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January 8, 2015

Mr. Alan Clark
Director of Transportation Planning
Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)
3555 Timmons Lane
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Re: 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects – **Letter of Support for City of Houston Projects**

Dear Mr. Clark:

On behalf of the City of Houston, we would like to inform you that the City plans to submit twelve projects to H-GAC for consideration in the 2015 TIP Call for Projects. We respectfully request H-GAC's support and consideration for the projects listed below.

These are projects the City deems as high priority due to project readiness and the impact they will provide to the region's transportation network. The proposed projects will fill gaps to our bikeway system, improve pedestrian safety, improve pavement conditions, and will further the City's goal of having a multi-modal transportation network that encourages walking, biking and public transit. Based on the region's current and predicted growth, a highly functioning transportation network is crucial for regional connectivity and economic success. Furthermore, these transportation projects are consistent with the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan goals to maintain, enhance and expand the multi-modal, regional transportation system.

We note that three of these twelve projects are further supported by agencies that are acting as funding partners for the project: the International Management District, the Houston Parks Board and Uptown District. The projects for which these agencies are acting as partner are noted below.

1. Administration & Regulatory Affairs Department – Automated Parking Guidance System
2. Public Works & Engineering Department - Tanner Rd: Hempstead to BW 8 P&D
3. Public Works & Engineering Department – Westpark P&D: Wilcrest to Dairy Ashford
4. Public Works & Engineering Department – W. Airport: Hiram Clarke to FM 521
5. Public Works & Engineering Department – Gessner: Buffalo Bayou to Richmond
6. Public Works & Engineering Department – Fondren: Braeswood to W. Airport
7. Public Works & Engineering Department – Dairy Ashford: IH-10 to Buffalo Bayou
8. Public Works & Engineering Department – W. Fuqua: City Limit to Chimney Rock
9. Public Works & Engineering Department – Signal Detection Upgrades
10. Parks & Recreation Department/Houston Parks Board (funding partner) – Kingwood Pedestrian/Bicycle Connection

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11. Parks & Recreation Department/Uptown District (funding partner) – Memorial to San Felipe Connections

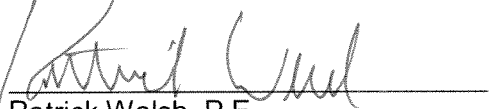
Project Previously Approved for Transportation Enhancement (TE) Funding:

The following project had previously been selected for funding but was unable to advance to construction within the required 3-year timeframe. We respectfully request that H-GAC give additional consideration to this project, since it previously demonstrated worthiness of TE funding.

12. Parks & Recreation Department/International Management District (funding partner) – International Management District Bikeways

If you have any questions regarding these projects, please contact Michael Kramer at (713) 837-7781 or via email at michael.kramer@houstontx.gov. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Patrick Walsh, P.E.
Planning & Development Department
Director



Dale A. Rudick, P.E.
Public Works & Engineering Department
Director

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cc: Joe Turner, Director, Parks & Recreation Department
Mark Loethen, Deputy Director, Public Works & Engineering Department
Jeff Weatherford, Deputy Director, Public Works & Engineering Department
Gwendolyn Tillotson, Deputy Director, Mayor's Office of Economic Development

City of Houston, Texas Resolution No. 2015-3

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE NOMINATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE MEMORIAL TO SAN FELIPE HIKE AND BIKE CONNECTION PROJECT FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION IN THE 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CALL FOR PROJECTS ADMINISTERED BY THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL; AND MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

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WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program call for projects is a regional competitive process administered by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (“H-GAC”), through which the City of Houston (“City”) may receive federal and state funding for certain bicycle/pedestrian transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Houston (the “City Council”) recommends the Memorial to San Felipe Hike and Bike Connection Project (“Project”) listed in this Resolution as worthy of federal and state investment because this Project will: (1) create an alternate mode of transportation; (2) improve mobility and access for existing and future transit riders, local residents, and commuters; and (3) demonstrates a relationship to the surface transportation system and qualifies under the category for provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles of the Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, funding of this Project will maximize existing localized efforts and will provide benefits for the City of Houston and surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, , the Uptown Development Authority will provide the 20% required local match for this Project if selected for funding by the H-GAC Transportation Policy Council and be responsible for 100% of all cost overruns above the authorized federal and state funds on the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the nomination of the Memorial to San Felipe Hike and Bike Connection Project which will be subject to City Council approval in subsequent actions; and

WHEREAS, appropriation of funds for this City-nominated Project is subject to City Council approval in subsequent ordinances;

NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The findings contained in the preamble of this Resolution are determined to be true and correct and are adopted as a part of this Resolution.

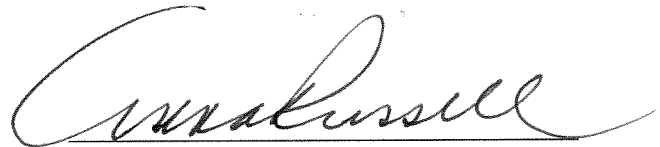
Section 2. The City Council hereby nominates the Memorial to San Felipe Hike and Bike Connection Project for funding consideration in the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program call for projects administered by the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event that the Mayor fails to sign this Resolution within five days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of January, 2015.
APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Mayor of the City of Houston, Texas

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Resolution is JAN 13 2014.



City Secretary

(Prepared by Legal Dept. Handwritten Signature)
(LAC 1/5/2015) Assistant City Attorney
(Requested by Joe Turner, Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department)
(L.D. File No. 049-1400107-001)

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✓		MARTIN
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	ABSENT-OUT OF CITY CITY BUSINESS	GONZALEZ
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✓		LASTER
✓		GREEN
✓		COSTELLO
✓		ROBINSON
✓		KUBOSH
✓		BRADFORD
✓		CHRISTIE
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