

NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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Environmental Impact Statement

North Houston Highway Improvement Project

**From SH 288/US 59 Interchange to Beltway 8 North,
Including Downtown Connector System
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Harris County

Texas Department of Transportation

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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Agency Coordination and Public Involvement Plan North Houston Highway Improvement Project From SH 288/US 59 Interchange to Beltway 8 North, Including Downtown Connector System

I. Purpose of the Agency Coordination and Public Involvement Plan

To provide for more efficient environmental reviews for project decision making, Section 6002 of Public Law 109-59, "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users," (SAFETEA-LU), enacted on August 10, 2005, implemented the development of a Coordination Plan for all projects for which an environmental impact statement (EIS) is prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

This Agency Coordination and Public Involvement Plan (Plan) was initially prepared in 2010 by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), as a joint lead agency, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the lead federal agency, to facilitate and document the lead agencies' structured interaction with the public and other agencies and to inform the public and other agencies how the coordination will be accomplished.

On December 16, 2014, the Texas Department of Transportation assumed responsibility from FHWA for reviewing and approving certain assigned NEPA environmental documents including the North Houston Highway Improvement Project Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements. The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated December 16, 2014, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

TxDOT updated this Plan to reflect the completed coordination and planning by TxDOT and FHWA, and to reflect TxDOT's current and future responsibilities for providing opportunities for input from the public and other agencies, in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

Full public and agency participation in and comment on the environmental review process for the proposed project is invaluable in implementing a collaborative and successful process. In this spirit, this Plan is intended to promote early and continuous involvement from stakeholders, agencies, and the public. The Plan describes the proposed project, the roles of the agencies and the public, the project need and purpose,

schedule, level of detail for alternatives analysis, methods to be used in the environmental analysis, and the proposed process for coordination and communication.

This Plan is a flexible and fluid document and will be available for public review at public meetings, including scoping meetings and hearings held throughout the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation process, and upon request at the TxDOT Houston District office.

II. Project Description and Scope

Interstate Highway (IH) 45 is a major north-south transportation route through the Houston metropolitan area. The limits of the proposed project begin at the interchange of United States Highway (US) 59 and State Highway (SH) 288 and follow northward along IH 45 to the interchange of IH 45 and Beltway 8 North. The proposed project area also includes portions of IH 10 and US 59 near the downtown Houston area, Hardy Toll Road located north of downtown Houston to Beltway 8 North, and IH 610 and Beltway 8 between IH 45 and Hardy Toll Road.

Proposed Improvements: To be determined. Proposed improvements would provide four additional travel lanes (proposed to be managed lanes) within the IH 45 and/or Hardy Toll Road Corridors.

Roadway Interchanges: To be determined.

Proposed Right-of-Way: To be determined.

Proposed Project Length: Approximately 16 miles from the US 59/SH 288 interchange to Beltway 8 North.

Estimated Construction Let Date: To be determined.

Estimated Construction Duration: To be determined.

Estimated Costs: To be determined.

Project Location: City of Houston, Harris County, Texas

The project area includes IH 45 between the SH 288/US 59 interchange south of downtown Houston extending northward to Beltway 8 North. Additional areas included as part of the proposed project study area are the Hardy Toll Road between IH10 and Beltway 8 North, portions of IH 10 and US 59 near downtown Houston, and IH 610 and Beltway 8 between IH 45 and Hardy Toll Road. Acquisition of additional ROW would be required to construct the proposed improvements, as needed. A map of the project area is provided in *Appendix A*.

NEPA Evaluation Objective

The primary objective of the NEPA evaluation is to assess the needs of the project area and evaluate possible alternatives, including a no build alternative. Environmental impacts will be further evaluated for those alternatives that meet the need for and purpose of the project in order to recommend and select a preferred alternative. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process will include full participation and involvement of the public, elected officials, cooperating agencies, participating agencies, and other interested parties.

III. Project Need and Purpose

Transportation improvements are needed within the North Houston Highway Improvement Project IH 45 project area because the existing IH 45 facility currently experiences undesirable levels of congestion during peak and off-peak periods. Increased traffic on IH 45 from expected future regional population and employment growth would further increase the congestion already being experienced in the project area. The proposed transportation improvements to the portion of IH 45 extending from near downtown Houston northward to Beltway 8 North are needed because the existing IH 45 facility has the following problems:

- The roadway facility does not provide adequate capacity for existing and future traffic demands, resulting in congestion, longer travel times, and reduced mobility.
- The average daily traffic volumes on IH 45 from US 59 to IH 10 and IH 610 to Beltway 8 North are projected to increase by approximately 28 to 37 percent between 2011 to 2035. Congestion can be measured by comparing the capacity of a roadway to the volume it carries during the peak hour. The higher the volume to capacity (V/C) ratio, the more congested the roadway. The facility currently operates at a V/C ratio of 0.84 to 1.18, with the higher V/C ratio between IH 610 and Beltway 8 North, which is “tolerable” to “moderate” congestion. Without improvements, the V/C ratio would increase approximately 36 percent in 2035, to a maximum of 1.6 in the area from Shepherd Drive to Beltway 8 North, which is classified as “severe” congestion, and to a maximum of 1.48 in the area between IH 610 and Shepherd Drive, which is approaching “severe” congestion.
- IH 45 (Pierce Elevated) serving the downtown area has an existing V/C ratio of 0.9, which is “serious” congestion, and is projected to increase to 1.2 by 2035.
- The one-way reversible High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane serves traffic in only one direction during the peak periods and is unused for large portions of the day, limiting its use. During the peak hour, the HOV lane congestion is “tolerable,” with a V/C ratio of 0.5.

- IH 45 is a designated evacuation route for the region; at its present capacity, its effectiveness would be limited in the event of a hurricane or other regional emergency.
- Portions of the IH 45 roadway do not meet current roadway design standards, creating a safety concern.
- Roadway design deficiencies also include inadequate stormwater drainage. Intense rainfall causes high water at the IH 45/IH 10 underpass and on the outside lanes and frontage roads between Parker Road and Gulf Bank Road. A current TxDOT drainage criterion calls for storm sewers draining interstate highways to be designed for the 10-year design storm event. Currently, in Harris County, the 10-year design storm frequency is 2.9 inches/hour in the project area. Some existing roadways, including IH 45 in the project area, are not designed per the current drainage design criteria and, when flooded, have reduced capacity for evacuating vehicles. As an evacuation route, IH 45 cannot afford high water closures, especially during hurricane evacuations when intense rainfall is likely.
- Forecasts for commuter service indicate that even with parallel high-capacity transit in the corridor, managed lanes would be needed to support commuter traffic and express bus service.

The purpose of the proposed action is to improve mobility, enhance safety, and provide travelers with options to get to their destinations.

IV. Agency Roles and Responsibilities

Early identification of the roles and responsibilities of the various agencies involved in the NEPA process will facilitate the timely review and resolution of issues. The environmental coordination process will involve the following entities:

- **Lead Agency** – TxDOT. TxDOT will serve as lead agency, and will be responsible for facilitating the expeditious resolution of the environmental review process and ensuring that the EIS is completed under the requirements of NEPA and SAFETEA-LU. TxDOT will ensure compliance with all design and mitigation commitments in the Record of Decision, and that the document is appropriately supplemented if project changes become necessary.
- **Project Sponsor** – TxDOT. TxDOT is the agency, or entity, that seeks approval from the U.S. Department of Transportation for a highway or transit project.

