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Mr. Craig Raborn Director of Transportation Houston-Galveston Area Council 3555 Timmons Lane Houston, TX 77027

Re: Harris County's grant application for funding under the Houston Galveston Area Council's 2023 Project Selection Process - Sheldon Road Reconstruction Project

Dear Mr. Raborn:

I am writing to provide support and commitment to Harris County's grant application to the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) 2023 Project Selection Process for the Sheldon Road Reconstruction Project located in Precinct 2.

The proposed project includes critical improvements to Sheldon Road, including the reconstruction of the current 2-lane roadway into a four-lane roadway with multimodal improvements. This project will also include upgrades to two major thoroughfare intersections, access management improvements to industrial and commercial businesses, sidewalks, and introduce landscaping elements. Additionally, the project will include storm drainage improvements to enhance resiliency of the corridor.

The comprehensive improvements will target several key objectives such as alleviating traffic congestion, reducing vehicle emissions, enhancing safety for all road users, improving pedestrian facilities, improving flood resiliency, and minimizing travel delays along the Sheldon Road corridor. This project holds the promise of delivering substantial and quantifiable benefits to all those who rely on this critical corridor, and it aligns seamlessly with the dynamic growth occurring in the surrounding area.

The grant application includes a federal funding request in the amount of \$40,000,000, which will be supplemented by an additional \$10,000,000 in matching funds contributed by Harris County Precinct 2. This combines to create a comprehensive project budget of \$50,000,000. The overarching goals of this project are centered around enhancing safety, mobility, resilience, economic competitiveness, equity in transportation, and fostering stronger community connectivity within Harris County.

We are deeply grateful for your consideration of this grant application and are hopeful for a positive outcome. If you require further clarification or have any inquiries regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Milton Rahman at (713) 274-3605 or <u>Milton.rahman@eng.hctx.net</u>.

Respectfully,

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