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In Favor Of Increased State Transportation Funding

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WHEREAS, the North Houston Association represents major employers, land owners, developers, professional firms and financial and commercial institutions and is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the north Houston area; and

WHEREAS, the Houston region is expected to increase by 6,000,000 people by 2050 with a greater demand for capacity of our transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The Houston region will have \$287 million per year less funding for roadway expansion and maintenance projects between 2011-2014 according to the current draft of the region's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and a reduction of \$80 million for projects from the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, if the current funding forecast is not reversed the Houston Metro area is projected to lose \$37 billion through 2035 in state and federal transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, 26% of the entire state gas tax is collected from the eight-county Houston metro area, but only about 14% of the state's tax collections return to the Houston metro area; and

WHEREAS, statewide and local funding options, either individually or in combination, can help increase transportation funding for the Houston region, including, but not limited to:

- Increasing the State Motor Fuel Tax
- Indexing the State Motor Fuel Tax to the Cost of Living
- Ending Non-Education State Highway Fund Diversions
- Review of Vehicle Registration Fees
- Redirecting a more equitable percentage of the funds generated by the Houston region Motor Fuels Tax back to Houston area projects
- Redirecting a more equitable percentage of funds from federal transportation funding to Texas to the Houston region
- Public/Private Partnerships

NOW, THEREFORE, in the interest of meeting projected mobility needs for the Houston region and maintaining the economic competitiveness and high quality of life of the area, the North Houston Association Board of Directors, hereby urges the Legislature of the State

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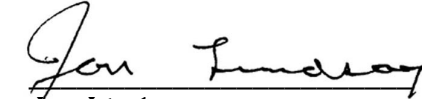
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of Texas to increase revenue to meet current and future transportation needs through the implementation of any one or combination of strategies noted above.

ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2010.



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Chairman of the Board



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