopez
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**AGENDA
PUBLIC MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1019 DALLAS STREET
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 - 6 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ON THE FOLLOWING STREET SEGMENTS:
 - Avenue G, from Texas Avenue to Allen-Genoa Road
 - 9th Street, from Spencer Highway to Avenue N
 - 14th Street, from Avenue G to Avenue N
 - El Paso Street, from South Richey Street to Spencer Highway
 - Texas Avenue, from Spencer Highway to Avenue G
 - Austin Street, from Nebraska Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue
 - Washington Avenue, from Main Street to Dallas Street
 - Iowa Avenue, from Austin Street to Dallas Street
 - Minnesota Avenue, from Austin Street to Dallas Street
 - 5th Street, from Spencer Highway to Avenue K
 - Michigan Avenue, from Austin Street to Dallas Street
 - Georgia Avenue, from Austin Street to Dallas Street
 - Indiana Avenue, from Austin Street to Dallas Street
4. ADJOURNMENT

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Barbara S. Bigham, City Secretary
City of South Houston, Texas

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7. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROJECT NOMINATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIPLE SIDEWALKS TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2012 PROGRAM CALL FOR THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, AND CERTIFYING LOCAL FUNDING AND SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT
8. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 23, "MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS"; SECTION 23.22 (c) (13), "APPLICATION GENERALLY"; TO INCREASE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN EXISTING USED LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND ANY NEW LOCATION TO BE DEVOTED TO SUCH A USE, INCLUDING A PROVISION THAT PROHIBITS THE EXPANSION BY ADDING (BY PURCHASE OR LEASE OR OTHERWISE) SITES ADJOINING OR ABUTTING THE PROPERTY DEVOTED TO SUCH A USE; FINDING THAT ALL PROPER NOTICES HAVE BEEN GIVEN; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE DATE THEREOF
9. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE CANCELING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 25, 2012, AND RE-SCHEDULING IT FOR DECEMBER 18, 2012

AGENDA (CONTINUED)
NOVEMBER 13, 2012 - 6:30 P.M.

- 10. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A MOBILE HOME MOVE-IN AT 1202 NEBRASKA AVENUE, #4; 1992 FLEETWOOD; 16' X 76'
- 11. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE CONFIRMATION OF AL THIEL, SAM CASTANEDA AND MARIA VEGA FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FROM DECEMBER 31, 2012, TO DECEMBER 31, 2014; AND MARLOW LEE HERNANDEZ, SHIRLEY SAVELL, DENNIS CORDRAY, AND DIANA GONZALEZ AS MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH HOUSTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
- 12. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2012
- 13. FINANCE RESOLUTION NO. 2012-19 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CITY VENDORS AND CONTRACTORS SUBMITTING INVOICES
- 14. COUNCIL'S REPORT
- 15. MAYOR'S REPORT
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Barbara Sissy Bigham, City Secretary
City of South Houston, Texas

SIGN IN SHEET

PUBLIC MEETING
TXDOT Nomination
CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012, 6:00PM

John Zand

Michael Murray

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Congress of the United States
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December 5, 2012

ATTACHMENT C
LETTERS OF SUPPORT
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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

- RANKING MEMBER, SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMY
- SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS
- SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND POWER

DEMOCRATIC SENIOR WHIP

The Honorable Joe Soto
Mayor
City of South Houston
Post Office Box 238
South Houston, Texas 77587

Dear Mayor Soto:

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of South Houston's grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation Enhancement Program to finance the construction of sidewalks.

The City of South Houston has a pronounced and dire need for sidewalks. Currently, local citizens are at risk because pedestrians are forced walk in the roadway, a serious safety hazard. Children walking to school, mothers pushing strollers, and pedestrians traveling to the store all must walk in the street, exposing them to danger. The City of South Houston's proposal to construct sidewalks will reduce this safety hazard, promote the wellbeing of local residents, and improve the community overall.

The City of South Houston has demonstrated its commitment to improving public safety, recently securing a grant to build sidewalks directly around local schools. With funding from the TxDOT Enhancement Program, sidewalks can be constructed to connect the sidewalks around schools to residential areas, decreasing the distance residents must walk in the road to travel.

