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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

January 8, 2015

Mr. Alan Clark  
MPO Director  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
P.O. Box 22777  
Houston, TX 77227-2777

Re: 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects;  
Application ID 300438 and Application ID 300696

Dear Mr. Clark:

On behalf of the City of Webster, please consider supporting for federal funding assistance the Landing Boulevard Extension/NASA Road 1 Bypass Extension project that is submitted to Houston-Galveston Area Council's Transportation Policy Council for the Transportation Improvement Program's 2015 Call for Projects. This project consists of constructing a four-lane divided new capacity roadway between FM 518 in League City and FM 528 in Webster, intersecting with the NASA Road 1 Bypass. The new arterial will provide much needed connectivity between the cities and provide an alternative access route to commercial and residential development adjacent to IH 45S, the Gulf Freeway, in addition to a much needed additional evacuation route.

As the combined population of League City and Webster continues to increase, with a forecasted population in excess of 200,000 by 2040, the cities are committed to providing a variety of transportation improvements and alternatives to serve the needs of the area's residents, businesses, and visitors. North/south connectivity is the area west of IH 45S is limited. Phases 1 and 2 of this project are complementary to Harris County's efforts to improve access and connectivity with the extension of Beamer Road, segments of which have been funded over successive years through the Transportation Improvement Program process. The extension of Beamer Road to FM 528 and the completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of this project will provide a seamless north/south reliever route to IH 45S from FM 518 to Beltway 8 S. This project is consistent with the long-range planning goals established in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan Update.

Should the project be selected for federal funding support and programmed in the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program, the City of Webster will provide the required share of the matching local funding contribution as determined by the Houston-Galveston Area Council. The City of Webster further commits to the completion of the Webster portion of the project and to develop it in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation.



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit the application for federal funding support for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Landing Boulevard Extension/NASA Road 1 Bypass Extension mobility project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wayne J. Sabo'.

Wayne J. Sabo  
City Manager  
City of Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 14-*03*

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE NORTH LANDING BOULEVARD/NASA ROAD 1 BYPASS EXTENSION, AS A JOINT SPONSOR WITH LEAGUE CITY, TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL'S TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2015 CALL FOR PROJECTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Webster, Texas, in September 2014 adopted the updated City of Webster Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Webster Comprehensive Plan includes the NASA Road 1 Bypass Extension that would join NASA Road 1 Bypass to the west side of I-45, connect to the north to Beamer Road and intersect with NASA Parkway, Bay Area Boulevard, El Dorado, and Tall Ships Lane; and

**WHEREAS**, a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) was created in 2003 to help fund the NASA Road 1 Bypass Extension; and

**WHEREAS**, the NASA Road 1 Bypass Extension is considered key for mobility, economic development, and emergency evacuation by providing an additional north/south route; and

**WHEREAS**, Beamer Road from Dixie Farm Road to west of Tall Ships Lane is a \$12,000,000 project scheduled on Houston Galveston Area Council's (HGAC) 2018 Transportation Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Beamer Road from west of Tall Ships Lane to Bay Area Boulevard is a Harris County sponsored project listed on HGAC's 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the NASA Road 1 Bypass Extension achieves its maximum purpose when coupled with the City of League City's North Landing Boulevard project, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Webster Transportation and Engineering staff have collaborated with the City of League City to jointly sponsor the North Landing Boulevard/NASA Road 1 Bypass Extension to achieve this vital roadway project, and

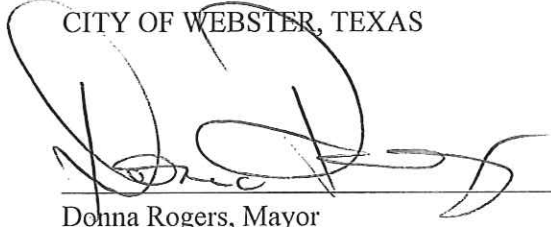
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS THAT:**

Section 1. The City Council declares its support of the submittal of the North Landing Boulevard/NASA Road 1 Bypass Extension, as illustrated on map Exhibit "A" attached hereto, to the Houston Galveston Area Council's 2015 Call for Projects.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately after its approval and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 2nd day of December 2014.

