



May 12, 2004

Mr. David Gornet
Executive Director
Grand Parkway Association
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Houston, Texas 77027

Dear Mr. Gornet:

The North Houston Association represents north Harris and south Montgomery Counties, and as a regional planning organization, we have been involved in transportation issues for over 20 years. NHA has over 80 member companies with over 800 representatives. Our focus on enhancing the quality of life for the region and assuring that the north Houston area is an attractive place for businesses to relocate or expand and for families to live is paramount in our mission. A cost-effective, efficient transportation system is essential for the quality of life that we support.

The north Houston area is currently experiencing rapid growth, both in north Harris County and south Montgomery County. The current east-west roadways north of FM 1960 are inadequate to accommodate this growth and are currently congested during peak commuting times during the week and peak shopping times on the weekends. The proposed SH 99 (Grand Parkway) is an essential element of our transportation system to meet local and regional east-west mobility needs.

On behalf of North Houston Association's Board of Directors and Transportation Committee, we strongly express our support for the rapid completion of the Segments F1, F2 and G environmental documents so that the program may proceed into right-of-way acquisition, design and construction. In keeping with our commitment to quality of life, we urge that the Association work to respect neighborhood integrity, natural vegetation, and wetlands areas as design work progresses on the parkway.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Grand Parkway Association to see the timely completion of all segments of the SH 99, especially those within the North Houston Association service area.

Sincerely,

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