I have had the honor of representing the citizens of South Houston in Congress for many years, and I ask that you accept this letter as evidence of my support for the City of South Houston's grant application. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if we can be of further assistance. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Gene Green
Member of Congress

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South Houston Economic Development Corporation
P.O. Box 234
South Houston, TX 77587

The City of South Houston Chamber of Commerce

58 Spencer Hwy. South Houston, TX 77587
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November 1, 2012

Mayor Joe Soto
City of South Houston
1018 Dallas Street
South Houston, TX 77587

Dear Mayor Soto:

The South Houston Chamber of Commerce is happy to express its support for the application the City of South Houston is making to the Texas Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement program for construction of sidewalks along City streets.

The City of South Houston is a small (3 square miles) community with a limited tax base. They have very few sidewalks in the City. When a mother has to walk to the store pushing a baby carriage, it is not on a sidewalk but on the edge of the existing road. Citizens have trouble getting to our businesses in the major traffic areas because there are no sidewalks and it is dangerous to walk on high traffic volume roadways.

Below are some other reasons we support sidewalks in South Houston:

- Our children must walk to school in the roadway, which is unacceptable.
- It is nearly impossible for people who would walk to our local merchants to get there with no sidewalks and an ever increasing volume of traffic.
- The proposed sidewalks will provide safe pedestrian paths from neighborhoods to schools, shopping, the public library, City Hall and the Community Center, and City parks.

In summary, the proposed sidewalks would greatly benefit our citizens and community, and we fully support the City's application.

Sincerely,



Jo Ann Parish
CEO

November 14, 2012

Mayor Joe Soto City of South Houston 1018 Dallas Street South Houston, TX 77587

Dear Mayor Soto:

The South Houston Economic Development Corporation is happy to express its support for the application the City of South Houston is making to the Texas Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement program for construction of sidewalks along City streets.

South Houston is a poor to moderate income community. By and large they are a one car family and when the car is taken to work the children walk to school and the remaining parent walks to the retail area. There are very few sidewalks for safe transportation.

- The City has very few sidewalks, so most pedestrians must walk in roadways with vehicle traffic in order to walk on a paved surface.
- Conditions are increasingly dangerous for pedestrians as the population grows and traffic increases. In addition, South Houston has many young families with school-aged children, and we are concerned about their safety.
- The proposed sidewalks will provide safe pedestrian paths from neighborhoods to schools, shopping, the public library, City Hall and the Community Center, and City parks.
- Many families in South Houston cannot afford two vehicles, so they must depend on walking to and from their destinations, including school and jobs.

In summary, the proposed sidewalks would greatly benefit our citizens and community, through convenience and safety and we fully support the City's application.

Sincerely,


Maria Vega Chairman



SOUTH HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL
DR. STEVE FULLEN - PRINCIPAL

3820 SOUTH SHAVER, SOUTH HOUSTON, TX. 77587
713-740-0350 FAX 713-740-4155

November 13, 2012

Mayor Joe Soto
City of South Houston
1018 Dallas Street
South Houston, TX 77587

Dear Mayor Soto:

South Houston High School is very happy to provide its support for the application the City of South Houston is making to the Texas Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement program for construction of sidewalks along City streets.

Most of our students walk to and from school. Currently, they must walk across roadways or in the roadways in order to walk on a paved surface. This is especially dangerous during inclement weather when the students are forced onto the pavement due to standing water and mud.

Sidewalks would greatly increase safety for our students at bus stops. This is of special importance due to the fact that our students walk to school in the mornings while it is still dark. Other students who participate in after school activities are also faced with the prospect of walking home after sunset. Adding further concern is the fact there are many young drivers around the high school.

SHHS averages at least one student each year who is struck by a vehicle while trying to cross a busy thoroughfare either before or after school hours. This has generated concern from parents, students, and faculty members alike over the absence of sidewalks in our community.

In summary, the proposed sidewalks would benefit our students, parents and community, and we fully support the City's application to obtain funding for their construction.