- Cooperating Agencies** – Agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise are invited to serve as cooperating agencies in the preparation and review of the EIS. These agencies will have a higher degree of authority, responsibility, and involvement in the environmental review process than participating agencies. Cooperating agencies must approve schedule changes if affected by the proposed change. *Appendix B* includes the letter inviting the cooperating agencies to take part in the study. *Appendix D* includes the agency contacts.
- Participating Agencies** – Agencies involved with coordination and review of the project include the federal and non-federal agencies listed below. The agencies will participate in meetings with the project team during the study and will be invited to attend public meetings. If a participating agency is not able to attend scheduled meetings, the project team will offer the agency an alternative opportunity to provide input. *Appendix C* includes the letter inviting the participating agencies to take part in the study. *Appendix D* includes the agency contacts.

Agency Roles and Responsibilities

Agency	Role	Responsibilities
Federal Agencies		
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	Conformity determination and assistance with interpretation of federal law and policy	<i>Responsible for Clean Air Act conformity determination and assistance with interpretation of applicable laws contained in 23 U.S.C. and 49 U.S.C, interpretation of FHWA and USDOT regulations, and interpretations of FHWA and USDOT policies or guidance.</i>
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	Cooperating Agency Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for guidance related to public transit systems.</i>
United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Cooperating Agency Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for ensuring compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and issuing permits for the discharge of dredged or fill material in Waters of the United States, including wetlands.</i>

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United States Coast Guard (USCG)	Cooperating Agency Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for ensuring compliance with Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and the General Bridge Act related to the construction of structures over navigable waters of the U.S.</i>
United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Cooperating Agency Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for ensuring compliance with NEPA and the Clean Air Act Amendments. EPA will review the DEIS document and provide input. EPA will participate in agency meetings and the review of USACE permit applications.</i>
United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Cooperating Agency Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for ensuring compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. USFWS will also participate in the review of USACE applications.</i>
State Agencies		
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for the review of impacts to air and water resources. TCEQ will provide information on 303(d) impaired waters, and participate in Section 404 permitting for 401 Water Quality Certification.</i>
Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)	Lead Agency Project Sponsor	<i>Responsible for environmental review process and ensuring that the EIS is completed under the requirements of NEPA and SAFETEA-LU.</i>
Texas General Land Office (GLO) Coastal Coordination Council	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for the management of state property and mineral rights. The GLO is also responsible for the Coastal Coordination Council, which manages the stated coastal zones.</i>
Texas Historical Commission (THC)	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for Section 106 historic eligibility determinations and tribal coordination, as well as the review of cultural resource documentation.</i>
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for the review of potential impacts to state-listed species, fish, game, and parkland. TPWD will participate in USACE Section 404 permitting.</i>

Agency	Role	Responsibilities
Texas Railroad Commission (TRC)	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for the overview and regulation of oil and natural gas production, distribution, and storage.</i>
Local Agencies		
Airline Improvement District	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for administering area known as the Airline Management District, which is bounded by Aldine Mail Route and West Road to the north (approximate); Sweetwater Lane to the west; Canino Street and Carby Road to the south; and Fieldworth Drive, Bauman Road, and Hardy Toll Road to the east.</i>
City of Houston	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for providing information on roadway plans, studies, and plats.</i>
East Downtown Management District	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for administering area known as the East Downtown Management District, which is bounded by I-45 and US 59.</i>
Greater East End Management District	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for administering area known as the Greater East Downtown Management District, which is bounded by Clinton Drive on the north, I-610 on the east, Telephone Road to I-45 on the south, and the Houston Belt and Terminal Railroad to US 59 on the west.</i>
Greater Northside Management District	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for administering area known as the Greater Northside Management District, which is bounded by I-10 on the south, Studewood Street and Yale Street on the west, US 59 on the east, and Little York on the north.</i>
Greater Southeast Management District	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for administering area known as the Greater Southeast Management District, which is bounded by I-45 and US 59 to the north, Main Street to the west, and North MacGregor and Griggs Road to the south.</i>

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Greenspoint District	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for administering area known as the Greenspoint Management District, which is approximately bounded by Rankin Road to the north, Spears Gears Road and Veterans Memorial to the west, West Road to the south, and Hardy Toll Road and Aldine Bender Road to the east.</i>
Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas (METRO)	Cooperating Agency Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for providing transit plans and studies. METRO operates the IH 45 N HOV lane and will be consulted in the planning and design of the proposed managed lanes.</i>
Harris County	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for providing information on roadway plans, studies, and plats.</i>
Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD)	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for providing information on county drainage plans, floodplains, and water quality. HCFCD will review USACE permit applications.</i>
Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA)	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for construction and operation of Harris County toll roads. HCTRA will be consulted in the planning and design of the managed lanes.</i>
Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC)	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for regional planning and air quality conformity. HGAC will provide traffic modeling and demographic information and participate in meetings during document preparation.</i>
Houston Downtown Management District	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for administering the Tax Increment Reinvest Zone No. 3 (TIRZ 3), also known as the Downtown District, which is bounded largely by the freeway ring around Houston's central business core, including IH 10, US 59 and IH 45.</i>
Midtown Management District	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for administering area known as the Midtown Management District, which is bounded by I-45 to the north; Spur 527 and Bagby Street to the west (approximate); and US 59 to the south and the east</i>

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Montrose Management District	Participating Agency	<i>Responsible for administering area known as the Montrose Management District, which is bounded by W. Dallas to the north; Shepherd Drive to the west; US 59 to the south; and Spur 527, Tuam Street, and Taft Street to the east.</i>

V. Project Schedule and Milestones

Early, continuous, and active public and agency involvement is an important aspect of the coordination process. Elected officials, agencies, stakeholders, and the public should be involved throughout the study process to aid in the identification and evaluation of alternatives.

Project Milestones	
Agency coordination Kick-off Meeting	2011
Public Meeting #1 - Scoping Meeting	2011
Public Meeting #2 – Scoping Meeting	2012
Public Meeting #3 - Public Workshop	2012/2013
Public Meeting #4 - Public Workshop; Proposed Recommended Alternative	2015
Circulate Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)	2015/2016
Public Hearing	2016
Circulate Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)	2016/17
Record of Decision	2017
Completion of Permits, Licenses, or Approvals subsequent to issuance of the Record of Decision (ROD)	Post ROD

VI. Agency and Public Review Periods

Formal review periods for the environmental documents (draft EIS [DEIS] and final EIS [FEIS]) for the resource agencies and the public will be 60 days. Copies of the DEIS and FEIS will be readily available for review at physical locations and on the project website.

VII. Project Development and Alternatives Evaluation Process

- **Project Initiation Letter** – Letter was sent to FHWA in October 2006.

- **Notice of Intent** – A notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS was published in the State and Federal Registers in October 2011.
- **Development of Need and Purpose** – The project team coordinated with the cooperating agencies to develop the need for and purpose of the proposed project. Input from the public was also solicited. The need and purpose statement was circulated for review and comment, and was revised to reflect comments received.
- **Public Meeting #1: Scoping** – One round of two public meetings was held at two different locations to help define the study area, need and purpose, goals and objectives for the project, and to identify issues to be studied. Summary information from the *North-Hardy Planning Studies Alternatives Analysis Report* was presented. Copies of the draft agency coordination and public involvement plan, and draft statement of need and purpose were available for review. Comment forms allowed the public to provide their comments on the draft statement of need and purpose, the draft agency coordination and public involvement plan, and prioritized concerns. Comments were also accepted after the meeting via letters and email.
- **Development of Impact Assessment Methods** – The project team solicited input from the participating agencies to develop the methods to be used and the level of detail required in the analysis of the alternatives. Cooperating agencies were provided the opportunity to comment on how the alternatives were to be evaluated and on how the impacts of alternatives on various resources were to be assessed. The methods for the analysis of alternatives for the proposed project were available for public review and comment at the second round of public meetings.
- **Development of Range of Alternatives** – The project team identified a wide range of alternatives (the universe of alternatives) that were narrowed to six preliminary alternatives, plus the “No-Action” alternative. The preliminary alternatives were further narrowed to three reasonable alternatives, plus the "No-Action" alternative, for more detailed study. The universe of alternatives was developed from previously identified alternatives that were presented in the *North-Hardy Planning Studies Alternatives Analysis Report*, and alternatives developed by the project engineering team. The universe of alternatives and subsequent selection of preliminary alternatives were provided to FHWA for review prior to the second and third rounds of public meetings. The project team met with elected officials and agencies to discuss the universe of alternatives, and selected reasonable alternatives to be studied in more detail.

