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Mr. Alan Clark  
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Subject: Kingwood Pedestrian/ Bicycle Connections Project

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) is pleased to nominate Kingwood Pedestrian/Bicycle Connections (the Project) to the 2015 TIP Call for Projects. The Project is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan's identified needs, goals and program of projects. It reflects the needs of the City of Houston to expand and connect bicyclists and pedestrians to the City's multimodal transportation system via safe off and on street access routes in the Kingwood area. The Project helps fulfill the connectivity goals of the Bayou Greenways 2020 (BG2020) initiative to create a continuous system of 150 miles of bike/ped trails along Houston's bayous within city limits.

The Project total cost is \$9,571,660. HPARD requests 79% of project cost in the amount of \$7,561,611.72. The Houston Parks Board is providing a 21% match of \$2,010,048.68 from voter-approved bond funds for BG2020. The Project is ready for implementation within the time period proposed under TIP. Once complete, the trail will be maintained by the Houston Parks Board in accordance with the BG2020 Economic Development Agreement with the City of Houston. HPARD's application package includes evidence of HPB's maintenance, as well as financial commitment to the matching funds as required to supplement the federal aid requested.

We look forward to your positive review of our project nomination.

Sincerely,

Joe Turner  
Director

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*Subject: Local Match Commitment for Houston's 2015 TIP Call for Projects Application--  
Kingwood Pedestrian/Bicycle Connections Project*

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Houston Parks Board is delighted to support the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department application to the 2015 TIP Call for Projects by implementing financial and management support to the Kingwood Pedestrian/Bicycle Connections Project. We are committed to designate \$2,010,048.68 in Bayou Greenways 2020 Bond Funds to the match. This letter serves as the letter of financial commitment required for the final grant application package.

Once complete, the project will be maintained by the Houston Parks Board in accordance with the Bayou Greenways 2020 Economic Development Agreement with the City of Houston.

The Kingwood Pedestrian/Bicycle Connections Project will create an alternate mode of transportation for the Kingwood area to connect bus services, sidewalks and crosswalks throughout the corridor for pedestrians and bikers. These connections will improve mobility and access for existing and future transit riders, local residents, commuters, and travelers who have origins and/or destinations in the Kingwood area.

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

Sincerely,

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