

City of Pearland Documents of Public Support

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6. Preliminary Engineering Certification
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City of Pearland

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January 12, 2015

Mr. Alan Clark
MPO Director
Houston-Galveston Area Council
P.O. Box 22777
3555 Timmons
Houston, Texas 77227-2777

RE: 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects

Dear Mr. Clark,

I am delighted to formally announce my support for the City of Pearland's submissions for the 2015-2018 Call for Projects conducted by H-GAC's Transportation Improvement Program. City staff has carefully evaluated and assessed the City's transportation needs and have developed submittals consisting of the most significant thoroughfare projects to be completed in the upcoming years.

At this time, the City of Pearland is pleased to submit for HGAC's consideration, the following 2015-2018 TIP candidate projects:

- Mykawa Road Expansion
- CR 403 Expansion
- SH 288 Frontage Road
- Safe Routes to School
- Clear Creek Trail

If you have any questions or comments regarding the City's submissions, please contact Trent Epperson, Assistant City Manager at tepperson@pearlandtx.gov or 281-652-1657.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Reid".

Mayor Tom Reid

RESOLUTION NO. R2014-153

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pearland, Texas, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit five project applications to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for inclusion in the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Plan, and allocating matching funds for the construction of each project.

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

Section 1. That the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to submit five project applications, described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for inclusion in the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Plan.

Section 2. That the City's proposed share of the local match for each project is described in Exhibit "A".

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 15th day of December, A.D.,
2014.



TOM REID
MAYOR

ATTEST:



YOUNG LORFING, TRMC
CITY SECRETARY



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



DARRIN M. COKER
CITY ATTORNEY

Exhibit A

Project Name	Limits	Funding Year	Total Project Cost	City Contribution	TxDOT Contribution
CR 403 Expansion	CR94 to Cullen	2016	\$25,329,387	\$5,065,877	\$20,263,510
Mykawa Road	Clear Creek to Broadway	2017	\$31,695,370	\$6,339,074	\$25,356,296
Safe Routes to School	Jr. High South	2016	\$581,007	\$116,201	\$464,806
	Cockrell Elementary		\$ 500,004	\$100,001	\$ 400,003
	Carleston Elementary		<u>\$1,298,411</u>	<u>\$ 259,682</u>	<u>\$1,038,729</u>
	Totals		\$2,379,422	\$ 475,884	\$1,903,538
Clear Creek Trail	North of Riverstone to U of H Campus	2017	\$6,246,888	\$1,249,378	\$4,997,510
SH288 NB Feeder	FM518 to CR59	2017	\$10,922,101	\$2,184,420	\$8,737,681
Total			\$76,573,168	\$15,314,634	\$61,258,534

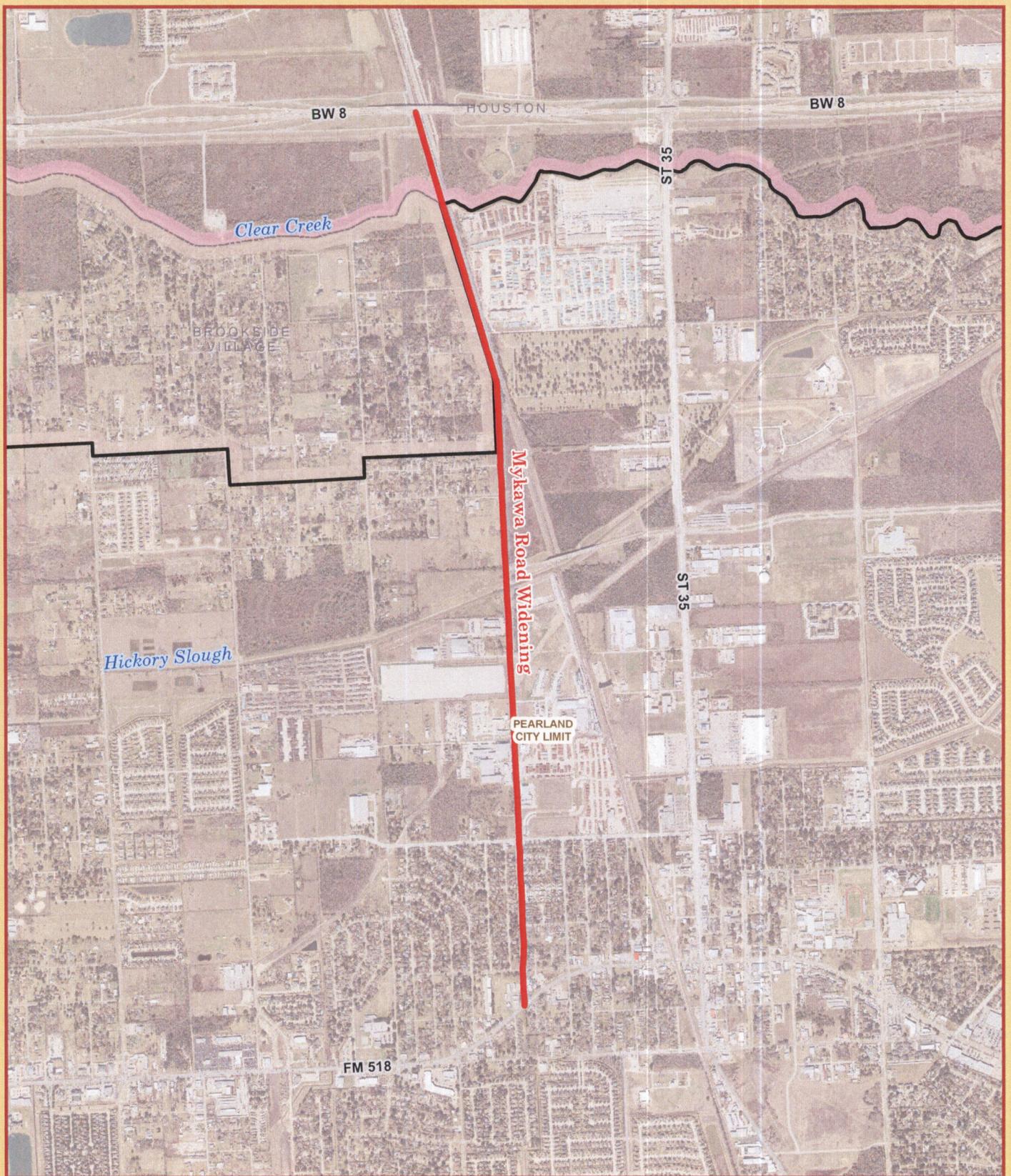


PEARLAND TIP SUBMITTAL
Hughes Ranch Road
(Formerly CR 403)



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Mykawa Road Widening



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PEARLAND TIP SUBMITTAL
SH 288 Northbound Frontage Road