- **Public Meeting #2: Scoping** – A second public scoping meeting was held in an open house format to present the universe of alternatives and the initial screening process used to select six preliminary alternatives for further study. The proposed secondary screening process was presented, and was applied to the six preliminary alternatives to select three reasonable alternatives presented at Public Meeting #3. Exhibits were presented, and copies of the final agency coordination and public involvement plan and final statement of need and purpose were available. The screening of the universe of alternatives was available for review and discussion during Public Meeting #2, as well as study area constraints, need, purpose, goals and objectives, study process and methods, schedule, and contact information. Comment forms were provided to allow the public to provide comments on the information presented, and comments were accepted after the meeting via letters and email.
- **Public Meeting #3:** A third public meeting was held in an open house format to present the three reasonable alternatives selected from the six preliminary alternatives. The screening process that was used for the three reasonable alternatives was presented, and was proposed to be applied to select the proposed recommended alternative that will be presented at Public Meeting #4. Study area constraints, need, purpose, goals and objectives, study process and methods, schedule, and contact information were also provided. Exhibits were presented and copies of the agency coordination and public involvement plan and the statement of need and purpose were available. Comment forms were provided to allow the public to provide comments on the information presented, and comments were accepted after the meeting via letters and email.
- **Analysis of Alternatives** – Transportation, social, economic, and environmental impacts of the universe of alternatives were evaluated and compared at an equal level of detail. Evaluation criteria were based on elements from the project purpose, and goals and objectives. After the preliminary alternatives were identified from the universe of alternatives through an initial screening process, a more detailed secondary screening process was applied to the preliminary alternatives to identify three reasonable alternatives. Impacts comparisons of the reasonable alternatives were based primarily on quantifiable data.
- **Public Meeting #4** – One round of three public meetings will be held at three different locations to present the proposed recommended alternative selected from the three reasonable alternatives presented at Public Meeting #3. Exhibits showing the proposed recommended alternative will be available for review. Comment forms will allow meeting attendees to provide comments on the

proposed recommended alternative. Comments will be accepted after the meeting via letters and email.

- **Preparation of a DEIS** – A printed report for public review and comment documenting the need for the project, describing the alternatives analysis process, analyzing likely impacts from each alternative, and describing steps to avoid impacts or minimize harm to the environment is being prepared by TxDOT and will be circulated prior to a public hearing. The DEIS will identify a recommended alternative.
- **Public and Agency Review of the DEIS** – The proposed review time for the DEIS is 60 days. The DEIS will be available for review online, at the TxDOT Houston District Office, and other locations.
- **Public Hearing for Public Comments on the DEIS** – Three Public Hearings will be held at three separate locations to present the results of the preliminary engineering and environmental analysis studies. The recommended alternative will be presented. Verbal and written public comments will be solicited. The comment period will end no sooner than 45 days after the DEIS is available for public review.
- **Identification of the Preferred Alternative and Level of Design Detail** – The recommended alternative presented at the Public Hearing will be developed to a higher level of detail to facilitate the development of mitigation measures or to facilitate concurrent compliance with other applicable environmental laws.
- **Preparation of a Final Environmental Impact Statement** – A FEIS will document the preferred alternative and will provide a response to comments made on the DEIS.
- **Combined FEIS/Record of Decision (ROD)** - TxDOT plans to prepare a combined FEIS/ROD for the project as required by section 1319(b) of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The ROD will document TxDOT's decision and will commit to mitigation of anticipated impacts. If the FEIS makes substantial changes to the proposed action that are relevant to environmental or safety concerns, or if there are significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns that bear on the proposed action or its possible impacts, TxDOT will consider separating the FEIS and ROD and providing additional time for public comment.

- **Completion of Permits, Licenses, or Approvals** – Applications for permits, licenses, and/or approvals required to authorize the proposed project will be prepared and coordinated as impacts from the preferred project alternative are identified and quantified. Issuance of any required permits/licenses/approvals will be necessary prior to the initiation of construction activities.

VIII. Public Involvement Goals

The comprehensive public involvement plan for the North Houston Highway Improvement Project EIS consists of a variety of activities and components, all centered on providing proactive public involvement that produces complete information, timely public notice and access to key decisions, and that supports early and continuing involvement in the study process. Objectives to achieve a successful public involvement program include:

- Establish and maintain widespread community involvement in the study process by providing the media and public with current communications.
- Provide frequent opportunities for the public, including the business community, environmental interest groups, and neighborhood organizations to provide input.
- Be inclusive of individuals in the study area who are minorities and those who have limited English proficiency, low incomes, and special communication or physical requirements. Presentations, meeting notices, and communication materials will accommodate persons with special communications needs by providing translations. Public meeting and workshop handouts will be provided in Spanish. All meetings and workshops will be held in locations accessible to persons with disabilities.
- Ensure that all persons who wish to provide input have that opportunity and that all ideas are given fair consideration.
- Emphasize the public involvement program as a learning process for both the public and project team members.
- Use visually informative slides, boards, newsletters, handouts, and computer-generated presentations to help communicate technical concepts and retain public interest.
- Consider and respond to public input received during the study process.

The specific activities involved in the public involvement plan are described below.

IX. Stakeholder Meetings and Miscellaneous Meetings

Stakeholder meetings and miscellaneous meetings with area transportation agencies and other interested resource agencies will be held to discuss evaluation methods and alternatives to be studied. It is anticipated that stakeholder meetings will occur on an as-requested basis during the early stages of the project. The meetings will assist in keeping the stakeholders informed of project status. These meetings will be held as needed throughout the development of the project to provide updates and gather information and input.

X. Presentations

The project team will meet with elected officials in the study area to discuss the study area constraints, need and purpose, process and methods, schedule, and issues and concerns. See *Appendix E* for a list of elected officials.

Presentations will be made by the project team upon request by local organizations such as a Chamber of Commerce and other concerned citizens and civic groups.

XI. Coordination and Communication Tools

The project team will develop the following communication tools to assist with delivering a consistent and thorough message to the public and stakeholders.

Newsletters – Periodic newsletters will be prepared to assist with providing general information and responding to questions from the public.

Media Releases – Media releases will be sent prior to public meetings and the Public Hearing, and prior to DEIS and FEIS review periods.

Emails – Emails will be sent to elected officials prior to informational meetings informing them of needed information and maps that may be of assistance to the planning team.

Website – Updated information will be posted periodically on the project website www.IH45northandmore.com. The updates will consist of text and graphics. Agencies and the public may review project materials, meeting information, coordination and public involvement activities, schedule, responses to comments received, and check the status of the project on the website.

Glossary of Common Terms – A glossary of common terms used to describe the proposed project and the environmental review process will be developed and posted on the project website. The glossary will also be available at public meetings and workshops.

XII. Mailing List

The project team will develop and maintain a mailing list of names and addresses to be used for disseminating study information and public meeting/hearing notices. A preliminary mailing list includes individuals who attended public meetings during the North-Hardy planning studies, and elected officials in the study area. Names and addresses of persons recorded in public sources as owning property within the project corridor will be added prior to the first public meeting. The project team will maintain and update the list throughout the duration of the project and following each public meeting/hearing based on the attendees list or any other requests received.

XIII. Public Meeting/Hearing Advertisement

Newspaper notices will be published 30 days and 10 days prior to a scheduled public meeting. Notices will be sent to recipients on the mailing list approximately 3 to 4 weeks prior to the meeting. Elected officials will be notified prior to the notices appearing in the papers.

