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May 18, 2023

Houston-Galveston Area Council Attn: Craig Raborn, MPO Director P.O. Box 22777 Houston, Texas 77227-2777

Dear Craig:

This letter is in support of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Houston District's projects submitted for funding consideration in the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) 2023 Call for Projects in the Regional Goods Movement category. While all of the projects have notable regional benefits, there are some that I have an added affinity for, as they have a more direct relationship with my local goals and objectives as the City of Pearland's Mayor. Those include the plans to widen FM 521, SH 288, and FM 518, as well as the associated drainage improvements, railroad grade separations, and proposed pedestrian sidewalks and bikeways.

Specifically, we request H-GAC's full support for implementation funding of the attached list of projects. These projects and the others on the list are critical for the efficient movement of freight in the Houston region and beyond. Please contact me directly via email at <u>kcole@pearlandtx.gov</u> should additional support or other efforts be needed to make these projects come to fruition.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Cole, Mayor City of Pearland

cc: TxDOT – Houston District