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Transportation Public Information
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RE: Funding the Memorial Drive Reconstruction from Eldridge Parkway and Kirkwood Road
(the "Project") in the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (the "TIP")

To Whom It May Concern:

The Nottingham Forest Civic Association, Inc. (the "Association") strongly supports the Project and funding the Project in the 2013-2016 TIP. Nottingham Forest is located south of Memorial Drive, north of Buffalo Bayou and east of Dairy Ashford. The Project will have a significant impact on the Association and its members because much of the Project will occur on portions of Memorial Drive forming Nottingham Forest's northern boundary.

Memorial Drive is an essential road for both Nottingham Forest and our region. Memorial Drive connects the Energy Corridor and Memorial City, two of the fastest growing business centers in the Houston region. It also connects our area neighborhoods to one another, to major activity centers and to our area schools and shops. In addition, Memorial Drive serves as an alternate to the Katy Freeway for travel between downtown Houston and our area, and other areas to the south and west of Nottingham Forest.

Today, rush hour traffic must endure long delays at intersections within the Project area. In addition, insufficient turn lanes within the Project area cause most of this traffic to travel almost exclusively in the right lane for fear of being stuck behind left-turn traffic. As a result, the Project will provide noticeable reductions in wait times at Kirkwood, Dairy Ashford and Eldridge, as well as improve the flow of traffic along Memorial between these major intersections. This improved traffic flow will only increase in importance because of all of the new office and high density residential development planned for the area.

The Project will also increase pedestrian/cyclist safety by providing continuous sidewalks, medians, a larger roadway buffer on either side of the right-of-way, and well-marked cross walks. In order to gain access from Nottingham Forest to our public schools, most area restaurants and shops, nearby grocery stores and many nearby offices, our residents must cross Memorial Drive. A short walk or bike ride to or from these destinations would be easy and safe, but for the danger of crossing Memorial as currently constructed.

Based on these factors, and others, the Association strongly supports the Project and the funding of the Project in the 2013-2016 TIP.

Best regards,



Jonathan D. Polley
President

Nottingham Forest Civic Association, Inc.