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Dear Mr. Clark:

The Thornwood Fund Inc. (aka Thornwood HAO) strongly supports reconstruction of Memorial Drive between Kirkwood and Eldrige as proposed by the City of Houston. We encourage the Transportation Policy Council to fund this project in the 2013-2016 TIP.

This project is discussed each month at the Memorial Super Neighborhood meeting. As homeowners, we have worked closely with City officials to design a project that meets the community's needs as well as addresses the City's responsibility to manage traffic.

The children of Nottingham Forest attend Spring Branch Meadowood Elementary, Spring Forest Middle School and Stratford High School all of which are on the opposite side of Memorial Drive.

New sidewalks and medians will make access to the schools much safer. This could encourage parents to allow students to walk to school and ultimately reduce congestion in front of those schools along Memorial Drive each morning. Comparably, grocery stores and restaurants are on the opposite side of Memorial Drive from the Nottingham Forest neighborhood.

Also of interest is the proposed addition of turn lanes at the major intersections. It is our understanding that this will provide huge improvements for through traffic without adding lanes on this roadway that bisects single family home neighborhoods and school feeder patterns.

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

Sincerely,

Thornwood Fund Inc Board of Directors