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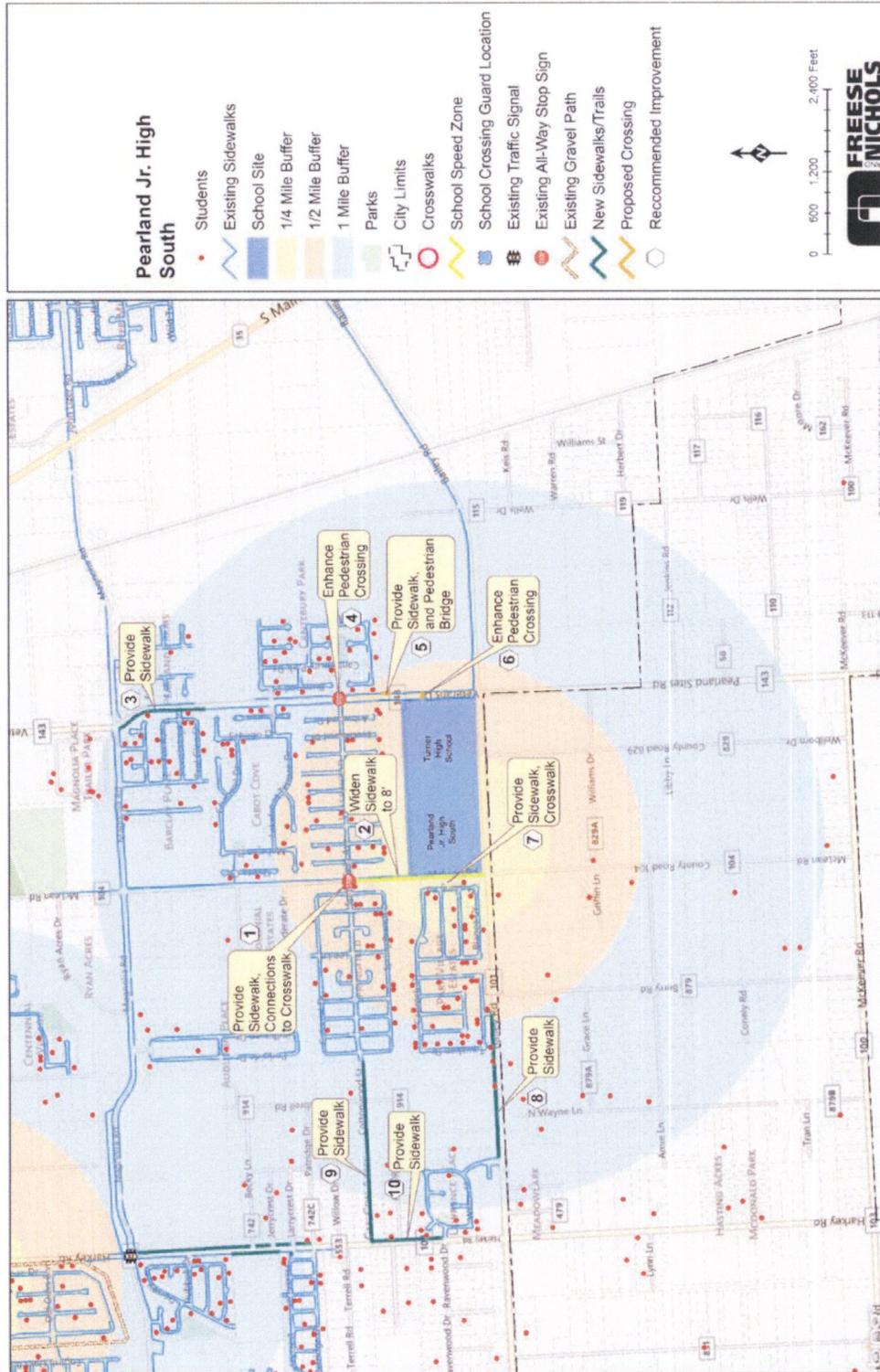


