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Mr. David Wurdlow Program Manager Houston-Galveston Area Council P.O. Box 22777 Houston, TX 77027

RE: Airport Boulevard Funding in 2015 Call for Projects

Dear Mr. Wurdlow,

The Houston District of Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has been notified by the City of Houston of their pursuit of funding for the Airport Boulevard extension (CSJ 0912-71-386, MPO#529) in the 2015 Call for Projects. The proposed continuation of Airport Boulevard would connect the existing eastern and western segments of the roadway.

After reviewing the proposed projects, TxDOT offers its full support of these efforts and their application. Because this project was originally funded under the Principal Arterial Street System (PASS) Program and the Texas Transportation Commission agreed to fund the 20 percent local match requirement via Minute Order 87525, the State agrees to contribute the 20 percent local match for the City's TIP application.

As the City of Houston area becomes a denser commerce and employment hub, this mobility improvement will be critical for effective transportation connectivity in the southwestern area of the city.

Thank you for your attention and consideration in this matter. Please contact Mr. Andrew Mao, P.E., at (713) 802-5301 if you have further questions.

Sincerely.

Michael D. Alford, P.E. District Engineer

Houston District

cc: Ravi Kaleyatodi (City of Houston)