In addition to sending notices to the recipients on the mailing list, all public meetings and the Public Hearing will be advertised in *The Houston Chronicle* and other local publications in the study area. News releases will also be sent to local media.

XIV. Public Meetings and Public Hearing

Three rounds of two public meetings each (Public Meeting #1 through #3) were conducted during the study. One round of three public meetings each (Public Meeting #4), and one round of three Public Hearings will be conducted during the study. The first three public meetings were held at two different locations in the study area. Public Meeting #4 and the Public Hearings will be held at three different locations in the study area. Public meetings will be conducted in an open house format, and the Public Hearings will have a formal hearing format with an exhibit viewing session, formal presentation, and public comment period. Comments that are received within 10 days after the meetings or hearings will be included as part of the formal meeting/hearing record.

Public Meeting #1 – Conducted in 2011, the primary focus was identifying issues to be studied by receiving input from the public regarding the study area limits, need and purpose, agency coordination and public involvement plan, and goals and objectives. A draft agency coordination and public involvement plan was also presented for review. A document summarizing the public meeting will be made available for public review. This meeting will be held in two different locations within the study area.

Public Meeting #2 – Conducted in 2012, this public meeting primarily focused on the issues to be studied that were identified in Public Meeting #1 and presented the conceptual alternatives that were evaluated through an initial screening process, resulting in identification of six preliminary alternatives selected from the universe of alternatives. A final statement of need and purpose and the final agency coordination and public involvement plan was available for review. Evaluation criteria used for the initial screening of the universe of alternatives, and the secondary screening process to be applied to the identified preliminary alternatives was presented to the public for review and comment. This meeting was held at two different locations within the study area.

Public Meeting #3 – Conducted in 2013, the primary focus of this meeting was to present three reasonable alternatives selected from the six preliminary alternatives identified in Public Meeting #2, and the methods to be used for the evaluation and analysis of those alternatives that would be studied in detail in the DEIS. This meeting was held in two different locations within the study area.

Public Meeting #4 – To be conducted in 2015, this public meeting will be to present the proposed recommended alternative selected from among the three reasonable alternatives presented at Public Meeting #3. The meeting will be held at three different locations within the study area.

Public Hearing – To be conducted in 2016, the focus of the public hearing will be to present detailed studies on the reasonable alternatives and present a recommended alternative. An exhibit viewing session will be held prior to a formal presentation, and following the presentation, the public will have an opportunity to offer comments for the formal record. The hearing will be held at three different locations within the study area.

XV. Public Comments and Responses

Within two months following each public meeting, a hard copy report that includes the complete meeting documentation and public comments and responses will be available for public review at the following location during normal business hours:

Texas Department of Transportation
Houston District
7600 Washington Avenue
Houston, TX 77007

The report will include a meeting summary, handouts, exhibits, publicity summary, sign-in sheets, photographs, comments received, and comment responses. An electronic version of a meeting summary and comment responses will be posted on the project website, www.IH45northandmore.com. Responses to comments received at the Public Hearing will be addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Information will be available for project status and upcoming public meeting dates and locations at the website www.IH45northandmore.com.

Comments will be received and considered in the evaluation of alternatives throughout the study via:

Postal Mail	Texas Department of Transportation Houston District P.O. Box 1386 Houston, Texas 77251-1386
Email	Hou-piowebmail@txdot.gov
Website	www.IH45northandmore.com (see Comment/Contact Us tab)

XVI. Record of Decision

Comments received during the Public Hearing will be considered and the FEIS will be revised, as appropriate, to address the comments received. Upon completion of the FEIS, TxDOT will issue a Record of Decision.

XVII. Permits, Licenses, or Approvals

Throughout the project study period, the need for specific permits, licenses, or approvals required to authorize the proposed project will be identified and documented in the DEIS. When a preferred alternative is selected, additional investigations of the preferred alternative will be conducted and impacts to physical, biological, and socioeconomic resources will be identified and quantified in the FEIS. If a permit, license, or approval

for impacts to a resource or resources is known to be required, preparation and coordination of an appropriate application or approval process will be conducted such that a decision as to the issuance of the permit, license, or approval may be made subsequent to the publication of TxDOT's Record of Decision.

Appendix A
Preliminary Project Area Map

NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

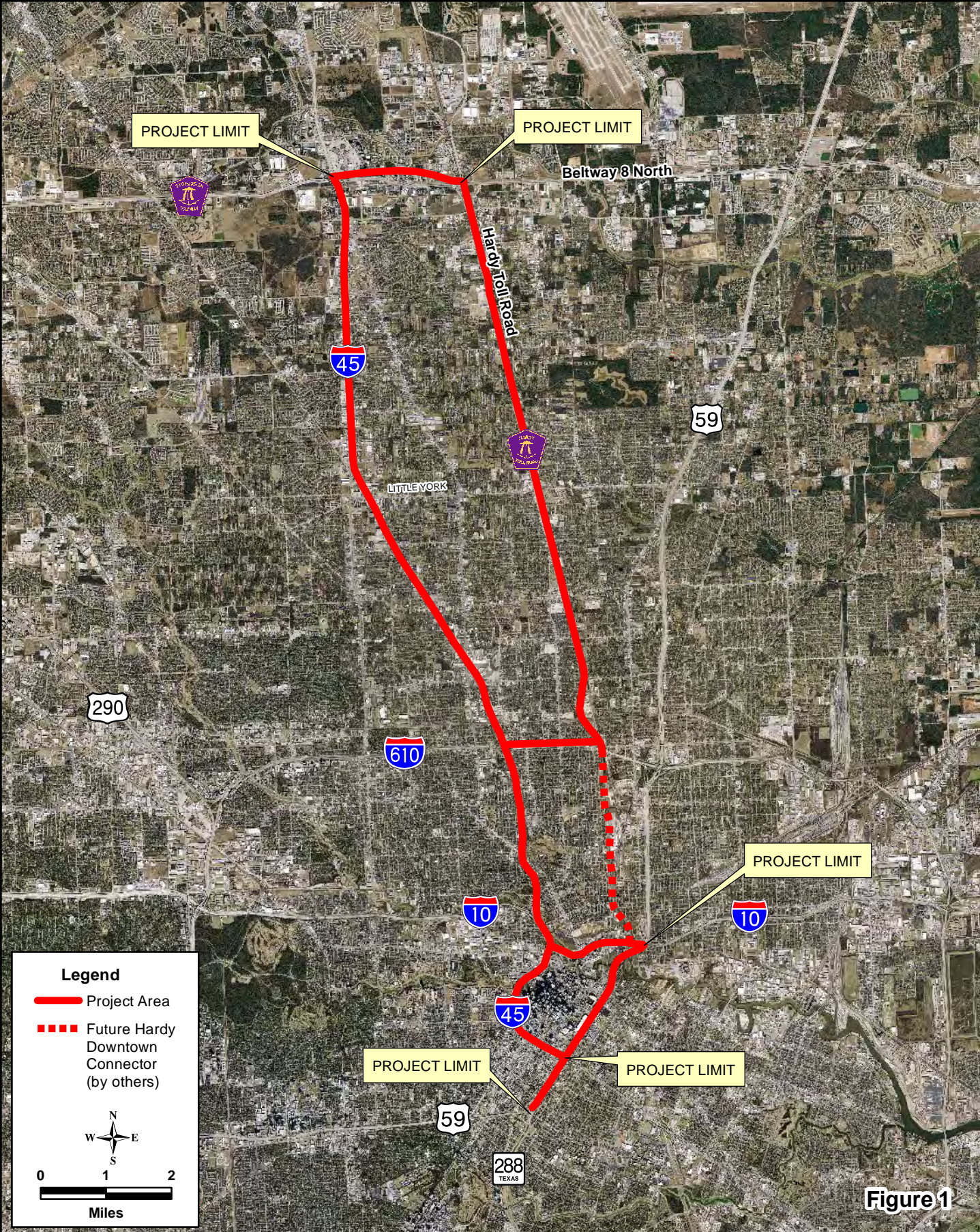


Figure 1

Appendix B
Cooperating Agencies

Date

Name

Title

Agency

Address

City, State ZIP

Subject: Cooperating Agency Involvement and Agency Scoping Meeting Invitation: North Houston Highway Improvement Project Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Name:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the North Houston Highway Improvement Project. Please reference the attached documents for a detailed project description with a project area map, and a copy of the project Notice of Intent.

