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Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons
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Dear Houston-Galveston Area Council

On behalf of Buffalo Bayou Partnership, I am writing to enthusiastically support the Texas Department of Transportation's application for federal funding for the Buffalo Bayou Heritage Corridor project. The trail and bridge restoration that would be constructed with the funding will greatly enhance Buffalo Bayou Partnership's efforts to provide trail connectivity along Buffalo Bayou. Because we feel so strongly about this project, Buffalo Bayou Partnership is providing a portion of the matching funds that are required.

Working with TxDOT and the City of Houston west of downtown, BBP has successfully implemented many miles of trails. We are now focusing our efforts on connecting these trails through downtown and the East End where we have also built trails. In addition, the Buffalo Bayou trails are being integrated into the comprehensive Bayou Greenways Initiative, allowing connectivity to other bayous.

All of this work is providing important recreational and alternative transportation benefits. Houston is truly transitioning from a city devoted only to car transportation to a city that utilizes bicycles and transit. The Buffalo Bayou Heritage project will help accelerate these efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anne Olson
President