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December 30, 2014

Mr. David Wurdlow
Transportation Program Manager
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Re: Memorial City Redevelopment Authority 2015-2018 Call for Projects Applications

Dear Mr. Wurdlow,

On behalf of the Memorial City Redevelopment Authority, I want to thank you for the opportunity to apply for funding through the 2015-2018 H-GAC Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects. Included in our submission are three priority mobility projects that will greatly improve the state of good repair, access, and safety of our transportation network. The projects include the complete reconstruction of Memorial Drive between Beltway 8 and Tallowood and North Gessner between Westview and Long Point. The latter corridor is expected to be designated a high-frequency transit route as a result of the METRO re-imagining process, and may even be a corridor where a future transit center is located, as recommended in the results of your West Houston Mobility Study. Additionally, we are seeking funding for the extension of Town and Country Way to Beltway 8. This project involves the implementation of a Green Road-caliber design featuring an innovative roundabout that would allow for increased pedestrian access as well as the provision of improved traffic-flow.

These projects are included within the FY2015 TIRZ#17 Capital Improvement Plan and have been significantly developed by the Memorial City Redevelopment Authority. The North Gessner project has been designed to an approximately 30% level and will be seeking board approval to complete detailed design within the next several months. The Town and Country Way project has completed 30% design and has been received a positive finding through a technical review committee process. Additionally, the Redevelopment Authority has purchased the right-of-way necessary to construct the project. We will be seeking board approval to move forward with completed detail design in January 2015.

We look forward to working with H-GAC, TxDOT, METRO, and the City of Houston, in the implementation of transportation solutions that will benefit the entire region. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me directly at 713-829-5720 or at donhuml@houstontirz17.org.

Sincerely,

Don Huml

Don Huml
Executive Director
Memorial City Redevelopment Authority

December 16, 2014

Mr. David Wurdlow
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Re: Memorial City Redevelopment Authority Maintenance & Funding Commitment for 2015-2018 TIP Submittals

Dear Mr. Wurdlow,

The Memorial City Redevelopment Authority commits to provide a cash match for the following projects submitted through the 2015-2018 Houston-Galveston Area Council Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects:

| Project | Scope | Total Cost | Local Share | Match % |
|---|---|--------------|-------------|---------|
| Memorial Drive Reconstruction | Complete reconstruction of Memorial Drive between Beltway 8 and Tallowood | \$13,076,949 | \$2,615,390 | 20% |
| Town and Country Way Extension and Roundabout | Extension of Town and Country Way and reconstruction of existing intersection with Town and Country Blvd. | \$6,659,939 | \$1,331,988 | 20% |
| North Gessner Phase II Reconstruction | Complete reconstruction of Gessner Drive between Westview and Long Point | \$2,731,918 | \$546,384 | 20% |

Long-term operational and maintenance requirements for the proposed improvements will be provided in part, by the City of Houston, Texas per the terms of an existing tri-party agreement. The maintenance of amenities over and above City of Houston standards will be maintained by overlapping Municipal Management Districts per the terms of project-specific agreements. These agreements will be developed prior to the commencement of project-specific construction phase activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these projects for funding. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me directly at 713-829-5720 or at don@houstontirz17.org.

Sincerely,



Don Huml
Executive Director
Memorial City Redevelopment Authority

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January 9, 2015

Mr. Alan Clark
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**Re: Support for TIP Funding Request by the Memorial City Redevelopment
Authority**

Dear Mr. Clark:

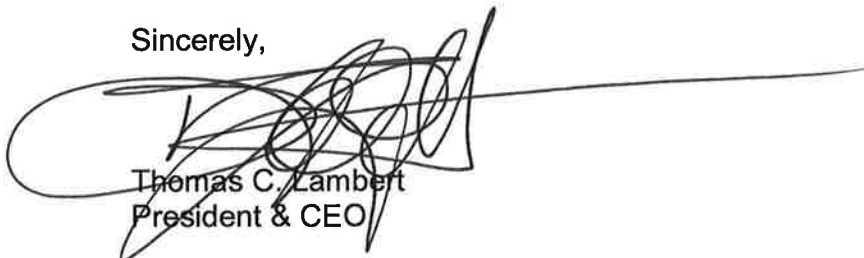
I am pleased to offer this letter supporting the Memorial City Redevelopment Authority in their pursuit of transit-related funding through the Houston-Galveston Area Council's 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program. With the requested funding support, the Memorial City Redevelopment Authority plans reconstruction of roadways, sidewalks, planting strips, curbs, ADA ramps for the following corridors:

- North Gessner Road (Westview Drive to Long Point Road)
- Memorial Drive (Beltway 8 to Tallowood Road)

Memorial Drive would feature 15 to 30 minute bus routes when the reimagined network plan is implemented. Additionally, many current stops are not separated from the roadway by a curb. The Redevelopment Authority plans to improve the safety of these transit stops through context sensitive solutions. Additionally, North Gessner will feature frequent bus service (15 minutes or less) as part of the reimagined plan.

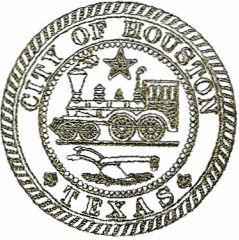
METRO fully supports the Memorial City Redevelopment Authority's pursuit of federal funding through the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program. The improvements sought will improve the ability of individuals to utilize existing and future METRO transit service.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Lambert
President & CEO

cc: Roberto Trevino, Executive Vice President, Planning, Engineering & Construction /
METRO
Clint Harbert, Sr. Director, System Planning & Development / METRO



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December 4, 2014

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Re: Memorial City Redevelopment Authority TIP Submissions

Dear Mr. Clark:

As the Houston City Council Member for District G, I am pleased to support the Memorial City Redevelopment Authority in their pursuit of transportation funds in the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program at the Houston-Galveston Area Council. With this funding, they plan to implement the following projects:

- Gessner North Phase II
- Memorial Drive
- Town and Country West

Work for the Gessner portion of the project will include roadway rehabilitation and sidewalk drainage improvements, and is anticipated to enhance flow through the entirety of Gessner. For Memorial Drive, work will include reconstruction of a minor arterial road, roadway rehabilitation, and sidewalk and drainage improvements. These upgrades are expected to improve the efficiency of traffic and increase pedestrian safety. The Town and Country section of the project will be roadway and sidewalk reconstruction and improvements, including a roundabout. This work is expected to improve drainage, traffic flow, and roadway alignment. All portions of the project will serve to enhance connectivity, access, and safety for pedestrians and transit users in our region.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at (832) 393-3007 or via e-mail at districtg@houstontx.gov.

Sincerely,


Oliver Pennington