CITY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS



Donna Rogers, Mayor

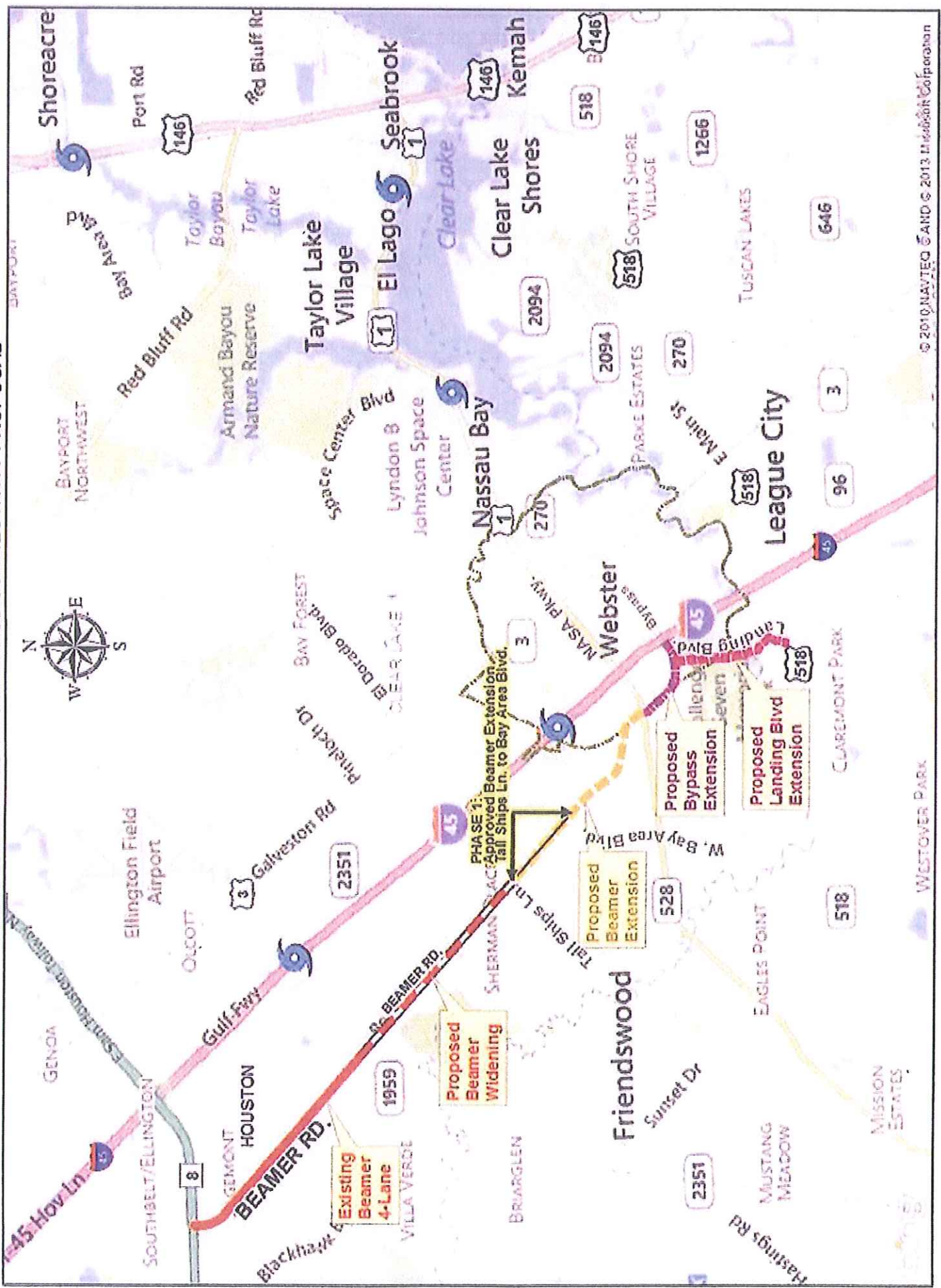
ATTEST:



Pauline Small, City Secretary



EXHIBIT A  
 BEAMER ROAD AND NASA BYPASS CONNECTIVITY PROPOSAL





January 7, 2015

Mr. Alan C. Clark  
Manager of Transportation Planning  
Houston-Galveston Area Council  
P. O. Box 22777  
Houston, Texas 77227-2777

RE: 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects; Landing Boulevard Extension/NASA Road 1 Bypass Extension

Dear Mr. Clark:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (BayTran), I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the City of Webster's and the City of League City's joint application for funding assistance for the Landing Boulevard Extension/NASA Road 1 Bypass Extension project. The proposed project is to construct a new four-lane divided road from FM 518 in League City to FM 528 in Webster, providing much need north/south connectivity and improved access to destinations within the Bay Area and the larger region. The project would be developed in two phases.

As the regional Transportation Management Organization (TMO) for the Bay Area, BayTran is enthusiastically promoting this extension project. The proposed project would greatly enhance connectivity between Webster and League City and provide an alternative access route to commercial and residential development adjacent to IH 45 S. It is considered key for mobility, economic development, and emergency evacuation by providing an additional north/south route.

Please accept this letter as BayTran's full endorsement for the Landing Blvd. Extension/NASA Road 1 Bypass Extension project. The project is part of a larger effort by cities in the NASA/Bay Area to provide alternatives to IH 45 S for motorists traveling between cities and to regional employment destinations. It is in keeping with the goals of the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and is a critical mobility improvement project included in the comprehensive plans of both cities.

Thank you for your consideration of this important mobility project.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara G. Koslov".

Barbara G. Koslov  
President, Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership

**Capital Improvements Program  
Project Detail Sheet  
Fiscal Years 2015 - 2019**

**General Government**

**Streets and Sidewalks**

**NASA Bypass Extension**

**Project Description**

This project consists of the extension of NASA Bypass from Interstate 45 to NASA Parkway. The four-lane divided roadway would provide enhanced mobility east to west. When combined with the future extension of Beamer Road and the proposed Landing Boulevard in League City, north to south mobility would increase as well. NASA Bypass Extension will provide an additional evacuation route, spur economic development, and alleviate congestion.

No change to operation and maintenance expenditures are anticipated in the first two years.

**Estimated Project Cost**            **\$ 12,000,000**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Cost by Fiscal Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000,000	\$ -

**Sources of Funding Identified**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Bond Issuances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400,000	\$ -
Grants	-	-	-	9,600,000	-
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-
General Fund Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Other Funding	-	-	-	-	-

**Operations and Maintenance Costs**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Cost by Fiscal Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**City Council Meeting  
Agenda Item  
Data Sheet**

Item # 121.  
Meeting Date, August 11, 2009  
First Reading Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Topic:**

Consider and take action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities of League City, Friendswood and Webster for purposes of cooperative discussion and potential development of ideas for the area where the three communities have mutual interest north of Clear Creek and west of Interstate 45.

**Background:**

Over the course of the past year, the Director of Land Management has been coordinating with Coventry Development Corporation, the City of Friendswood and the City of Webster regarding the future of the area generally described as north of Clear Creek, south and east of Bay Area Boulevard and west of Interstate 45. From the perspective of League City, Friendswood and Webster, the intent has been to recognize that improvements and development activity in this area by any single entity has the capability of impacting each municipality. Improvements such as the extension of Beamer Road will occur and development will result. It is in League City's interest to promote a shared and cooperative vision for the area in advance of development.

The Memorandum of Understanding has been developed jointly by the three communities as a nonbinding means of ensuring that the area develops in an orderly fashion and that growth in the area is balanced (when it does occur). Recommendations could range from growth patterns, transportation/infrastructure improvements, and boundary realignments to coordination of trails and preservation of the waterway. Equally important, the MOU allows for discussion with other entities, including Harris County and CDC, the major investor/property owner in unincorporated Harris County.

Staff for the Cities of Friendswood and Webster are also preparing to submit this Memorandum to their respective Council's for approval.

**Origination:**

Director of Land Management

**Attachment:**

Memorandum of Understanding

**Recommendation:**

City staff is recommending approval of this item.