Figure 8B. Pearland JH South Proposed SRTS Enhancements

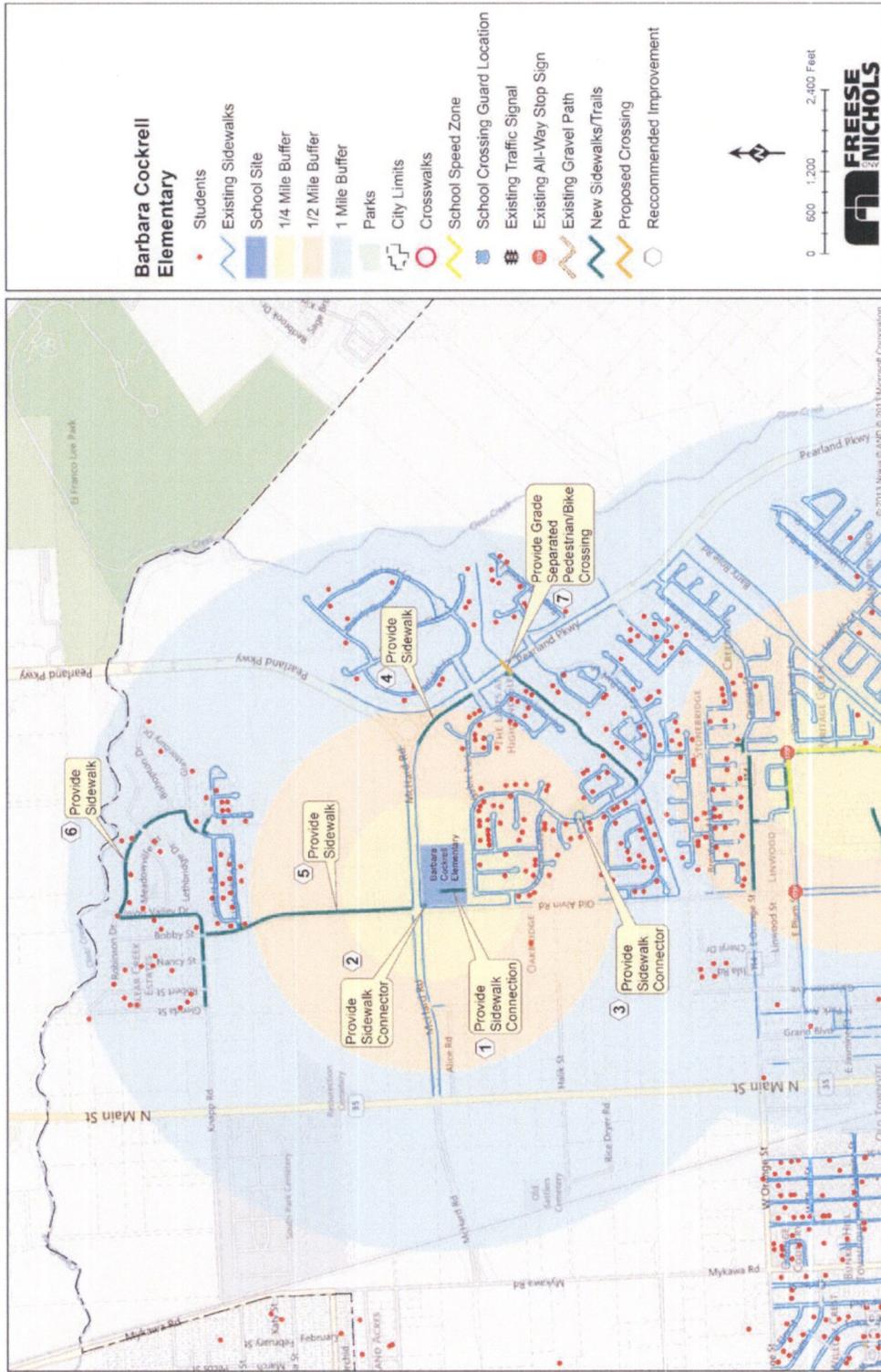


Figure 4B. Cockrell Elementary Proposed SRTS Enhancements

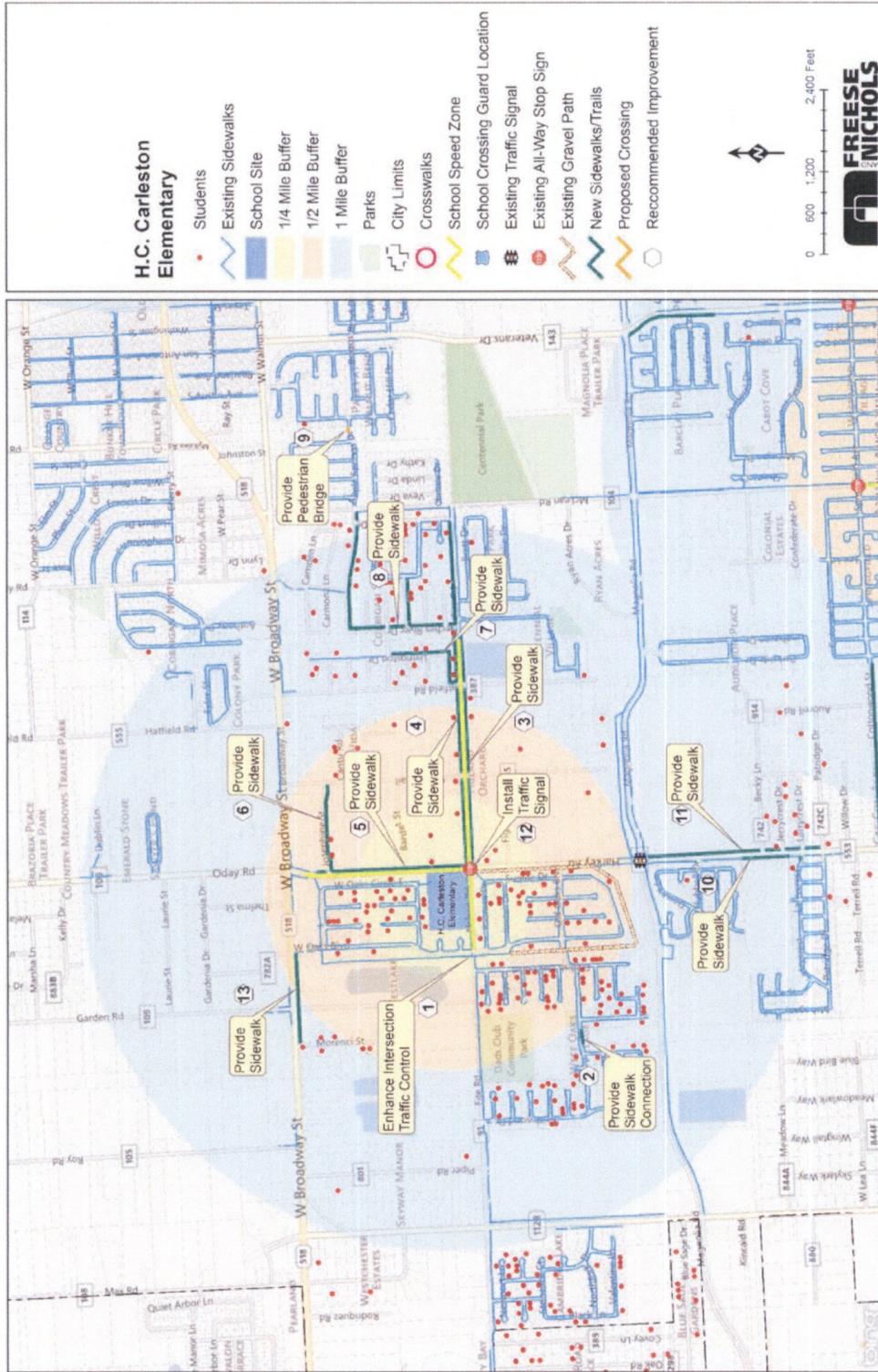


Figure 2B. Carleston Elementary Proposed SRTS Enhancements

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SELECTION PROCESS

1. Freese and Nichols Engineering submitted a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan report, identifying seven (7) schools within the Pearland and Alvin school districts that it recommended for the SRTS program.
2. City of Pearland Projects staff made site visits and created aerial maps in GIS of all identified locations.
3. Areas of pavement to be installed or replaced were measured, and the location of bridges and ADA ramps to be installed was determined based on GIS data.
4. The number of trees and driveways to be removed and replaced were counted based on GIS data.
5. The number of traffic signals, flashers, signs, crosswalks, and traffic warrant studies was identified based on the recommendations.
6. Unit costs were applied to all items using City of Pearland standard specifications and details; an average of TxDOT's 12-month average costs, Public Works' paving contract, BNI Costbook, and Capital Projects engineer's estimates; information from the Assistant Director of Projects, ROW Manager, City Engineer, and Traffic Manager.
7. Based on the units of work identified, a raw cost was assigned to each improvement. An additional 45% was added for easement acquisition and drainage construction (if either condition existed), 5% of raw cost plus easement and drainage cost for CMT, and 15% of the total for design.
8. The top five (5) improvements for each school recommended in Freese and Nichols' report were then selected for further prioritization.
9. The number of single-family households within a two-mile radius of each school was identified in GIS, with the number of units in multi-family complexes identified by direct phone contact with the complex management.
10. Crash data for the past three (3) years was obtained from the City of Pearland Police Dept. Dispatch OSSl.
11. Street categorization and speed limit was obtained from the City of Pearland Thoroughfare Plan. For improvements within school zones, the school zone speed limit was used.
12. The traffic count per street segment was obtained from a 2010 Daily Model Volumes study by CDM Smith for the Engineering Dept.
13. All data was compiled in a spreadsheet matrix and ratings of 1-5 were assigned to each category. The ratings were weighted so that safety factors (street category, traffic level, speed limit, crash data) comprised 50% and were inversely proportional to cost factors (cost per household, drainage, ROW/easement acquisition) which comprised the other 50%.
14. Average Cost Per Household By School and Average Weighted Score By School were calculated, and the three (3) schools with the highest average weighted scores were selected.
15. Challenger was not selected because the majority of improvements will be done as part of another project.

