

Mr. Alan Clark
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Dear Mr. Clark:

On behalf of the Ashford Forest Civic Club I & II (aka AFCC I & II), I am writing to state the residents' strong support for reconstruction of Memorial Drive. This City of Houston project should be funded in the 2013-2016 TIP.

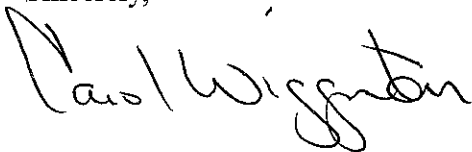
The AFCC I & II neighborhood is bordered by Dairy Ashford, Memorial and Winter Oaks. Congestion on Dairy Ashford and Memorial has become extreme at times. New construction on the west side of Houston, including the I-10/Energy Corridor, has pushed a great deal of traffic onto Memorial. It is not unusual for an individual to see a minimum of three wrecks a week on Memorial in our area. Additional turn lanes would help back-up and hopefully, help to prevent some of these accidents.

Sidewalks to be added along the length of the project will make the area more walkable. We have multiple schools in our immediate area, including but not limited to Stratford High School, Meadow Wood Elementary, Thornwood Elementary and a middle school. Medians and sidewalks will make walking to these schools safer for students and their parents. These schools are all almost directly across Memorial from the AFCC I & II and Nottingham Forest subdivisions which are home to a great number of students attending these schools.

The high density development in this area necessitates these improvements. Memorial Drive connects the Energy Corridor and Memorial City, both of which are expanding rapidly. Memorial Drive provides easy access to work, shopping and medical services but only when traffic is moving.

Please include the City of Houston Memorial Drive reconstruction project in the 2013-2016 TIP.

Sincerely,



Carol Wigginton, President
On behalf of:
Ashford Forest Civic Club I & II