FUNDING: NOT APPLICABLE

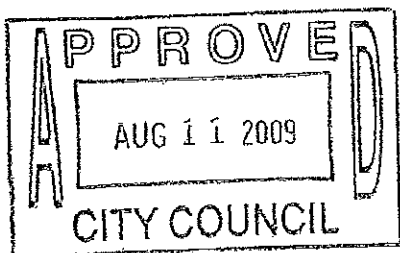
Signed [Signature] 8/3/09  
Staff Member Date

Approved [Signature] 8/3/09  
City Administrator Date

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda: Tony Allender, Director of Land Management

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**ACTION TAKEN BY CITY COUNCIL**





## Exhibit A

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

The Cities of Webster, Friendswood, and League City, Texas

1. GENERAL ARRANGEMENT
  - 1.1 WHEREAS, the Cities of Webster, Friendswood, and League City, Texas share common boundaries;
  - 1.2 AND WHEREAS, the activities within the boundaries of one community can have a significant impact upon the physical, economic and social capital of residents and businesses in adjacent communities;
  - 1.3 AND WHEREAS, regional vision and goals can ensure a more organized method of development with lasting positive impacts;
  - 1.4 AND WHEREAS, regional coordination and representation can have an impact on relationships with large private property owners and developers, as well as county, state, and federal entities.
  
2. SERVICES
  - 2.1 The Cities of Webster, Friendswood, and League City, Texas do hereby agree to coordinate in a manner that is non-binding, but in a manner of mutual respect and interest to establish a common vision for the general area north of Clear Creek, south and east of Bay Area Boulevard, and west of Interstate 45, that may include:
    - 2.1.1 Recognition of existing conditions and challenges facing regional coordination;
    - 2.1.2 A set of common Guiding Principles for consideration by each party when making daily decisions within the area;
    - 2.1.3 A common vision for development patterns and character within the area;
    - 2.1.4 Preservation and utilization of common assets such as sensitive areas along Clear Creek;
    - 2.1.5 Recommendations related to physical infrastructure and facilities including roadways/rights-of-way, trails, parks, stormwater management, water, and wastewater;
    - 2.1.6 Clarification of municipal boundaries based upon common interest and benefit; and
    - 2.1.7 A series of actions to be performed by one or more of the communities to facilitate the common vision for the area.
  - 2.2 The Cities of Webster, Friendswood, and League City, Texas do also hereby agree that, in efforts to establish a common vision, the three communities may:
    - 2.2.1 Coordinate with property owners in the area, both within and outside of municipal boundaries, as potential partners in development of a common vision;

- 2.2.2 Establish dialogue with other government and institutional entities such as Harris County, Texas Department of Transportation, and Clear Creek Independent School District for input, ongoing communication or implementation of actions; and,
- 2.2.3 Seek to follow this Memorandum of Understanding with binding implementation agreements or other arrangements as deemed appropriate.

3. AGREEMENT TERM

- 3.1 This Memorandum of Understanding will commence upon agreement by elected leadership of the Cities of Webster, Friendswood, and League City, Texas and will conclude at such time as:
  - 3.1.1 A common vision is established and accepted by the elected leadership of each community; or,
  - 3.1.2 One or more of the communities involved in the Memorandum of Understanding agrees to terminate efforts to establish a common vision.

ATTEST:

Floyd H. Myers 8-18-09  
 SIGNATURE & DATE  
 Floyd H. Myers, Mayor  
 City of Webster, Texas

Pauline Small 8-18-09  
 Pauline Small, TRMC  
 City Secretary  
 City of Webster, Texas

David J. H. Smith  
 SIGNATURE & DATE  
 David J. H. Smith, Mayor  
 City of Friendswood, Texas

Deloris McKenzie  
 Deloris McKenzie, TRMC  
 City Secretary  
 City of Friendswood, Texas

Toni Randall  
 SIGNATURE & DATE  
 Toni Randall, Mayor  
 City of League City, Texas

Barbara J. Long  
 Barbara Long  
 City Secretary  
 City of League City, Texas