Due to your agency's jurisdiction over areas that may be affected by the proposed project, we are inviting you to become a cooperating agency with the FHWA in the development of the EIS for the proposed project.

If your agency is interested in becoming a cooperating agency for this project, your agency's involvement would entail only those areas under its jurisdiction, and no direct writing or analysis will be necessary for the document's preparation. The following activities are planned to maximize interagency cooperation:

- Coordination meetings,
- Technical study coordination,
- Joint field reviews, and
- Shared project information.

We look forward to your response to this invitation to join the project as a cooperating agency. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail or agency roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact Julia Ragsdale at 512-416-2612 or julia.ragsdale@txdot.gov.

In addition to this invitation to become a cooperating agency, you and other federal agency representatives are invited to attend a focused meeting for agency discussion regarding the project, prior to the public scoping meeting. The federal agency scoping meeting will be held as follows:

Monday, November 14, 2011
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
TxDOT Houston District, Conference Room 105
7600 Washington Avenue
Houston, Texas 77007

If you cannot attend the agency scoping meeting, please consider sending a representative. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Pat Henry at 713-802-5241.

Scoping meetings for the general public will be held as follows:

Tuesday, November 15	Thursday, November 17
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Jefferson Davis High School	Aldine Senior High School
1101 Quitman Street	11101 Airline Drive
Houston, TX 77009	Houston, TX 77037

The purpose of the scoping meetings is to provide information about the proposed project and solicit feedback on the draft Project Coordination Plan and the draft Need and Purpose document. The Coordination Plan facilitates and documents TxDOT's and FHWA's interaction with the public and agencies, and informs the public on how coordination will be accomplished. The Need and Purpose document defines the transportation problem to be solved by the proposed project and provides data to support the project purpose. Meeting attendees will also have the opportunity to view project area maps identifying existing conditions and environmental constraints, ask questions of the study team, and discuss their concerns.

Thank you for your participation and interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Gregory Punske, P.E.
District Engineer
Federal Highway Administration

Cc: Mark A. Marek, P.E., Interim Director, Environmental Affairs Division, TxDOT
Michael W. Alford, P.E., Interim District Engineer, Houston District, TxDOT

Enclosure: Project Description and Project Area Map (Figure 1)
Project Notice of Intent (NOI)

NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT Project Description

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The purpose of the proposed North Houston Highway Improvement Project is to implement an integrated system of transportation improvements that would:

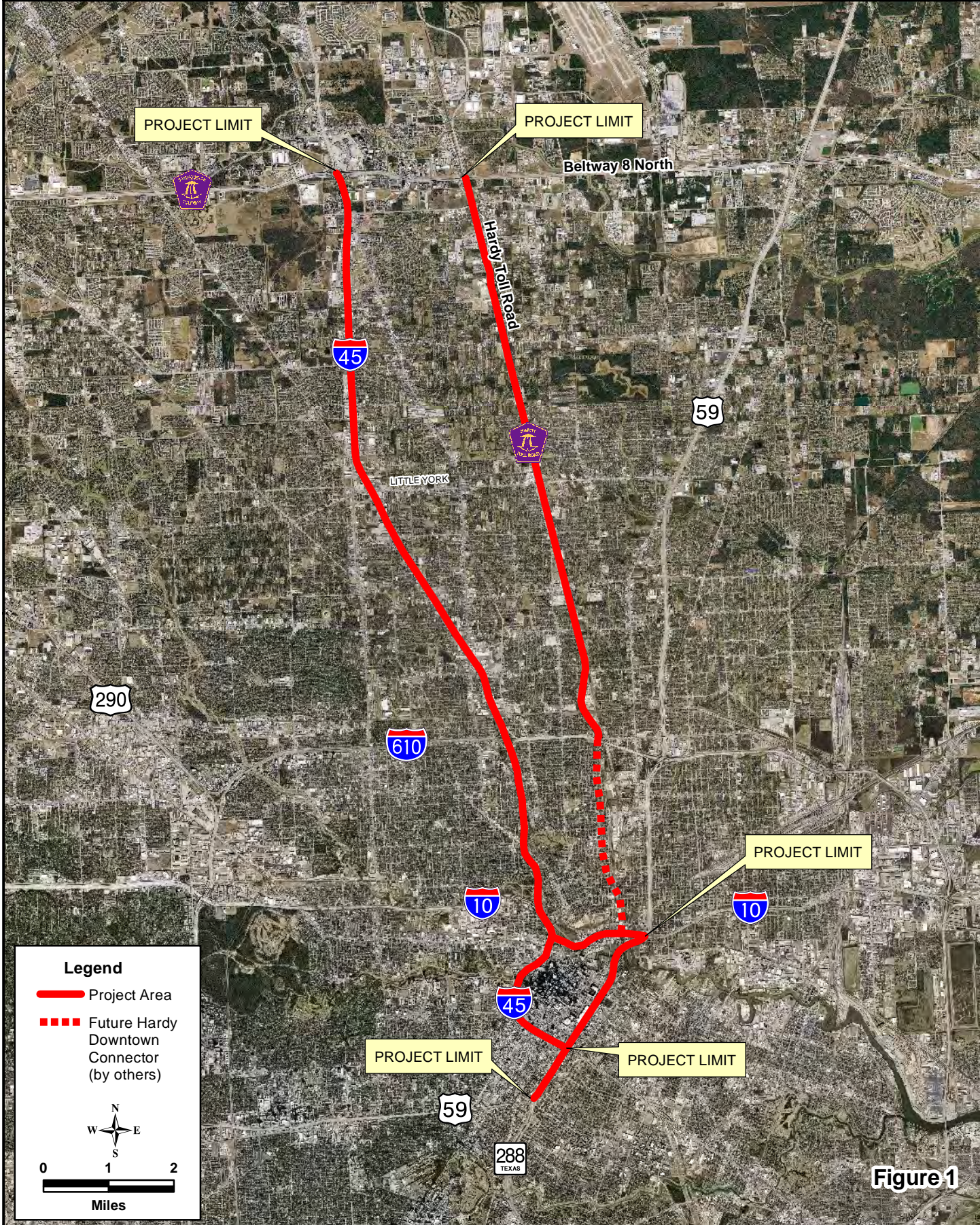
- Manage the traffic congestion in the IH 45 corridor through added capacity, options for Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) lanes, and improved operations.
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The ultimate goal is to provide a facility with additional capacity for projected demand by incorporating transit opportunities, travel demand and management strategies, and flexible operations. Such a facility would help manage congestion, improve mobility, enhance safety, and provide travelers with options to get to their destinations.

The North Houston Highway Improvement Project corridor is a critical corridor connecting downtown Houston and the Greenspoint area in North Houston, and providing links to George Bush Intercontinental Airport, the Texas Medical Center, the University of Houston, and Texas Southern University. The North Houston Highway Improvement Project area also includes the Hardy Toll Road.

