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Mr. Alan Clark Director of Transportation H-GAC P.O. Box 22777, Houston, TX 77227-2777

Subject: Memorial to San Felipe Hike & Bike Connection Project

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) is pleased to nominate the Memorial to San Felipe Hike & Bike Connection (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 Uptown District. The Project fulfills the connectivity goal for the District identified in the Uptown-West Loop Planning Study and Memorial Park Master Plan.

The total cost of the project is \$8,192,500. HPARD requests 80% of project cost in the amount of \$6,554,000. The Uptown Development Authority is providing a 20% match of \$1,638,500. The Project is ready for implementation within the time period proposed under TIP. HPARD commits to the long term maintenance of this hike and bike project. HPARD's application package includes evidence of the Uptown Development Authority's 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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