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NORTH HOUSTON HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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Please do not approve this project.
Instead, please implement mass transit
(commuter buses and rail) to reduce
traffic on these roads.

If lanes need to be added, please
add the to Hardy not to 45.
and/or expand/extend North Shepard.

Do not, under any circumstances,
widen the corridor between Calvalcade
and Quitman.

Take the ^{TX DOT} money for this project and
create bus/rail options.

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We recommend you build on Hardy
Toll Rd.

We want more communication with
the neighborhood and to keep us
informed.

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I disagree with the need for this expansion overall. Expanding the highway does not seem to achieve the perceived goals of moving people in a more efficient manner. The focus should be on having a more densely populated urban center. Poor city planning has caused the problems of traffic congestion, the demise of a real downtown and has only encouraged urban sprawl. Please do not pave over historic parts of Houston to shove 3 minutes off of someone's commute. Trying to evacuate an ~~area~~^{area} is not an easy task and the few extra lanes won't make a difference. That idea is frankly insulting and seems you are pandering to people's fears to justify a ridiculously expensive project. It is simply not what Houston needs. Also, sorry if I sound angry, but I'm in the area that will likely be impacted. I'm sure you would fight tooth and nail for your home, neighborhood +

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To improve I-45 congestion, I believe we need to fix the bottleneck at where HOV currently exiting and merge into I-45. Build Multi-level Flyover or expand I-45 just right around there should be enough to speed up I-45.

If needed, increase I More HOV Lane, we don't want to lose our property because of "Right-of-Way".

More Metro rides, and More light RAILS.

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* We have a pending remodel of our home/Investing in excess of 100k. Increasing Square footage of our home from 900 sqft. to over 2000 sqft. Increasing the value of our neighborhood as well as our home. Our Architect ~~plan~~ has completed our plans and were in the approval process with our bank. Now our plans to continue with our plans are now on hold. ;)

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① PLEASE Keep the existing PIKE TRAILS ALONG WHITE OAK BAYOU & EXPAND the system to connect OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS.

② PLEASE Keep the NOISE POLLUTION FROM EXPANDING FROM its PRESENT LEVEL OR REDUCE IT.

③ CORRECT the LESS SAFE LANE TRANSITIONS & MERGERS

④ DON'T SPEND the \$ ON MORE HIGHWAYS - SPEND \$ ON MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT / SPACE EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

⑤ PREPARE Houston FOR MORE DENSELY POPULATED NEIGHBORHOODS SO THE EXPANSION IS NOT OUTWARD IN A GEOGRAPHICAL MANNER BUT IS IN A LIVABLE DENSE CONCENTRATION: ENERGY COSTS WILL EXPAND AS INDIA & CHINA GROW - & THEREFORE \$ WILL BE WASTED TO MAKE THE SUBURBS AFFORDABLE FOR COMMUTERS, BY BUILDING MORE FREEWAYS WHICH ARE CONGESTED ONLY AT PEAK TIMES - i.e. commuters going HOME OR TO WORK

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THE METRO RAIL IS ALREADY
IN PROGRESS WILL THIS
BE AFFECTED
IF THE WIDENING ON
45 IS DONE HOW WILL IT
AFFECT BUSINESS AND
NEIGHBORS HOMES IN
THE AREA

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I would greatly appreciate a copy of the "Environment Constraints Map" to support my recommendations below:

I want to recommend an under ground tunnel system for dual transportation
① traffic and ② temporary storage of storm water produced during major tropical storms.

This temporary stormwater storage would be part of long term public water supply for Houston especially to alleviate stress on Lake Houston & Lake Conroe (water quality + volume)

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- CONSIDER DOUBLE DECK LANES. INSTEAD
OF EXPANDING TO THE SIDES

- INSTALL SOUND BARRIERS. FROM
N. MAIN TO END OF THE WOODLAND PARK.

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Please Consider double deck
corridor for I-45.
and NOISE WALLS along
presentation (sound barrier)

To the freeway from entrance to I 45 from Houston AVE
all the way to the end of Woodland
Park

Thank you

~~Augustine Ward~~
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We do not need more concrete. Be creative! Think outside the box!
I-10 is a monstrosity! Let's not create another I-10. Let's look at alternatives such as a tunnel, digging in lanes like Hwy 59. Let's stay within current right of ways so that historic inner city neighborhood remain intact. We do not need to concrete over our neighborhoods so people in the Woodlark can shave 15 minutes off their commute. Let's do something different and innovative and not just pour more concrete! Please!!!

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I support improved mobility; however, I see nothing wrong with traffic inside the loop moving at service level C as an average. We should expect congestion in heavy employment areas - Downtown, MED CENTER, GALLERIA, etc. - to be ~~so~~ SIGNIFICANT.

