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Mr. Wayne Norden  
President  
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RE: Public Comments Northwest Sub-regional Mobility Study

Dear Mr. Norden:

Thank you for your public comment submission on behalf of the Near Northwest Management District for the Northwest Sub-regional Mobility Study. The purpose of this letter is to address comments raised in your public comment submission, and provide better insight of final recommendations resulting from this study. Please note all comments received are processed and saved to our public record to ensure a transparent and collective review of public comments. As highlighted by the Northwest Sub-regional Mobility Report and Mayor Parker's recent Complete Streets Executive Order, study recommendations are intended to strike a balance between the regional mobility needs of the City and local needs of the community. Corridor recommendations highlight those priority elements identified by the project team and community that include pedestrian, bicycle, parking and transit facility considerations.

Please note, below responses are organized in the order in which they were received.

- **Network Completion:** Your support of the project team's recommendation for the completion of TC Jester from IH 610 to SH 249 – and beyond to Beltway 8 resulting in greater north-south connectivity of the existing network, and alleviation of projected vehicular traffic is most appreciated. Similarly, thank you for your support to extend the four-lane Major Thoroughfare designation of Breen Drive from Fairbanks N. Houston to SH 249 for increased east-west connectivity which, as you know, represents one of the biggest inhibitors of traffic flow throughout the study area.
- **Antoine Drive** Projected travel demands indicate a potential need to expand Antoine Drive from a four-lane to six-lane Major Thoroughfare on the City's Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan. However, given recent improvements, future investments slated for the corridor, and feedback received during the final public comment period, the provided 6-lane designation does not adequately reflect community needs along all segments of the corridor. Working jointly with you and your staff at the Northwest Management District, the project team was able to successfully modify draft recommendations to include a four-lane recommendation for segments of the corridor between Houston N. Rosslyn to SH 249 in line

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with the community's developmental vision of the corridor. A six-lane designation is recommended for those segments of the corridor providing regional access to area highways from US 290 to Houston N. Rosslyn and SH 249 to Beltway 8.

- **Bingle/N. Houston Rosslyn:** In lieu of widening Antoine Drive, the Northwest Management District recommended the potential widening of Bingle/N. Houston Rosslyn from six- to eight-lane thoroughfare. While the project team understands the intent of the provided comment, increased capacity on a single corridor increases the impact of a system failure should a traffic accident, or the like, inhibit north-south movement. As such, the project team supports increased capacity on several corridors which work in tandem to increase system capacity and alternative route options for the greatest number of users.

Thank you again for your comments on behalf of the Near Northwest Management District. We thank you and organization for your cooperation throughout this process as the project team works to finalize recommendations that best serve both regional and local transportation needs. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 713-837-7950 or via email at [Amar.Mohite@houstontx.gov](mailto:Amar.Mohite@houstontx.gov)

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