For the North Houston Highway Improvement Project EIS, TxDOT will consider a reasonable range of alternatives for detailed study including the no-build alternative. The EIS will identify a recommended alternative, including the number of lanes, roadway configuration, and operational characteristics. Evaluation of the potential impacts from construction and operation of the proposed project will include but not be limited to: impacts or potential displacements to residents and businesses; impacts to air quality; impacts from traffic noise; impacts to water quality; impacts to waters of the United States; impacts to historic and archeological resources; impacts to hazardous materials; impacts to floodplains; impacts to socio-economic resources (including environmental justice and limited English proficiency populations); indirect impacts; cumulative impacts; impacts to land use; impacts to vegetation; and impacts to wildlife.

NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



Appendix C
Participating Agencies

Date

Name

Title

Agency

Address

City, State ZIP

Subject: Participating Agency Involvement and Agency Scoping Meeting Invitation:
North Houston Highway Improvement Project Environmental Impact Statement

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With this letter, we extend to your agency an invitation to become a participating agency with FHWA and TxDOT in the development of the EIS for the proposed project. This designation does not imply that your agency either supports the proposal or has any special expertise with respect to the evaluation of the project.

Pursuant to Section 6002 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), participating agencies are responsible for identifying, as early as possible, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts that could substantially delay or prevent an agency from granting a permit or other approval that is needed for the project. We suggest your agency's role in the development of the above project should include the following as they relate to your area of expertise:

1. Provide meaningful and early input on defining the proposed project's need and purpose, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methods and level of detail required in alternatives analysis.
2. Participate in coordination meetings and joint field reviews, as appropriate.
3. Timely review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of your agency on the adequacy of the document, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

Please respond to TxDOT in writing with an acceptance or denial of the invitation **within 30 days of this letter**. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail or agency roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact me at 713-802-5241, or Ms. Kelly Lark at 713-802-5989.

In addition to this invitation to become a participating agency, you and other federal, state, and local agency representatives are invited to attend a focused meeting for agency discussion regarding the project, prior to the public scoping meeting. The agency scoping meeting will be held as follows:

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Sincerely,

Pat Henry, P.E.
Director of Project Development

Houston District

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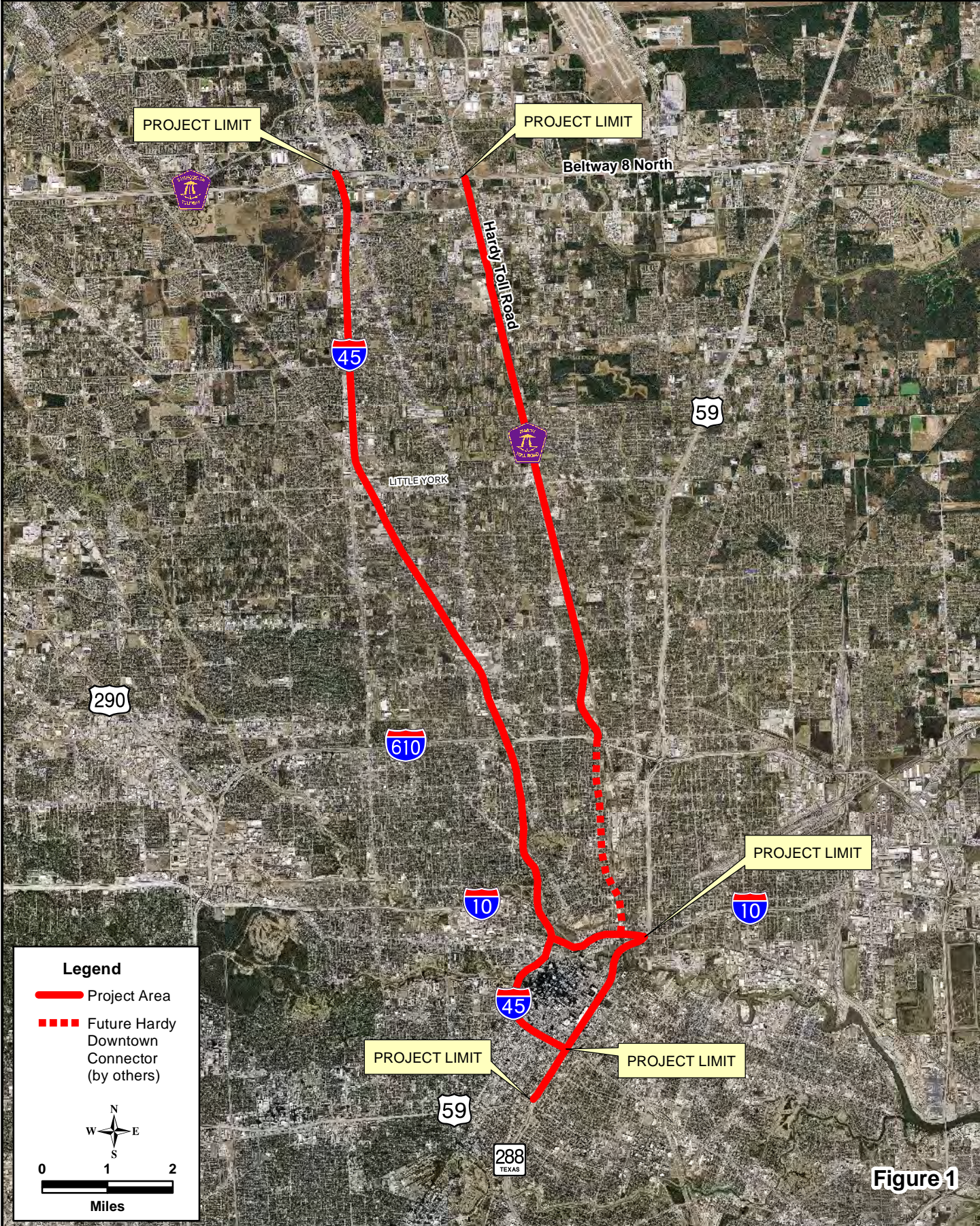
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**Appendix D
Agency Contacts**

NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
Cooperating and Participating Agency Notification by Mail
March 2015