Sincerely,

Steve K. Fullen, Ed. D.
Principal, South Houston High School

Paula Ballew
Assist. Prin.

Mary Beth Alsdorf
Lead Coun.

Roxy Garcia
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Assist. Prin.



Matthys Elementary School
 1500 Main St. / South Houston, Texas 77587
 A Texas Recognized School
 (713)740-0632

Becky Vargas
Principal

Adriana Lopez
Assistant Principal

Angie Jones
Counselor

Olga Lloyd, R.N.
School Nurse

Marina Salinas
Secretary

November 6, 2012

Mayor Joe Soto
City of South Houston
1018 Dallas Street
South Houston, TX 77587

Dear Mayor Soto:

Matthys Elementary is very happy to provide its support for the application the City of South Houston is making to the Texas Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement program for construction of sidewalks along City streets.

As you know, the streets around Matthys are very narrow and without sidewalks forcing students and parents to walk in the streets. During both arrival and dismissal, we have a large number of cars, along with school buses and daycare buses, dropping off and picking up students. It is a very hazardous situation at these times simply because of the amount of traffic. We have many students who walk home alone or with other students, and without an adult to watch for their safety, I worry that these children could easily be hit if they are not careful. Fortunately, we have not had any serious accidents, but the potential for a disastrous incident is definitely there.

One street in front of Matthys received sidewalks within the last couple of years; however, it was only one street and the sidewalks are only for a block or two. We are grateful for this addition but feel that the safety of our students would increase if more of the side streets had sidewalks. A few years ago, we raised money to expand our outside community play area. We now have two play structures that are used by the community frequently, especially after school and on the weekends. Children and parents often walk to the playground from the neighborhood, and their safety is at risk because of the lack of sidewalks.

The proposed sidewalks would benefit our students, parents and community, and we fully support the City's application to obtain funding for their construction.

Sincerely,

Becky Vargas



Pearl Hall Elementary

1504 9th Street
So. Houston, TX 77587
713-740-0688 Fax: 713-740-4142

M. Pavone – Principal
A. Tamez – Assistant Principal

November 12, 2012

Mayor Joe Soto
City of South Houston
1018 Dallas Street
South Houston, TX 77587

Dear Mayor Soto:

Pearl Hall Elementary School is pleased to pledge its support for the application the City of South Houston is making to the Texas Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement program for the construction of sidewalks along City streets.

- *Many of our students walk to and from school, and they currently have to walk in the streets with vehicle traffic.*
- *Sidewalks would increase safety for our students walking to their bus stop to and from home.*

We whole-heartedly support the City's application to obtain funding for constructing the proposed sidewalks. They would significantly improve safety and living conditions for our students, parents and community.

Sincerely,

M. Pavone
Principal

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November 9, 2012

Mayor Joe Soto
City of South Houston
1018 Dallas St
South Houston TX 77587

Dear Mayor Soto,

As Chairman of the Board of the South Houston Chamber of Commerce, Vice President of the South Houston Economic Development Corporation, and as the South Houston Representative of the City's Fair Housing Work Group, I want to convey my support for the TxDOT Transportation Enhancement grant application the City is submitting for sidewalks along our roadways.

South Houston has many residents without reliable automobile transportation, and they must walk to and from schools, businesses, shopping and recreational areas. Currently they must share narrow roadways with cars and trucks and this is a dangerous situation.

The proposed sidewalks will join our few existing sidewalks and create a network of safe walking routes for pedestrians to move about the city. In addition, they will help improve the appearance of the community.

My family has lived on Avenue G since 1983, and with our business on Kentucky St, I drive through our city streets at various times of the day, and there has not been a day go by that I see many adults and children walking or biking on the busy streets because we do not have enough sidewalks.

These sidewalks will greatly benefit our residents and community. I am very happy to support the City's application.

Sincerely,
Al Thiel
Vice President

Shirley Savell
566 Pecan Dr.
South Houston, TX. 77587

November 5, 2012

Mayor Joe Soto
City of South Houston
1018 Dallas Street
South Houston, TX 77587

Dear Mayor Soto:

As a member of the City of South Houston's Parks and Recreation Committee and the PISD School Crossing Guard Association, I would like to state my support for the City's application to the Texas Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement program for construction of sidewalks on several City streets.

