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June 13, 2014

Mr. Alan Clark
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Subject: Harris County Precinct 4 Townsen Multi-Modal Connector

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to support Harris County Precinct 4's application for funding of the Townsen Multi-Modal Connector. The project provides a safe bicycle and pedestrian route and critical link between the METRO Townsen Park & Ride and the Spring Creek Greenway Trail, which will ultimately connect hundreds of miles of hike and bike trails between Kingwood and The Woodlands.

The Townsen Multi-Modal Connector is important to the City of Houston and the region because it is part of a larger vision of providing safe off-road hike and bike trails along its bayous and greenways for both transportation and recreation. Thank you for your review and consideration of Harris County Precinct 4's application for funding to make this project a reality.

Sincerely,

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Joe Turner
Director

JT/LC

Cc: Commissioner R. Jack Cagle, Harris County Precinct 4
James Koski, Deputy Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office

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RE: Letter of Support
Townsen Park-n-Ride Multi-Modal Connector
Harris County Precinct 4

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Harris County Flood Control District (District) is pleased to provide this letter in support of the Townsen Park-n-Ride Multi-Modal Connector. The project will provide a critical link to public transportation, ride-share parking, the Spring Creek Greenway Trail, hike and bike trails, and future connections to other amenities already underway and expanding along this corridor.

Through continued coordination of multi-modal transportation planning, the Houston-Galveston region can meet the challenge of ensuring mobility for the growing population of Harris County and surrounding areas.

The District will provide right-of-way along its facilities for portions of the hike and bike trails that will link to this connector. These projects support the District's mission to "provide flood damage reduction projects that work, with appropriate regard for community and natural values."

Sincerely,

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Michael D. Talbott, P.E.
Director

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Dear Mr. Clark,

The Houston Parks Board writes to support the Harris County Precinct 4 project to connect the Townsen Park and Ride facility with a multi-use trail.

As you know, in November of 2012, the citizens of Houston voted overwhelmingly in favor of a bond measure to create continuous greenways and trails along Houston's bayous. Once these trails are complete, over 50% of the City's population will be within one and half miles of a bayou. Once on the bayous, anyone – pedestrians, runners, or cyclists – will be able to use these new paths for both recreation and transportation by commuting to work, reaching other parts of the city, or simply exercising and enjoying the natural beauty of our City. To make the trails fully accessible to adjacent neighborhoods, individual pedestrian and bicycle connections from neighborhoods to the bayou trails must be made. These connections will ensure that the bayou trails fully function and support not only alternative modes of transportation but greater use and enjoyment for the surrounding community. As such, the Houston Parks Board supports Harris County Precinct 4's project to make the Spring Bayou Greenway more accessible and to connect Spring Bayou Greenway to other public transportation options in the area as well as existing trails.

As the region expands its opportunities for public transportation and biking facilities, the region will benefit tremendously as has been documented repeatedly by H-GAC's own studies, including the Cypress Creek Greenway Case Study completed with the Houston Parks Board last year. Thank you in advance for considering Harris County Precinct 4's application, and for supporting alternative modes of transportation.

Sincerely,

Roksan Okan-Vick, FAIA
Executive Director

Copies: Joe Turner, City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department
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RE: Harris County Precinct 4 Townsen Multimodal Connector

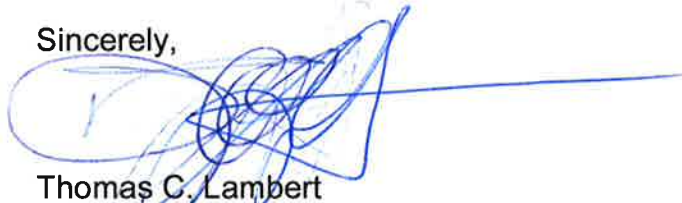
Dear Mr. Clark:

METRO supports the Harris County Precinct 4 project to connect the Townsen Park & Ride facility with a multi-use trail. This project supports mobility and sustainability through new multi-modal transportation opportunities that provides safe access to transit service.

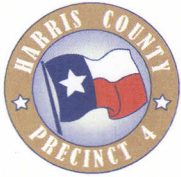
METRO has worked with Harris County Precinct 4 and upon funding approval will provide safe bicycle access and accommodations inside the Townsen Park & Ride facility with a designated bicycle path and bicycle parking at the bus platform.

This project supports METRO goals of increasing ridership and providing safe, multi-modal access for all users to our facilities. METRO encourages H-GAC to fund the Harris County Precinct 4 Townsen Multimodal Connector.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Lambert
President & CEO



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August 6, 2014

Mr. Clinton Wong
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Dear Mr. Wong:

Harris County Precinct 4 is embarking on an ambitious new project to connect the Townsen Park-n-Ride facility with multi-use hike and bike trails throughout the area. The Townsen Multi-Modal Connector will support mobility by providing access to existing anchor parks along our developed greenway. This project will offer a critical link to public transportation, Ride Share parking, the Spring Creek Greenway Trail Project, local retail shopping and over 100 miles of hike and bike trails throughout the master planned community of Kingwood. Future trails will link Montgomery County developments on the north side of Spring Creek and connect over 200 miles of existing trails within The Woodlands. The Townsen Park-n-Ride Multi-modal Connector is poised to become a regional alternative transportation hub.

In order to make this possible, we need access on the south-bound side of the Highway 59 feeder road that includes approximately 20,500 sqft. along your undeveloped property. I am writing you today to ask for your support of the Townsen Multi-modal Connector by way of selling or donating this section of your property for the hike and bike trail.

The trail access on your property next to the right-of-way is critical to the success of this project and the success of possible funding from a TxDOT grant that we are in the process of writing. As part of the application, we would need a letter of support from you stating you are willing to sell or donate this strip of land and the approximate value of the property. In order to include it in the application, we would need your letter of support no later than September 1, 2014.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and thank you in advance for your support. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information. I can be reached at 281-353-8100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Johnston", is written over a blue circular stamp.

Dennis Johnston
Park Administrator
Harris County Precinct 4



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August 19, 2014

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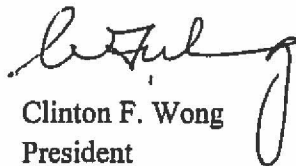
Re: Spring Creek Trail
Townsen Multi-Modal Connector

Dear Mr. Johnston:

Our office received your letter dated August 6, 2014, regarding Harris County Precinct No. 4's desire to obtain approximately 20,500 square feet of land along the south-bound feeder road of US 59 north of Townsen Boulevard. It is our understanding that the land would be utilized to construct a connection between the Spring Creek Trail system and the Townsen Park-N-Ride facility located at the intersection of Townsen Boulevard and US 59.

We support the County's continued development and expansion of the trail system within the County parks and would be willing to sell the land, maintaining the right to cross the tract at coordinated locations, to Harris County at market price in order to facilitate the proposed connection. Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you need any additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


Clinton F. Wong
President