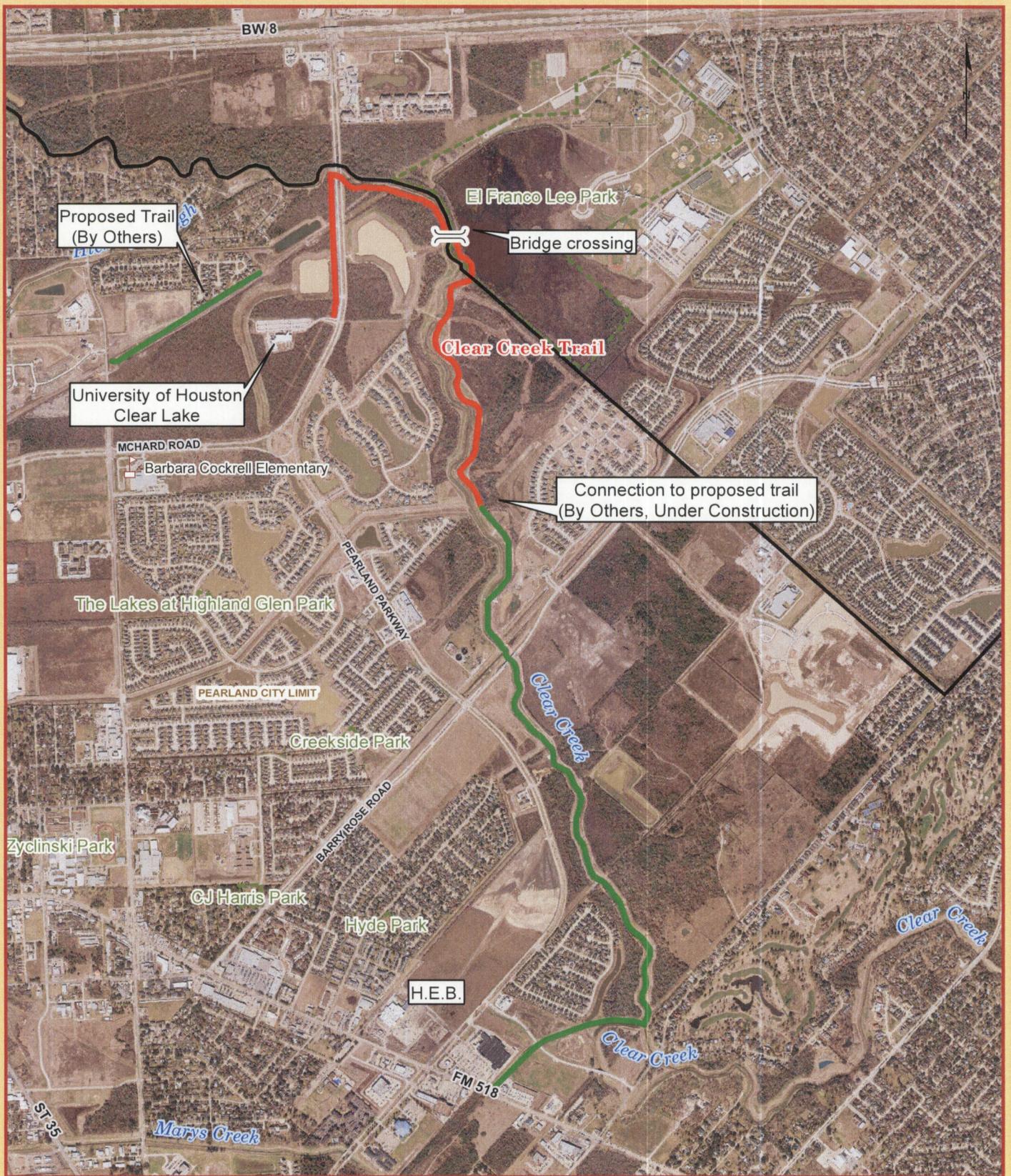
**SRTS Prioritization
June 2014**

Weighting	Carlestown				Challenger				Cockrell				Harris				Lawhon				Pearland JHS				York															
	Carlestown 1	Carlestown 2	Carlestown 3	Carlestown 4	Carlestown 5	Challenger 1	Challenger 2	Challenger 3	Challenger 4	Challenger 5	Cockrell 1	Cockrell 2	Cockrell 3*	Cockrell 4	Cockrell 5	Harris 1	Harris 2	Harris 3	Harris 4	Harris 5	Lawhon 1	Lawhon 2	Lawhon 3	Lawhon 4	Lawhon 5	PJHS 1	PJHS 2	PJHS 3	PJHS 4	PJHS 5	York 1	York 2	York 3	York 4**	York 5**					
0.25	3.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	1.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	0.00	0.00					
0.25	4.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	1.00	4.00	0.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	0.00	0.00					
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Subtotals	3.00	1.25	3.50	3.25	3.25	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	1.00	2.75	0.00	4.25	2.75	1.25	2.75	1.75	1.00	2.50	1.00	1.50	2.25	1.00	1.00	1.50	2.50	4.00	3.50	2.25	3.00	3.00	1.00	0.00	0.00					
Cost Factors																																								
Drainage Construction	0.33	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	4.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00			
ROW/Easement Acquisition	0.33	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00		
Cost Per Household	0.33	5.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.00			
Subtotals	5.00	3.67	4.00	1.33	3.67	5.00	4.67	4.33	4.33	5.00	4.67	5.00	0.00	4.00	3.00	4.33	2.33	3.33	5.00	4.00	2.33	3.33	3.00	3.33	5.00	4.33	4.67	2.67	5.00	3.00	4.00	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.67	0.00				
Total Weighted Score	8.00	4.48	7.50	4.58	6.92	7.50	7.17	6.83	6.83	7.50	6.87	7.75	0.00	8.26	5.75	6.87	6.08	6.75	5.00	6.75	4.83	4.58	5.26	4.33	6.00	5.83	7.17	6.87	8.50	5.26	7.87	5.87	5.87	5.87	0.00					
Households Served	448	448	448	448	29	1414	249	347	347	249	309	158	500	75	500	383	89	239	91	91	50	50	10	278	221	135	303	514	157	678	102	265	187	0	0					
Total Cost	\$ 21.70	\$ 9,720.00	\$ 47,659.00	\$ 1,473,372	\$ 4,526,338	\$ 40,409.00	\$ 155,412.00	\$ 155,412.00	\$ 155,412.00	\$ 1,389.00	\$ 18,996.00	\$ 896.00	\$ 346,927.00	\$ 27,545.00	\$ 367,27	\$ 191,797.00	\$ 157,986.00	\$ 9,972.00	\$ 65,622.00	\$ 721.12	\$ 3,772.54	\$ 221,741.10	\$ 166,920.00	\$ 17,606.00	\$ 7,882.00	\$ 12,498.00	\$ 124,749.00	\$ 172,026.00	\$ 1,095,71	\$ 12,498.00	\$ 56,239.00	\$ 42,922.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 330.17					
Cost Per Household	\$ 48.00	\$ 21.70	\$ 106.38	\$ 32.94	\$ 152.63	\$ 28.55	\$ 343.72	\$ 446.12	\$ 343.72	\$ 5.58	\$ 43.62	\$ 214.54	\$ 367.27	\$ 367.27	\$ 367.27	\$ 450.78	\$ 350.78	\$ 42.25	\$ 72.11	\$ 1.61	\$ 9.65	\$ 221.74	\$ 166.92	\$ 17.61	\$ 7.88	\$ 12.49	\$ 124.75	\$ 172.03	\$ 1,095.71	\$ 12.49	\$ 56.24	\$ 42.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.74					
Average Cost Per Household By School	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04	\$ 876.04				
Average Weighted Score By School	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.38				

*Unable to locate.

**Completed.

Street Category	Rank	Traffic Count	Speed Limit	3-Yr. Crash Data	Drainage	ROW/Easement	Cost per Household	Rank
Major Thoroughfare	5	10,000+	5	8+	None	No	\$0-\$60	5
Secondary Thoroughfare	4	7,500-9,999	4	6-7	Simple		\$61-\$250	4
Major Collector	3	5,000-7,499	3	4-5	Medium		\$251-\$700	3
Minor Collector	2	2,500-4,999	2	2-3	Complex		\$701-\$1,500	2
Neighborhood	1	0-2,499	1	0-1		Yes	>\$1,500	1



PEARLAND TIP SUBMITTAL
Clear Creek Trail



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RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF PEARLAND'S APPLICATIONS TO HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BRAZORIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT:

That the Brazoria County Commissioners' Court hereby supports the City of Pearland's applications to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for inclusion in the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Plan.

Approved this 23rd day of December, 2014.



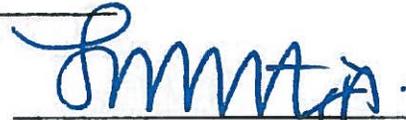
Commissioner, Precinct 1
Donald "Dude" Payne



Commissioner, Precinct 3
Stacy L. Adams


County Judge E.J. King





Commissioner, Precinct 2
L.M. "Matt" Sebesta, Jr.



Commissioner, Precinct 4
Larry Stanley

**CERTIFIED COPY
BRAZORIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

ORDER NO. V.A.10.c.

**RE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
CITY OF PEARLAND'S APPLICATION
TO HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA
COUNCIL FOR PROJECTS**

The City of Pearland is preparing applications for the projects listed below to be included in the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Plan.

Project Name	Limits
CR 403 Expansion	CR94 to Cullen
Mykawa Road	Clear Creek to Broadway
Safe Routes to School Carleston Elementary	Jr. High South Cockrell Elementary
Clear Creek Trail	North of Riverstone to U of H Campus
SH288 NB Feeder	FM518 to CR59

Approve the attached Resolution in support of these applications.

Further, that a certified copy of this order and the signed Resolution be furnished to the County Engineer for distribution to all parties involved.

Motion to Approve by Commissioner Payne, seconded by Commissioner Sebesta that the above action be taken by the Court.

Passed: 5-0

Aye: Judge King, Commissioner Payne, Commissioner Sebesta, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Stanley

Nay: (None)

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA §

I, Joyce Hudman, Clerk County Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Brazoria County, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of that certain:

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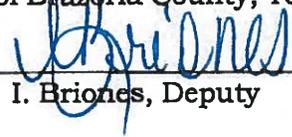
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as passed by the Commissioners' Court on the 23rd day of DECEMBER, A.D., 2014, SPECIAL Term of Commissioners' Court and as the same appear(s) in the Commissioners' Court Records of Brazoria County, Texas.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 23rd
DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D., 2014.**

JOYCE HUDMAN, Clerk County Court
and Ex-Officio Member of the Commissioners'
Court of Brazoria County, Texas

By: _____


I. Briones, Deputy





January 7, 2015

Mr. Alan Clark
Manager of Transportation Planning
Houston-Galveston Area Council
P.O. Box 22777
Houston, Texas 77227-2777

RE: 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects – CR 403 (Hughes Ranch Road)
Expansion

Dear Mr. Clark:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (BayTran), I am pleased to submit a letter of support for TIP candidate project County Road 403 (Hughes Ranch Road) Expansion. With the continued growth and development in the Pearland area, the increased capacity provided by expanding CR 403 from County Road 94 (Smith Ranch Road) to Cullen will improve connectivity and help reduce congestion on roadways in the area. The proposed project includes the reconstruction of CR 403 from a two-lane asphalt open ditch roadway to a four-lane concrete curb and gutter boulevard, for a distance of two miles. BayTran strongly endorses this project, as it is an important piece of the City of Pearland's roadway network that will significantly enhance mobility in the community.

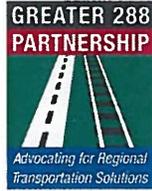
BayTran is the regional Transportation Management Organization (TMO) for the Houston Bay Area, and was established to address transportation, mobility, and air quality issues in the region. As the regional TMO, the BayTran endorses the Pearland sponsored CR 403 Expansion project. BayTran promotes all modes of transportation in the Houston Bay Area and recognizes the significant transportation benefit the expansion project will bring to Pearland and Northern Brazoria County.

Please accept this letter as BayTran's full support for funding this City of Pearland CR 403 (Hughes Ranch Road) Expansion Project in the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects. Thank you for your consideration of this critical mobility improvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara G. Koslov".

Barbara G. Koslov
President
Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership



RESOLUTION NO. R2014-153

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pearland, Texas, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit five project applications to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for inclusion in the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Plan, and allocating matching funds for the construction of each project.

WHEREAS, The Greater 288 Partnership an advocacy for regional transportation solutions, believes authorizing the City Manager or his designee to submit five project applications to the Houston-Galveston Area Council for inclusion in the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Plan, and allocating matching funds for the construction of each project will provide for better future thoroughfare planning through that part of Pearland, and have a positive impact on the economic growth potential for this area

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GREATER 288 PARTNERSHIP: That the Board of Directors of the Greater 288 Partnership hereby expresses its full support for City of Pearland, Texas, Resolution No. R2104-153, and encourages the passage of same.

January 10, 2015



Kevin Cole, Chairman of The Board



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Texas Division Office

January 10, 2011

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In Reply Refer To:
HB-TX

Finding of No Significant Impact
Fort Bend County
CR 403: CR 94 to FM 865
CSJ: 0912-31-127

Julia Ragsdale
Project Delivery Section Team Leader
Environmental Affairs Division
Texas Department of Transportation
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ms. Ragsdale:

Enclosed is a signed copy of our Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the above-mentioned project. This FONSI documents our approval of Alternative 4 (Preferred Alternative) which will widen CR 403 to a four-lane divided roadway with a raised median. The decision is based on the results from the Environmental Assessment prepared for the project. If you should have any questions, please contact me at 512-536-5961.

