

Nottingham Civic Association

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To Whom It May Concern:

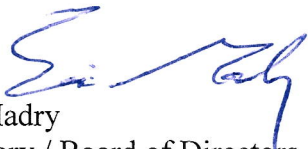
The Nottingham Civic Association, which represents the 320 households comprising the Nottingham subdivision (Sections I, II, and III), strongly supports the City of Houston Memorial Drive reconstruction project. We encourage the Transportation Policy Council to fund the project in the 2013-2016 TIP.

Memorial Drive is a critical east-west road which connects our neighborhood to our schools, our places of work, and local shops and restaurants. Traffic on Memorial Drive has increased substantially in recent years and will continue to increase due to the construction of several major commercial building complexes in the area (particularly in the Energy Corridor District) as well as high density residential developments.

As a result, traffic congestion along Memorial Drive, particularly around the main intersections at Kirkwood, Dairy Ashford, and Eldridge, has become a major inconvenience and safety hazard. In particular, the lack of a dedicated left turn lane results in frequent accidents and injuries, such that many of our homeowners refuse to drive along Memorial Drive during peak traffic hours.

We consider this to be an essential project that should be funded in the 2013-2016 TIP to alleviate the existing congestion, improve safety and quality of living conditions, and to facilitate the ongoing economic development in the area.

Sincerely,



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