Houston has already ruined many historic areas in the name of progress. I believe we should not take right of way inside Loop 610, but instead should look at ways to improve safety at key interchanges such as I-45 & 610, the Pierce Elevated & US 59 ~~interchange~~.

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I AM thinking of my house
after paying for it, ~~we~~ might
have it. My husband and I
are senior and can't afford anything
house around the Height, BECAUSE you
won't pay what it's worth

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I do not want to lose my home, I have sacrificed so much to have my home and to keep it. In these last 2 years I have been laid off twice and I managed to keep it through these rough economic ~~times~~ times. Even if my home is not "taken" from me, I risk diminishing my quality of life - mine and my neighbors. Think of all the low income people, where will they go? Their homes may be bought but with the market prices, they will not be able to afford another home. Traffic is not an issue in the inside of the Loop. Even it, during rush hour there is congestion but every city deals with it.

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Please consider underground highway for movement of at least a portion of the traffic pattern, particularly through the downtown corridor and where I-10 and I-45 come together. Utilize natural berms to protect surrounding neighborhoods. Preserve the community and promote public transportation by planning for the future.

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I am completely against expanding highway either horizontally or above ground from 610 to downtown. Our neighborhood has already been assaulted by excess noise & air pollution from I-10 expansion.

Alternatives such as tunnel, rail, bus, etc. improvements should provide the solution - NOT expanded highway.

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I-45 should not extend outside
of the current ROW!
Please consider the tunnel option.

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We just got our home remodeled not even 3yrs ago after my Father died. How do you expect us to leave after such a little time. They have no feelings towards us. They don't think about people that are very poor and they barely have any thing. That is why this should never ever be made! They have had that many lines to drive and no one has died because of 4 lines and they will survive through traffic. I hope that this never

HAPPENS!

(Make it on hardy)

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We are retired and have no means of moving or buying another house. We oppose and hope you keep us informed of plans and we suggest that the expansions happen on Hardy Toll Road.

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I dislike this project immensely. By building & widening, Tx-Dot is undercutting the Houston Metro plan to provide services by light rail & bus to all parts of the city. This project is encouraging, not discouraging, automobile use. Do not do this! Our air quality & environment can not afford more concrete. By the time this project could even begin, the Metro light rail projects will be on line. I really wish Tx-Dot or Houston Metro would not be working at cross purposes with each other. Please spend Texas-Dot money on something else that really needs to be done!
Thank you!

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Connect feeder Road from I45 S to I45 N
cross 610 N. same as from east side of I45
on I610 N to west side of I45 N.
right now, all local small commute will have
to get on freeway. It is not safe and cause
big traffic.

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Thank you for the opportunity to share. ☺

There should be more information of definitions of terminology used such as "right-of-way for freeways" verse? Also, concern ~~that~~ about the homes that will be taken away by the freeway. Also, VERY IMPORTANT IS THAT there BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY AFFECTED TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AND ENGAGE GIVEN INPUT + FEEDBACK... THERE NEEDS TO BE INFORMATION PROVIDED (AND FORUMS) IN BILINGUAL (for example a spanish forum) since this project proposed affects the large hispanic community in the North side of town. Looking FORWARD TO MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO voice our concerns and questions... thanks.

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How about building direct on-ramp 30ft in the air lanes on top the fwy straight connected, Kinda like San Antonio double lanes on top.

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Don't do it!

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It is important to give consideration to historic areas in the project area. We as a city and state should be encouraging more walkability, better public transportation (efficient and far-reaching), and improving infrastructure in the urban core in order to address the concerns this project attempts to address.

Also, we would like to see a public art element included as part of any TXDOT project.

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We need more managed lanes to keep traffic moving to get to our destination at a faster pace. There's a lot of ^{time} loss due to traffic congestion. A lot of accidents occur because people are in a rush to get to their destination because of traffic congestion alone.

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Open 4 lanes on 45North. to relieve traffic
congestion. ~~Build~~ walls along the freeway in
order to drain out traffic noise.

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The residents of North Houston have many options to get Downtown - with the addition of Metrorail, access to Downtown will improve significantly. As a resident of North Side and downtown worker, I ask that you not disrupt or destruct our neighborhoods to benefit people who don't even live in Houston. Fix the Flooding along the access roads and discourage traffic from cutting through North Houston residential streets. Work with the City of Houston, Harris County and the Federal Government ~~to~~ on a comprehensive transportation PLAN instead of piecemeal fixes that may only be temporary solutions to long term dilemmas. Thank you!

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Specific concern:

Fix the complicated and confusing system of exit ramps and signage travelling northbound on I-45 & exiting for BWB, Sam Houston Tollway, BWB Arroyo road & greens road. All of these exits are one after another and for someone who is a visitor to Houston, they may miss the exit for the airport (for example.)

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