Sincerely,

Randy Paulk, P.E.
Area Engineer

Enclosure



Federal Highway Administration

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

County Road 403 from County Road 94 to Farm-to-Market 865

Brazoria County, Texas

TxDOT CSJ: 0912-31-127

INTRODUCTION

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined, in accordance with 23 CFR § 771.119 and § 771.121, that County Road (CR) 403 from CR 94 to Farm-to-Market (FM) 865 will not have a significant impact on the human or natural environment. This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project is based on the revised April 2010 Environmental Assessment (EA). An EA was approved by FHWA for public involvement June 2, 2008. The Public Hearing Summary and Analysis and the Comment and Response Report (which includes responses to public comments), prepared by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in April of 2010, have been incorporated into the project.

The April 2010 EA, the Public Hearing Summary and Analysis, and the Comment and Response Report have been independently evaluated by the FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need for, purpose of, alternatives, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed CR 403 project and appropriate mitigation measures. These documents provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. Finally, these documents are incorporated by reference into this decisional document.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Brazoria County and TxDOT propose to improve a 2.2 mile section of CR 403 from CR 94 to FM 865 in the City of Pearland, Brazoria County. The need for the project is based upon the existing conditions within the project area, including:

1. Safety risks associated with the increased traffic and the existing design of uncontrolled access and turning movements;
2. Increased population that has resulted in increased traffic congestion; and
3. Increased residential development that also contributes to the increased traffic congestion.

The purpose of the proposed project as discussed in the EA includes:

1. Improving traffic safety;
2. Increasing capacity of the roadway to reduce traffic congestion and further degradation of the Level of Service (LOS); and
3. Accommodate the continued development in the project area.

The CR 403 proposed project was developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulation for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR 1500 – 1508), FHWA Environmental

Impact and Related Procedures (23 CFR Part 771), and Public Involvement Rules (43 TAC Chapter 2), and other related federal and state requirements.

REVIEW OF THE EA

TxDOT completed an EA to analyze the potential social, economic and environmental impacts related to the proposed improvements to CR 403. Specifically, the EA studied the potential impacts associated with four project alternatives: 1) No Build; 2) Two 12-foot wide travel lanes with a 16-foot wide center continuous turn lane; 3) Four 11-foot wide travel lanes (two in each direction), undivided; and 4) Four 12-foot wide travel lanes (two in each direction), divided by a raised median with left turn lanes.

The potential impacts studied included direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the project. Direct effects are defined by the CEQ regulations (40 CFR 1508) as being "caused by the action and occur at the same time and place." Indirect effects are defined as effects that are "caused by an action and occur later in time or farther removed in distance, but are still reasonably foreseeable," and may "include growth-inducing effects and other effects related to induced changes in the pattern of land use, population density or growth rate, and related effects on air and water and other natural systems, including ecosystem." Cumulative impacts are the incremental impacts that the project's direct or indirect effects have on a resource in the context of the myriad of other past, present, and future effects on that resource from unrelated activities.

The existing 2.2-mile section of CR 403 from CR 94 to FM 865 is classified as a two-lane, undivided, rural arterial roadway with no shoulders, open ditches, and a posted speed limit of 30 miles-per-hour (mph). Currently there are only small segments of sidewalk along CR 403 that have been constructed in association with residential development. Right-of-way (ROW) varies from 40 to 100 feet throughout the project area. The No Build Alternative (Alternative 1) does not address the safety issues nor accommodate future growth in traffic volumes of the immediate or surrounding communities, and does not meet the need for and purpose of this project.

Alternatives 2, 3, and 4 are all potential build alternatives. Alternative 2 evaluated two 12-foot wide travel lanes with a 16-foot wide center continuous turn lane, two 5-foot wide bicycle lanes on each outside travel lane, and a 6-foot wide sidewalk on each side of the roadway. An 80-foot wide ROW would be required to accommodate the proposed typical section. The advantages to Alternative 2 would be a safer turning movement, improved traffic flow compared to the No Build Alternative, and less additional ROW compared to Alternative 4. However, there would not be a significant increase in capacity to help alleviate congestion due to increased traffic, which is one of the needs for the proposed project. In addition, the *Roadway Design Manual* states: "Urban streets and their auxiliary facilities should be designed for Level of Service B as defined in the *Highway Capacity Manual*. Heavily developed urban areas may necessitate the use of Level of Service D." An analysis of the facility using design year traffic volumes and modeled as a two-lane facility yielded a projected LOS E. Therefore, a four-lane divided facility is warranted. Additionally, the route is identified in the City of Pearland Major Thoroughfare Plan as a secondary thoroughfare with a four-lane divided section. As such, Alternative 2 does not address all safety issues nor accommodate future growth in traffic volumes of the immediate or surrounding communities, and does not meet the need for and purpose of this project.

Alternative 3 evaluated four undivided 11-foot wide travel lanes (two in each direction), two 5-foot wide bicycle lanes on each outside travel lane, and a four-foot wide sidewalk on each side of the roadway. An 80-foot wide ROW would be required to accommodate the proposed typical section. The advantages to Alternative 3 would be some increase in capacity to improved traffic flow compared to the No Build Alternative and less additional ROW compared to Alternative 4. However, the lack of a physical median creates a safety hazard. It has been found that physical medians prevent accidents caused by crossover traffic, reduce headlight glare distraction, and can be used to separate left-turning traffic from through lanes. Medians without left-turning lanes can create poor turning ability and increased congestion. Also, CR 403 is identified as a secondary thoroughfare in the City of Pearland Major Thoroughfare Plan, and per the City's criteria, a secondary thoroughfare is identified as a four-lane divided roadway. Therefore, Alternative 3 does not address all safety issues nor accommodate future growth in traffic volumes of the immediate or surrounding communities, and does not meet the need for and purpose of this project.

For the reasons described above, Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 were eliminated from further consideration, and Build Alternative 4 was selected as the preferred alternative that was studied in further detail in the EA. Alternative 4 proposes widening CR 403 to a four-lane (two in each direction) divided roadway with a raised median, including curb and gutter. The Preferred Alternative includes the following improvements:

- Widen and reconstruct the existing two-lane undivided roadway to a four-lane divided roadway. The proposed facility would have two 12-foot wide travel lanes in each direction with a raised median that includes left-turn lanes;
- Construction of a continuous sidewalk along the length of the project to accommodate pedestrian traffic; and
- Construction of curb and gutter drainage along the facility, including a detention pond to help manage stormwater runoff.

The proposed design requires additional ROW. A total of 8.45 acres is required, which includes a 2.47 acre property acquisition for the 1.22 acre detention pond. The area identified for the detention pond is undeveloped and contains no structures. No residential or business relocations are required for neither the roadway nor the detention pond.

As noted above, the EA examined the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the project, which identified potential impacts of special concern to include traffic noise. The EA concluded:

1. Build Alternative 4 is the recommended Preferred Alternative for the CR 403 project;
2. Build Alternative 4 meets the need for and purpose of the project with the no significant impacts to the resource areas;
3. The proposed project would have no significant impacts on the quality of the human or natural environment; and
4. TxDOT recommended a FONSI for the CR 403 project.

TxDOT's recommendation of Build Alternative 4 resulted from a process that involved the public and coordination with various federal, state, and local government agencies.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement is an integral and critical component of the NEPA project development process. Comprehensive public involvement was developed to incorporate all the different types of stakeholders and their needs, from safety, to mobility, to environmental concerns. The public involvement team for this project included representatives from TxDOT – Houston District, Brazoria County, the City of Pearland, and the environmental and engineering consultants.

Stakeholder Involvement

Correspondence was conducted with federal, state, county, and local governmental agencies including the Houston-Galveston Area Council, the Texas Historical Commission (THC), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the City of Pearland. As part of the public involvement process, federal, state, and local public officials were invited to attend all meetings conducted with the public. In addition, the public involvement team conducted an informal meeting with the residents of the Crystal Lake subdivision.

Public Meeting and Public Hearing

A public meeting was held on February 17, 2005 to present the proposed alternatives and to receive public input and comments. Invitations were sent via letter to adjacent property owners, interested citizens, businesses, and federal, state, county, and city elected and appointed officials. Public Meeting notices were published in the *Houston Chronicle* and the *Pearland Journal*. A total of 10 elected officials and 103 citizens attended the public meeting. Additional detail regarding public involvement activities is included in the Public Meeting Summary Report dated May 2005.

