

WOODCREST NEIGHBORHOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

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To: Mayor Bill White
City of Houston
P. O. Box 1562
Houston, TX 77251

REFERENCE: The Woodcrest Neighborhood Civic Association endorses the I-45 Parkway/Tunnel Concept and requests that the City of Houston, Houston METRO and TxDOT work toward funding its feasibility study.

The Woodcrest Neighborhood Civic Association requests that the City of Houston and METRO participate with TxDOT in funding the I-45 Parkway/Tunnel Concept feasibility study. This study will provide you, other elected officials, and TxDOT the necessary information to make an educated decision on whether the tunneling of I-45 is an alternative to the traditional widening of our highways by taking of property and destruction of neighborhoods.

While our neighborhood is not adjacent to the I45 right-of-way, our proximity to I10 does make us well aware of the negative impact highway construction, widening, traffic and pollution have on the well-being of the entire community.

We understand that this tunnel concept has been formulated by a team of local and international experts in the field of transportation, tunneling and geotechnical engineering. We feel the I-45 Parkway/Tunnel Concept has significant merit and addresses the concerns of our community, as we find our quality of life being continuously endangered by the increase of highway traffic and the widening of highways.

We feel the tunneling of I-45 offers Houston a much-desired visionary solution for the future of transportation infrastructure needs in the area and will work strongly to preserve and improve our quality of life.

The Woodcrest Neighborhood Civic Association joins the growing number of organizations and Houstonians who support the I-45 Parkway/Tunnel Concept and we request your support in funding its feasibility study in a timely and expeditious manner.

Very sincerely,



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