These proposed sidewalks are sorely needed in South Houston. We have very few sidewalks, and our citizens must walk in the street with automobile traffic or walk on unpaved surfaces in order to walk to our schools and parks. Many of our residents are low income and may not be able to drive a car to and from their destinations.

These dangerous pedestrian conditions have worsened over the last several years, since our population has grown and traffic has increased on City roadways.

In summary, these sidewalks will provide many benefits for our residents, both young and old. I am excited to support the City's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Savell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Shirley Savell



HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

November 14, 2012

Mr. Michael Alford, P.E.
District Engineer
Texas Department of Transportation
7600 Washington Avenue
Houston, Texas 77007

Dear Mr. Alford,

I am writing to offer support for a number of projects submitted under the Texas Department of Transportation's 2012 Transportation Enhancement program.

The projects in the attached listing are consistent with the goals and objectives of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and the goals of the Transportation Enhancement program. The projects submitted will serve to improve mobility or enhance the aesthetics of the Houston region's built environment. Should any of these projects be selected for funding, I will recommend to the Transportation Policy Council that they be amended into H-GAC's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Please note this project listing is presented in alphabetical order and is not representative of a ranking.

This letter serves to meet the program submission requirements set forth by TxDOT, and does not guarantee eligibility or funding through the Transportation Enhancement program.

Should you or your staff have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at 713.993.4585.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan C. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alan C. Clark
Director, Transportation and Air Quality

H-GAC Supported Transportation Enhancement Projects

Sponsor	Project Name
Airline Improvement District	Aldine Mail Route Project
City of Conroe	Conroe Sidewalk & Streetscape
City of Friendswood	Falcon Ridge Blvd. Bike Lane & Pavement Marking Plan
City of Galveston	Harborside Sidewalk and Landscape Beautification
City of Galveston	Broadway Blvd. Beautification
City of Houston	Halls Bayou Gaps – Jensen to Hirsch and Bretshire to Tidwell/Wayside
City of Houston	Hermann Park/Brays Bayou Trail Connectors
City of Houston	Hunting Bayou Gaps – Sayers Rd to Hutcheson Parks
City of Houston	Mason Park Brays Bayou Hike and Bike Bridge
City of Houston	University Connection
City of Houston	White Oak Bayou Path: Connections to a Residential Neighborhoods and Buffalo Bayou Path
City of Pearland	Shadowcreek Ranch Trail
City of Pearland	Green Tee Terrace Trail
City of Pearland	Pearland Train Depot Restoration
City of Pearland	SH 288 Corridor Landscape
City of Pearland	Trail Connectivity PH II
City of Pearland	Grand Boulevard Streetscape
City of Rosenberg	Sidewalks for Community Connectivity
City of Shenandoah	Shenandoah Bike Path
City of South Houston	Multiple Sidewalks Construction
City of Waller	Main St. Civic Plaza Pedestrian Improvements
City of Webster/TxDOT	NASA Road 1 Bikeway
City of Webster/TxDOT	FM 270 Bikeway
Clear Lake Shores	Clear Lake Shores Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections
Energy Corridor	Energy Corridor IH10 Intersection Enhancements
Fort Bend County	Cinco to Katy Mills Mall Multi-Use Path: Phase I
Fort Bend County	Cinco to Katy Mills Mall Multi-Use Path: Phase 2
Midtown Management District	Pedestrian/Transit Connectivity – Holman St.
Montrose Management District	Relighting the Bridges over US Hwy 59
Texas City	FM 1764 and Highway 3 Landscape
TxDOT	Old Katy Bikeway
Upper Kirby Management District	Eastside Pedestrian Improvements
Upper Kirby Management District	Underpass and Landscape Enhancements
Westchase Management District	Underpass/Intersection Improvements
Windfern Forest Municipal Utility District	Windfern Forest Hike & Bike Trail
Woodlands Roadway Utility District #1	Waterway Pedestrian Enhancements