A public hearing was held on Thursday, April 23, 2009. Invitations were sent via letter to adjacent property owners, interested citizens, and federal, state, county, and city elected and appointed officials and agencies. In addition, the public meeting notice was published in both English and Spanish in the *Houston Chronicle*, *Pearland Journal*, and *La Voz*. Information regarding the project was communicated by an open house question and answer session followed by the formal public hearing with a PowerPoint presentation. After the presentation, the floor was opened for public comments. Comment forms were also available for those who wished to provide comments but did not want to speak publicly at the hearing. A transcript of the public hearing, as well as responses to those comments that were received, are included in the Public Hearing Summary Report dated April 2010.

Media Coordination

Copies of the EA were made available to the public at the TxDOT, Houston District office and the TxDOT, Brazoria County area office.

Changes Made to the CR 403 Design as a Result of Public Input

As a result of close coordination with stakeholders, resource agencies, and the community, TxDOT and Brazoria County were able to identify and address community needs and concerns throughout the project development process. The following is a summary of public issues and corresponding actions taken by TxDOT and Brazoria County:

- Two comments were received from business owners who expressed interest in revising the left turn bays to accommodate access into their business. As a result, modifications to left turn bays were made to accommodate local business traffic.
- The community expressed concerns regarding the safety to pedestrians and the need for extending sidewalks for the length of the project. As a result, a continuous sidewalk will be constructed along the length of the project to accommodate pedestrian traffic.
- One comment was received against the location of the detention pond on the south side of the roadway. As a result, the detention pond was relocated from the south side of CR 403 to the north side at Brookney Road.
- The community was concerned that the proposed roadway is too close to the adjacent homes and that noise levels will increase. The noise analysis was re-evaluated with updated traffic volumes which identified impacts from traffic noise, and that the construction of noise barriers would be reasonable and feasible for several subdivisions along the proposed project. As a result, noise barriers will be incorporated into the proposed project.
- The community was concerned about the safety of the children who attend Challenger Elementary School, particularly those that walk to school having to cross four lanes of traffic. Therefore, a traffic light and crosswalk have been incorporated at Bryan Court and at Miller Ranch Road to help provide protection to children crossing the road.

MITIGATION/COMMITMENTS

A majority of the potential impacts associated with the construction of the preferred alternative were avoided or minimized as documented in the EA. As described below, the design and construction of CR 403 will incorporate measures to minimize harm to the environment.

Approximately 8.45 acres of additional ROW will be necessary for the project; however, displacement of homes and businesses will not be required. The purchase of all ROW will be done in accordance with the Procedures of Purchase of ROW and the provisions of the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

Any unanticipated hazardous material and/or petroleum contamination encountered during construction of the proposed project will be handled according to applicable federal and state regulations per TxDOT Standard Specifications.

A review of the National Register of Historic Places, the list of State Archeological Landmarks, and the list of Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks indicated that no historically significant resources have been previously documented within the Area of Potential Effects (APE). A cultural resource survey conducted by TxDOT personnel revealed that there are no structures 50 years of age or older located within the project APE. No known archeological sites exist in the project area. TxDOT archeologists coordinated the proposed project with the State Historic Preservation Officer on May 18, 2005. In the unlikely event that archeological materials are discovered during construction, construction in the immediate area shall cease and TxDOT Archeological Studies personnel will be contacted to initiate accidental discovery procedures in accordance with the terms of the First Amended Programmatic Agreement among FHWA, TxDOT, THC, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Memorandum of Understanding between TxDOT and the THC.

In accordance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, measures will be taken to avoid harm to migratory birds, their nests, eggs, or young. Clearing vegetation will be conducted outside of the

normal nesting season or measures will be taken to discourage birds from nesting in existing structures.

Following the completion of construction, any cleared areas will be re-vegetated with TxDOT's standard seed mix of grasses and forbs. In addition, sedimentation and erosion controls will be in place prior to, during, and following construction.

The loss of wetlands and jurisdictional waters will be minimized to the greatest extent possible and further refined during detailed design. Appropriate Section 404 permits will be obtained prior to project construction. For impacts to waters of the U.S. requiring a Nationwide Permit (NWP) 14, compliance with Section 401 will be achieved by implementing Best Management Practices (BMP) to manage water quality during construction. At least one BMP from the 401 Water Quality Certification Conditions for Nationwide Permits will be implemented. Category I will be addressed by planting temporary vegetation in disturbed areas, Category II will be addressed by installing silt fences, and Category III will be addressed by vegetation-lined drainage ditches. In addition to these BMPs, other approved methods may be substituted if necessary using one of the BMPs from the same category.

Because this project would disturb more than five acres, a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) General Permit for Construction Storm Water Runoff (General Permit TXR150000) will be required and its conditions and requirements will be followed to address erosion/sedimentation/pollution concerns during the construction and operation phases. In accordance with TCEQ regulations, a Notice of Intent (NOI) will be filed and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SW3P) will be implemented for the construction site.

Proper stabilization techniques will be employed during construction to control erosion and sedimentation. These techniques will be accomplished according to the BMPs that will be outlined in the SW3P, which is developed during the design phase. TxDOT will utilize BMPs to control erosion, sedimentation, and total suspended solids. The completed roadway is not expected to contribute the constituent of concern to the impaired water bodies.

The traffic noise analysis indicates the proposed build alternative will result in noise impacts; therefore, noise barriers are proposed.

Construction may temporarily degrade air quality through dust and exhaust gases associated with construction equipment. Measures to control dust will be considered and incorporated into the final design and construction specifications.

MONITORING OR ENFORCEMENT

All commitments and conditions of approval stated in the EA will be monitored by TxDOT and other appropriate state, federal, and local agencies to ensure compliance.

FHWA DECISION

FHWA has reviewed all of the relevant documents and materials. Based upon our own independent review and analysis we find that the October 2010 EA analyzed and considered all the relevant potential environmental impacts and issues. FHWA concurs with the findings documented in the EA that the Preferred Alternative identified in the document best meets the need for and purpose of the project with no significant impacts to the resource areas, and the

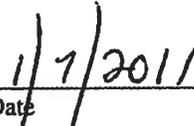
proposed project would have no significant impacts on the quality of the human or natural environment as defined by NEPA.

Based upon our own agency review and consideration of the analysis and evaluation contained in the EA for this project, and after careful consideration of all social, economic, and environmental factors, including input from the public involvement process, FHWA hereby issues this Finding of No Significant Impact for the CR 403 project. FHWA further approves Alternative 4 (Preferred Alternative) as the recommended preferred alternative for selection as the proposed action for this project. The selected alternative would best fulfill the need for and purpose of the project and meets the goals identified for the CR 403 project. This project is included in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and Appendix D (Projects Undergoing Environmental Assessment) of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's *2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program*.

As to project mitigation, TxDOT is hereby required to ensure completion of all mitigation as outlined above and set out specifically in the October 2010 CR 403 project EA. TxDOT is also required to ensure that any and all local, state, or federal permit requirements and conditions are met and otherwise complied with.



For Federal Highway Administration



Date

CR 403 (Hughes Ranch Rd.)
From CR 94 to Cullen Road (FM 865)

Brazoria County

Preliminary Engineering Certification

This certifies that the environmental and preliminary engineering information provided electronically in the TELUS system, TIP application for the CR 403 project (MPOID# 671) is both true and correct.

The environmental assessment (EA) for this project has been completed and submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration for review and approval. A Finding of No Significant Impact is expected.

The final preliminary engineering report will be submitted upon notification of approval of the EA.

The final design for this project is underway and completion of the final design is expected in March 2008.

Signed,



Gerald Roberts, PE
Brazoria County Engineer
Texas PE License #35464

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

COUNTY ROAD 403 WIDENING From CR 94 to FM 865 PEARLAND, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

Public Meeting

February 17, 2005

6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Challenger Elementary School
Bryan Court, Pearland, TX.

Presented by:



Brazoria County

And



Texas Department of Transportation

In association with:



GC Engineering, Inc

May 2005

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County Road 403 Widening Brazoria County

**PUBLIC MEETING
February 17, 2005**

Background

County Road 403 is an existing two lane undivided roadway with no shoulders and drainage ditches located on both sides of the road. There is a discontinuous sidewalk throughout the project limits, which extend from FM 865 (Cullen Road) westerly to CR 94, just east of SH 288.