Type	Cooperating/Participating	Salutation	First Name	Last Name	Agency	Title	Department	Address 1	City	State	ZIP	Phone No.	E-mail
Federal	Cooperating, Participating	Mr.	Daniel	Mott	Federal Highway Administration	Houston Major Projects Eng.		300 East 8th Street, Room 826	Austin	TX	78701	512-536-5964	daniel.mott@dot.gov
Federal	Cooperating, Participating	Mr.	Robert C.	Patrick	Federal Transit Administration, Region 6	Regional Administrator		819 Taylor Street, Room 8A36	Fort Worth	TX	76102	817-978-0550	
Federal	Cooperating, Participating	Col.	Richard P.	Pannell	U. S. Army Corps of Engineers	District Engineer	Galveston District	P.O. Box 1229	Galveston	TX	77553-1229	409-766-3059	swgpao@usace.army.mil
Federal	Cooperating, Participating	Capt.	James H.	Whitehead	U. S. Coast Guard	Commander	Houston-Galveston Sector	13411 Hillard Street	Houston	TX	77034	281-464-4800	
Federal	Cooperating, Participating	Mr.	Ron	Curry	U. S. Environmental Protection Agency	Regional Administrator	Region 6	1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200	Dallas	TX	75202-2733	214-665-2100	curry.ron@epa.gov
Federal	Cooperating, Participating	Ms.	Edith	Erfing	U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Project Leader		17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211	Houston	TX	77058	281-286-8282	Edith_Erfing@fws.gov
State	Participating	Ms.	Ashley K.	Wadick	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Regional Director	Coastal and East Texas	5425 Polk St., Ste. H	Houston	TX	77023-1452	713-767-3500	
State	Participating	Mr.	Jeffrey	Davis	Texas General Land Office	Field Office Director	La Porte Field Office	11811 North D. Street	La Porte	TX	77571	281-470-1191	Jeffrey.Davis@glo.state.tx.us
State	Participating	Ms.	Tara	Mealy	Texas General Land Office	Biologist		11812 North D. Street	La Porte	TX	77572	281-470-1192	Tara.Mealy@glo.state.tx.us
State	Participating	Mr.	Mark	Wolfe	Texas Historical Commission	Division Director	Archeology	P.O. Box 12276	Austin	TX	78711-2276	512-936-4323	mark.wolfe@thc.state.tx.us
State	Participating	Mr.	Carter	Smith	Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.	Executive Director		4200 Smith School Road	Austin	TX	78744	512-389-4802	carter.smith@tpwd.state.tx.us
State	Participating	Ms.	Rebecca	Hensley	Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.	Regional Director	Science & Policy Resources	1502 FM 517 East	Dickinson	TX	77539	281-534-0108	Rebecca.Hensley@tpwd.state.tx.us
State	Participating	Mr.	Milton	Rister	Texas Railroad Commission	Executive Director		P.O. Box 12967	Austin	TX	78711-2967	512-463-4817	
Local	Participating		Teri	Koerth	Airline Improvement District	Executive Director		P.O. Box 38460	Houston	TX	77238-8460	281-757-1788	tkoerth@airlinedistrict.org
City	Participating	Mr.	Pat	Walsh	City of Houston	Director	Planning & Development	611 Walker St., 6th Fl.	Houston	TX	77002	713-837-7701	pd.planning@houston.tx.gov
Local	Participating	Mr.	Anton	Sinkewick	East Downtown Management District	Executive Director		1121 Delano	Houston	TX	77003	713-591-2014	anton@eadohouston.com
Local	Participating	Ms.	Diane	Schenke	Greater East End Management District	President		3211 Harrisburg Blvd.	Houston	TX	77003	713-928-9916	dschenke@greatereastend.com
Local	Participating	Ms.	Rebecca	Reyna	Greater Northside Management District	Executive Director		5305 Irving Blvd.	Houston	TX	77009	713-229-0900	rc.reyna@greaternorthside.org
Local	Participating	Mr.	Bill	Calderon	Montrose Management District	Executive Director		5020 Montrose, Suite 311	Houston	TX	77006	713-595-1216	bcalderon@montrosedistrict.org
Local	Participating		Chris	Bilton	Greater Southeast Management District	Executive Director		5445 Almeda, Suite 503	Houston	TX	77004	713-942-0500	info@greatersoutheastonline.com
Local	Participating	Mr.	Jerry	Lowry	Greenspoint District	President		16945 Northchase Dr., Suite 1900	Houston	TX	77060	281-874-2144	jlowry@greenspoint.org
County	Cooperating, Participating	Mr.	Thomas C.	Lambert	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County	President & CEO		P.O. Box 61429	Houston	TX	77208-1429	713-739-4000	
County	Participating	Mr.	John R.	Blount, P.E.	Harris County Public Infrastructure Department	County Engineer	Architecture & Engineering Div.	1001 Preston, 7th Floor	Houston	TX	77002	713-755-5370	
County	Participating	Mr.	Mike	Talbott	Harris County Flood Control District	Executive Director		9900 Northwest Freeway	Houston	TX	77092	713-684-4000	MT@hcfcd.co.harris.tx.us
County	Participating	Mr.	Gary K.	Trietsch, P.E.	Harris County Toll Road Authority	Director		7701 Wilshire Place Dr.	Houston	TX	77040	832-601-7800	
Regional	Participating	Mr.	Alan C.	Clark	Houston-Galveston Area Council	Director of Transportation Planning		P.O. Box 22777	Houston	TX	77227-2777	713-993-4585	Alan.Clark@h-gac.com
Local	Participating	Mr.	Robert	Eury	Houston Downtown Management District	Executive Director		909 Fannin, Suite 1650	Houston	TX	77010	713-650-3022	rmeury@downtowndistrict.org
Local	Participating	Mr.	Matt	Thibodeaux	Midtown Management District	Executive Director		410 Pierce St., Suite 355	Houston	TX	77002	713-526-7577	