Land use through the project area is primarily single family residences. An elementary school is located on the south side of the road, approximately mid-way through the project. Right of way is sufficient to accommodate the proposed roadway widening in areas where newer subdivisions have been built. The newer subdivisions back up to CR 403. Minimal right of way acquisition is needed for the proposed roadway widening in an area of older homes. In the area of the older homes, there is a need for improvements to the existing storm drainage systems.

Proposed Improvements

Improvements presented at the Public Meeting included widening CR 403 from an existing two lane roadway to a proposed four lane curbed section with a raised median. Exclusive left turn lanes are proposed at key locations, where cross streets exist. A closed drainage system, a minor inline detention system and detention ponds are the proposed drainage facilities. Cross walks, wheelchair ramps and continuous sidewalks are proposed to provide for pedestrians accessibility to neighboring facilities; such as the school and the new community park.

Public Reaction

The Public Meeting was advertised in the Houston Chronicle, the Pearland Journal, and on a sign at the Challenger Elementary School according to TxDOT requirements. The meeting was held on February 17, 2005 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Challenger Elementary School, within the project area. The meeting was well attended, with 113 persons signing attendance sheets. Comment sheets were available at the meeting and collected upon the meeting's closing. Eighty nine (89) persons provided written comments during the public meeting. A total of 116 written comments were received from 93 persons within the public comment time period. Most of the written comments came from meeting attendees. The written comments are included in this report.

In general, the public reaction to the project was mixed. The attendees realized that improvement was needed, but opinions varied on the proposed improvement. The attendees could be separated into several groups, as follows:

There was a group at the public meeting in opposition to the project, for various reasons (40 % approx.), such as:

- The development of a four-lane roadway widening would encourage higher traffic speeds.
- The development of a four-lane roadway widening would increase local traffic by providing a relief route for congested routes such as FM 518 and Cullen Road (FM 865) between CR 403 and the Beltway, even though, in discussions, they acknowledged that it was not properly situated for that purpose.
- The development of a four-lane roadway widening would place vehicular traffic closer to the sidewalks, and this would endanger pedestrians.
- The development of a four-lane roadway widening would increase the traffic noise.

In addition, there were property owners who were concerned over the land acquisition that would affect their properties.

There were area residents at the public meeting in favor of the project (60 % approx.), such as:

- Roadway improvements would address safety concerns over the existing narrow lanes with no shoulders and steep ditches.
- Roadway improvements would provide continuous sidewalks, and improve the pedestrian crossing at the school. Include provisions for improved pedestrian accessibility to the new local park facilities by providing sidewalks for the length of the project.
- Proposed four lane roadway improvements would improve traffic flow and recommend the proposed design be continued on CR 94 south toward FM518.
- Roadway improvements would address drainage improvements.

There were attendees who expressed opinions on the design, proposing a design with one lane in each direction, a raised median, and left turn lanes would be sufficient. Their proposed design might not encourage high-speed traffic. Others proposed a three-lane section with a center turn lane.

There were some who requested street lighting, and some who would like to see a landscaped median treatment.

In summary, for those who attended the Public Meeting, there were approximately 60% attendees in strong support for the project as presented, however, there were approximately 40% attendees in opposition to widening the roadway to four lanes. The written comments received from the public indicate that 67 % comments are in support of the widening project and 33 % comments are in opposition to the project.

CR 403 Widening Public meeting Summary

Meeting Date: February 17, 2005

Meeting Location: Challenger Elementary School
CR 403 and Bryan Court
Pearland, Texas

Meeting Purpose: To inform the public on the development of the proposed widening of CR 403 and to obtain their comments and concerns.

Meeting Format: 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Open house format for public viewing and comment

Attendance: Citizens 103
Public Officials 10

Media: Houston Chronicle

Publications: Houston Chronicle – 01/18/05 and 07/02/05
Pearland Journal – 01/19/05 and 09/02/05

Meeting Summary: The public meeting allowed for comments and questions regarding the proposed roadway widening, drainage, proposed design elements and right-of-way issues.

The following is a tabulation of the written comments received as results of the public meeting.

Issues	Number of Written Comments	Public Reaction (For the Project or Against the Project)
Suggested providing continuous sidewalks –	23	For
Concerned with increased noise levels –	17	Against
Suggested restricting the speed –	14	For
Suggested reducing number of lanes -	13	Against
Concerned with adverse drainage impacts –	9	For
Suggested landscaping the median –	6	For
Suggested additional turning lanes –	6	For
Suggested providing adequate lighting –	6	For
Concerned with decreased space between road and homes -	6	Against
Suggested improving the crossing at school –	5	For
Suggested providing traffic lights at subdivision entrances-	5	For
Concerned with adverse impacts on existing foundations -	2	Against
Suggested additional median openings -	2	For
Concerned with reducing 2 bus entrances at school to 1 -	1	For
Against the location of the detention pond -	1	For
Total Number of Written Comments	116	
Number for comments - For the project	78 (67%)	
Number of Comments – Against the Project	38 (33%)	

Public Meeting Attendants.

Texas Department of Transportation

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Dee Rader
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Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, on the day personally appeared: GAIL FEAGINS, who after being duly sworn, says that she is the SUPERVISOR-ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE at the HOUSTON CHRONICLE, a daily newspaper published in Harris County, Texas, and that the publication, of which the annexed herein, or attached to, is a true and correct copy, was published to-wit:

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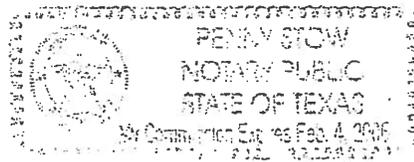
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) will conduct a public meeting regarding the proposed road widening on County Road 403 from County Road 94 to FM 865. The meeting will be held on February 17, 2005 at Challenger Elementary School, located at CR 403 at Bryan Court in Pearland, Brazoria County, Texas. Exhibits will be available for viewing at 6:00 PM.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed County Road 403 widening road project, which includes widening of the two lane facility to a four lane divided roadway with six-foot wide sidewalks either side of the road and roadway drainage.

Additional right-of-way will be required for the proposed action, however no displacements will be necessary. Personnel from the County Engineering Department will be available to discuss the procedures, benefits, programs and provide other needed information regarding land acquisition.

A schematic plan showing the proposed location and geometric design are on file and available for inspection at the County Engineers office at Brazoria County Courthouse West Annex, 451 N. Welasco, Suite 230, Angleton, Texas.

Persons interested in attending the public meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact County Engineers office at Brazoria County at (281)756-1265 at least two days prior to the meeting. Since the public meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the public meeting. The county will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments relative to the proposed project may be presented at the meeting or submitted to Mr. Pat Henry, P.E., the Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas, 77251-1386, at any time on or before March 3, 2005.

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ASSESSMENT TO BIDDERS
 In duplicate, to Sierra Planning Utility for the Remote No. 2 to Serve District No. 1, 1411-0402 in County, Texas, owned by the Engineer, LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc., 2929 Briarpark Drive, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77042-3703 until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 2, 2005, and then public bid opening to Bid- other bidding documents are available at the office of the Engineer, LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc., upon a refundable deposit to be examined upon a charge at the office of the Engineer, AGC, F.W. Dodge, A.G.C. and Armetek Information Service, Inc. A check in the amount of the total bid must be submitted with each bid. The bidder must pay the bond and accept the award. A pre-bid conference will be held at the office shown above on Wednesday, February 2, 2005. No attorneys represent the firm for the satisfying this pre-bid conference.

ADVERTISEMENT TO BIDDERS
 Sealed bids, in duplicate, addressed to Shadow Creek Ranch Development Partnership on behalf of Reinvestment Zone No. 2, City of Pearland, Texas for the Construction of WATER WELLS NOS. 8, 9, 10 & 11 to Serve Shadow Creek Ranch (LJA Job No. 1546-0015) in City of Pearland, Texas will be received at the office of the Engineer, LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc., 2929 Briarpark Drive, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77042-3703 until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 2, 2005, and then public opening and read aloud. Invitation to Bidders and other bidding documents are available for purchase at the offices of LJA Engineering & Surveying, Inc., upon a \$40.00 non-refundable deposit, or may be examined without charge at the offices of the Engineer, AGC, F.W. Dodge, A.G.C. of Texas, and Armetek Information Service, Inc. A cashier's check or a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total amount of the bid must accompany each bid. The successful bidder must furnish a payment and performance bond acceptable to Owner. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the office of the Engineer at the address shown above at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2005.

to check on availability of plans and specifications. A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 PM local time, February 2, 2005 at the office of the Engineer. Attendance is mandatory, and no bid will be opened unless the bidder or its representative was present at the Pre-Bid Conference.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Sealed bids for "Construction of Paving for South and Central Waste Water Treatment Plant Access Roads, Fort Bend County, Texas, Project No. 052, 230002.0322", addressed to Cinco Municipal Utility District No. 1, Attention G. Tim Lawrence, will be received at the office of Turner Collie & Braden Inc., 5757 Woodway, Houston, Texas, 77057 (Mailing address: P.O. Box 130089, Houston, Texas 77219), until 10:00 AM, local time, February 9, 2005, and then publicly opened. Invitations to Bidders and other documents will be available at the office of the Engineer, Turner Collie & Braden Inc., 5757 Woodway, Houston, Texas, 77057, Phone 713-267-2989, upon a \$50.00 non-refundable fee made payable to Turner Collie & Braden Inc. or may be examined at the Engineer's office of the local plan rooms of AGC, Dodge Reports and Armetek. Please contact the Construction Bid Center to check on availability of plans and specifications. A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time, February 2, 2005 at the office of the Engineer. Attendance is mandatory, and no bid will be opened unless the bidder or its representative was present at the Pre-Bid Conference.

Said documents may be examined without charge in the office of Jones & Carter Construction Division, A.G.C. or F.W. Dodge Corporation. There will be a pre-bid conference at the offices of Jones & Carter, Inc., 6335 Guifton, Houston, Texas 77081 at 2:00 p.m., February 1, 2005. Attendance is not mandatory. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any or all irregularities. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 90 days from the date bids are open.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 The Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) solicits proposals from individuals and organizations interested in providing technical assistance for the Gulf Coast Workforce Board and staff. The Workforce Board's system offers service for the more than 95,000 businesses and 4.3 million residents of a 13-county area that includes Houston, Harris County, and the twelve surrounding counties. Prospective bidders may obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals online at <http://www.the-worksource.org> or by contacting Carol Kimmick or Mary Sorin at 713-627-3200 or by sending email to: carol.kimmick@h-gac.com

Responses are due at H-GAC offices by 12:00 noon on Monday, January 31, 2005. Late proposals will not be accepted. There will be no exceptions. The Klein Independent School District is accepting bids for the following:
 Contraband Detection Program Bid documents, specifications or other data pertaining to this bid may be obtained at the Klein Independent School District Purchasing Office, room 205 of the Central Office Building located at 7200 Spring Cypress Road, Spring, Texas 77379-3299. Bids are to be submitted to this address and will be received until 2:30 pm, February 2, 2005, at which time they will publicly opened and the vendor's name read in room 205 at the Central Office Building. It is anticipated that the contracts for this bid will be awarded at the Board of Trustees meeting on March 8, 2005. The Klein Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids as it deems to be in its best interest and to waive formalities and reasonable irregularities in bidding.

NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS
 We are a vision care HMO which provides well vision eye care services. We are accepting applications beginning January 2, 2005 until January 23, 2005 from providers and physicians in this area who wish to be participating providers under the terms and conditions established by our HMO. Send your request for an application to: Pearle Vision Managed Care HMO of Texas, Inc. 2465 Joe Field Road, Dallas, TX 75229, Attn: Provider Applications

NOTICE TO PROVIDERS
 Applications for participation in the Alpha Dental Programs network of General Dentists and Dentists specializing in Endodontics, Periodontics, Oral Surgery, Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry will be accepted between January 24, 2005 and February 12, 2005. Applicants must meet all credentialing and other participatory criteria. All applications will be reviewed and responses will be made within 90 days of receipt. To request an application or further information, please write: Alpha Dental Programs, Attention: Provider Relations, 700 Parker Square, Suite 150, Flower Mound, Texas 75028.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held February 8, 2005, in the 11th District Court, 301 Fannin 2nd floor, Houston, Texas 77002, at 12:15 P.M. for the purpose of setting the amount of annual compensation for the County Auditor, Assistant County Auditors and Court Reporters, in which interested parties and citizens have an opportunity to be heard. The proposed Budget, setting out the annual compensation of the County Auditor, Assistant County Auditors and Court Reporters is available for inspection by interested parties and citizens beginning January 18, 2005, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in the Administrative Office of the District Courts, 7th Floor, Criminal Justice Center, 1201 Franklin Avenue, Houston, Texas.

INFORMATION: If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 276 at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Teague G. Harris, P.E. at (713) 462-3178. Issued: December 23, 2004

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
 The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) will conduct a public meeting regarding the proposed road widening on County Road 403 from County Road 94 to FM 865. The meeting will be held on February 17, 2005 at Challenger Elementary School, located at CR 403 at Bryan Court in Pearland, Brazoria County, Texas. Exhibits will be available for viewing at 6:00 PM.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed County Road 403 widening road project, which includes widening of the two lane facility to a four lane divided roadway with six-foot wide sidewalks either side of the road and roadway drainage. Additional right-of-way will be required for the proposed action, however no displacements will be necessary. Personnel from the County Engineering Department will be available to discuss the procedures, benefits, programs and provide other needed information regarding land acquisition. A schematic plan showing the proposed location and geometric design are on file and available for inspection at the County Engineers office at Brazoria County Courthouse West Annex, 451 N. Welasco, Suite 230, Angleton, Texas. Persons interested in attending the public meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact County Engineers office at Brazoria County at (281)756-1265 at least two days prior to the meeting. Since the public meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the public meeting. The county will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs. All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments relative to the proposed project may be presented at the meeting or submitted to Mr. Pat Henry, P.E., the Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas, 77251-1386, at any time on or before March 3, 2005.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Sealed bids for the construction of IMPERIAL GARDEN, SECTION TWO UTILITIES, C.E. PROJECT NO. 90006, 21.23, will be received by Gateway Land Development/Imperial Garden L.P. on behalf of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 154, in the offices of CENTURY ENGINEERING, INC. 3030 S. Gessner, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77063, (713) 780-8871, until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 8, 2005; at such time the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read. Construction plans and specifications are available at Century Engineering, Inc. on deposit of \$50.00 per set, which sum so deposited shall be non-refundable. All proposals shall be accompanied by a Cashier's or Certified check upon a Texas bank, or a Bid Bond from a reliable surety company authorized to do business in Texas, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid amount, payable to Gateway Land Development/Imperial Garden L.P., as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and payment bond within ten (10) days after Notice of Award; and that his or her bid will not be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the date of opening of bids without the consent of the Owner. The successful bidder must furnish both a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price. A Statement of Qualifications of Contractor and any subcontractors shall be included in the bid submission.

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NOTICE TO PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS
 Applications for participation in the CIGNA HealthCare of Texas, Inc. network of physicians, pharmacists, and other providers will be accepted December 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. Applicants must meet all credentialing and other participatory criteria. All applications will be reviewed and responses will be made within 90 days of receipt. To request an application, or for further information, please write: CIGNA HealthCare of Texas, Inc. Attn: Provider Relations Two Riverway, Suite 1200 Houston, Texas, 77056
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Swanne Norman
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Subscribed and sworn to this 25 day of January 2004

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ad the application from www.cityofpearland.com - the forms to Human Resources, City of Pearland, Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581. For questions call Mannie Dominguez at (281) 652-1620. Position closes February 4, 2005. EOE/M/F

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THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED COUNTY ROAD 403 WIDENING ROAD PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES WIDENING OF THE TWO LANE FACILITY TO A FOUR LANE DIVIDED ROADWAY WITH SIX-FOOT WIDE SIDEWALKS EITHER SIDE OF THE ROAD, AND ROADWAY DRAINAGE.

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A SCHEMATIC PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED LOCATION AND GEOMETRIC DESIGN ARE ON FILE AND AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE COUNTY ENGINEERS OFFICE AT BRAZORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE WEST ANNEX, 451 N. WELASCO, SUITE 230, ANGLETON, TEXAS.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC MEETING WHO HAVE SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OR ACCOMMODATION NEEDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT COUNTY ENGINEERS OFFICE AT BRAZORIA COUNTY AT (281) 756-1265 AT LEAST TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. SINCE THE PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH, ANY REQUESTS FOR LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS OR OTHER SPECIAL COMMUNICATION NEEDS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE AT LEAST TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC MEETING. THE COUNTY WILL MAKE EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE THESE NEEDS.

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**STATE OF TEXAS
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Personally appeared before the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for said County and State. Marlene Parker-Corley, Representative for Margarette Chasteen, Publisher of the Pearland/Friendswood Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Brazoria, State of Texas. Who being duly sworn, states under oath that the report of Legal Notices, a true copy of which is hereto annexed was published in said newspapers in its issue(s) of the

9th day of February, 2005

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Marlene Parker-Corley
Publisher's Representative

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of Feb, 2005.

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