Appendix E
Elected Officials

**NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
ELECTED OFFICIALS MAILING LIST 3-23-15**

District	Jurisdiction	Salutation	First	Last	Capital Address	Capital City	Capital State	Capital Zip	Capital Phone	District Address	District City	District State	District Zip	District Phone
District 3	State	Senator	Robert	Nichols	P. O. Box 12068	Austin	Texas	78711	512-463-0103	15260 Hwy 105 W, Ste. 230-H, Box 5 Waterpoint Building #3	Montgomery	Texas	77356	(936) 588-7391
District 4	State	Senator	Brandon	Creighton	P. O. Box 12068	Austin	Texas	78711	512-463-0104	2441 High Timbers Suite 400	The Woodlands	Texas	77380	281-364-9426
District 6	State	Senator	Sylvia	Garcia	P. O. Box 12068	Austin	Texas	78711	512-463-0106	5425 Polk Street, Suite 125	Houston	Texas	77023	713 923-7575
District 7	State	Senator	Paul	Bettencourt	P. O. Box 12068	Austin	Texas	78711	512-463-0107	1 E Greenway Plaza Ste. 225	Houston	Texas	77046	713 554-9208
District 11	State	Senator	Larry	Taylor	P. O. Box 12068	Austin	Texas	78711	512-463-0111	6117 Broadway Suite 122	Pearland	Texas	77581	281 485 9800
District 13	State	Senator	Rodney	Ellis	P. O. Box 12068	Austin	Texas	78711	512-463-0113	6100 Corporate Dr. Ste. 288	Houston	Texas	77036	(713) 776-2228
District 15	State	Senator	John	Whitmire	P. O. Box 12068	Austin	Texas	78711	512-463-0115	803 Yale Street	Houston	Texas	77007	713-864-8701
District 17	State	Senator	Joan	Huffman	P. O. Box 12068	Austin	Texas	78711	512-463-0117	P.O. Box 541774	Houston	Texas	77254	(281) 980-3500
District 18	State	Senator	Lois	Kolkhorst	P. O. Box 12068	Austin	Texas	78711	512 463-0118	2000 S. Market St. #101	Brenham	Texas	77833	979-251-7888
District 15	State	Representative	Mark	Keough	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0797					
District 16	State	Representative	Will	Metcalf	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0726					
District 18	State	Representative	John	Otto	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512 463-0570	P. O. Box 965	Dayton	Texas	77535	(936) 258-8135
District 23	State	Representative	Wayne	Faircloth	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0502					
District 24	State	Representative	Greg	Bonnen	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0729	174 Calder Road, Suite 116	League City	Texas	77573	281-338-0924
District 25	State	Representative	Dennis	Bonnen	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0564	122 East Myrtle	Angleton	Texas	77515	979-848-1770
District 26	State	Representative	Rick	Miller	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0710					
District 27	State	Representative	Ron	Reynolds	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0494	2440 Texas Parkway, Ste 102	Missouri City	Texas	77489	281-208-3574
District 28	State	Representative	John	Zerwas	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512 463-0657	P. O. Box 434	Simonton	Texas	77476	281 533-9042
District 29	State	Representative	Ed	Thompson	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0707	P.O. Box 2129	Pearland	Texas	77588	
District 85	State	Representative	Phil	Stephensen	P.O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0604	834 Third St.	Rosenberg	Texas	77471	281 232-7900
District 126	State	Representative	Patricia	Harless	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512 463-0496	6605 Cypresswood Drive #275	Spring	Texas	77379	281 376-4114
District 127	State	Representative	Dan	Huberty	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0520	4501 Magnolia Cove, Suite 201	Kingwood	Texas	77345	281 360-9410
District 128	State	Representative	Wayne	Smith	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0733	909 Decker Drive, Suite 104	Baytown	Texas	77520	832-556-2002
District 129	State	Representative	Dennis	Paul	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0734	17225 El Camino Real, Suite 415	Houston	Texas	77058	
District 130	State	Representative	Allen	Fletcher	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0661	25222 NW Frwy, Bldg. 9, Ste. 199	Houston	Texas	77429	281 373-5454
District 131	State	Representative	Alma A.	Allen	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0744	10101 Fondren, Suite 500	Houston	Texas	77096	713 776-0505
District 132	State	Representative	Mike	Schofield	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0528					
District 133	State	Representative	Jim	Murphy	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0514	9525 Katy Freeway Suite 215	Houston	Texas	77024	713 465-8800
District 134	State	Representative	Sarah	Davis	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0389	24 Greenway Plaza Suite 1400	Houston	Texas	77046	713 521-4474
District 135	State	Representative	Gary	Elkins	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0722	9601 Jones Road, Suite 215	Houston	Texas	77065	832-912-8380
District 136	State	Representative	Tony	Dale	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0696					
District 137	State	Representative	Gene	Wu	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0492	6500 Rookin, Building C	Houston	Texas	77074	713 271-3900
District 138	State	Representative	Dwayne	Bohac	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0727	2600 Gessner, Suite 212	Houston	Texas	77080	713-460-2800
District 139	State	Representative	Sylvester	Turner	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0554	6915 Antoine St., Suite E	Houston	Texas	77091	713-683-6363
District 140	State	Representative	Armando	Walle	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0924	150 West Parker Road, Suite 700	Houston	Texas	77060	713 694-8620
District 141	State	Representative	Senfronia	Thompson	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0720	10527 Homestead Road	Houston	Texas	77016	713-633-3390
District 142	State	Representative	Harold	Dutton	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0510	8799 North Loop East, Suite 305	Houston	Texas	77029	713-692-9192
District 143	State	Representative	Ana E.	Hernandez	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0614	1233Mercury Dr.	Houston	Texas	77029	713-675-8596
District 144	State	Representative	Gilbert	Pena	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0460					
District 145	State	Representative	Carol	Alvarado	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0732	2900 Woodridge Dr., Suite 305	Houston	Texas	77087	713 649-6563
District 146	State	Representative	Borris	Miles	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0518	5302 Almeda, Suite A	Houston	Texas	77004	713 665-8322
District 147	State	Representative	Garnet	Coleman	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0524	5445 Almeda, Suite 501	Houston	Texas	77004	713-520-5355
District 148	State	Representative	Jessica	Farrar	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0620	P. O. Box 30099	Houston	Texas	77249	713-691-6912
District 149	State	Representative	Hubert	Vo	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0568	7474 South Kirkwood #106	Houston	Texas	77072	281 988-0212
District 150	State	Representative	Debbie	Riddle	P. O. Box 2910	Austin	Texas	78768	512-463-0572	17207 Kuykendahl, Ste 108	Houston	Texas	77379	281 257-4222
District 2	United States	Representative	Ted	Poe	2412 Rayburn Building	Washington	D.C.	20515	202-225-6565	1801 Kingwood Dr. Ste 240	Kingwood	Texas	77339	281-446-0242
District 7	United States	Representative	John	Culberson	2372 Rayburn House Office Building	Washington	D.C.	20515	202-225-2571	10000 Memorial Dr., Suite 620	Houston	Texas	77024	713-682-8828
District 8	United States	Representative	Kevin	Brady	301 Cannon House Office Building	Washington	D.C.	20515	202-225-4901	200 River Pointe, Suite 304	Conroe	Texas	77304	936-441-5700
District 9	United States	Representative	Al	Green	2201 Rayburn House Office Building	Washington	D.C.	20515	202-225-7508	3003 South Loop West, Suite 460	Houston	Texas	77054	713 383-9234
District 10	United States	Representative	Michael T.	McCaul	131 Cannon House Office Building	Washington	D.C.	20515	202-225-2401	990 Village Square, Ste B Rosewood Professional Building	Tomball	Texas	77375	281 255-8372
District 14	United States	Representative	Randy	Weber	510 Cannon House Office Building	Washington	D.C.	20515	202-225-2831	122 West Way, Ste 301	Lake Jackson	Texas	77566	979-285-0231
District 18	United States	Representative	Sheila Jackson	Lee	2252 Rayburn House Office Building	Washington	D.C.	20515	202-225-3816	1919 Smith St., Suite 1180	Houston	Texas	77002	713-655-0050
District 22	United States	Representative	Pete	Olson	2133 Rayburn	Washington	D.C.	20515	202-225-5951	1650 Highway 6 Suite 150	Sugar Land	Texas	77478	281 494-2690
District 29	United States	Representative	Gene	Green	2470 Rayburn House Office Building	Washington	D.C.	20515	202-225-1688	256 North Sam Houston Parkway, Suite 29	Houston	Texas	77060	281-999-5879
	United States	Senator	Ted	Cruz	185 Dirksen	Washington	D.C.	20510	202-224-5922	808 Travis Street, Suite 1420	Houston	Texas	77002	713-718-3057
	United States	Senator	John	Cornyn	517 Hart Senate Office Building	Washington	D.C.	20510	202-224-2934	5300 Memorial Drive, Suite 980	Houston	Texas	77007	713-572-3337

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ELECTED OFFICIALS MAILING LIST 3-23-15

Council Member	The Honorable	Brenda	Stardig	Council Member District A	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3010	
Council Member	The Honorable	Stephen	Costello	Council Member At Large Position 1	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3014	
Council Member	The Honorable	Ellen	Cohen	Council Member District C	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3004	
Council Member	The Honorable	Michael	Kubosh	Council Member At Large Position 3	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3005	
Council Member	The Honorable	Jack	Christie	Council Member At Large Position 5	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3017	
Council Member	The Honorable	Jerry	Davis	Council Member District B	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3009	
Council Member	The Honorable	Oliver	Pennington	Council Member District G	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3007	
Council Member	The Honorable	Edward	Gonzalez	Council Member District H	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3003	
Council Member	The Honorable	Dwight	Boykins	Council Member District D	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3001	
Council Member	The Honorable	Richard	Nguyen	Council Member District F	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3002	
Council Member	The Honorable	David W.	Robinson	Council Member At Large Position 2	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3013	
Council Member	The Honorable	Dave	Martin	Council Member District E	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3008	
Council Member	The Honorable	Robert	Gallegos	Council Member District I	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3011	
Council Member	The Honorable	Mike	Laster	Council Member District J	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3015	
Council Member	The Honorable	Larry	Green	Council Member District K	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3016	
Council Member	The Honorable	C. O.	Bradford	Council Member At Large Position 4	City of Houston	900 Bagby, First Floor	Houston	77002	832	393-3012	
Mayor	The Honorable	Annise	Parker	Mayor	City of Houston	P.O. Box 1562	Houston	77251	713	837-0311	www.cityofhouston.gov
Commissioner	The Honorable	El Franco	Lee	Commissioner, Precinct 1	Harris County	Harris County Administration Building 1001 Preston, Suite 950	Houston	77002	713	755-6111	
Commissioner	The Honorable	Jack	Morman	Commissioner, Precinct 2	Harris County	Harris County Administration Building 1001 Preston, Suite 950	Houston	77002	713	755-6222	
Commissioner	The Honorable	Steve	Radack	Commissioner, Precinct 3	Harris County	Harris County Administration Building 1001 Preston, Suite 924	Houston	77002	713	755-6306	
Commissioner	The Honorable	R. Jack	Cagle	Commissioner, Precinct 4	Harris County	Harris County Administration Building 1001 Preston, Suite 950	Houston	77002	713	755-5000	
Judge	The Honorable	Ed	Emmett	County Judge	Harris County	Harris County Administration Building 1001 Preston, Suite 911	Houston	77002	713	755-4000	