

June 23, 2014

The Honorable Ted Houghton, Chairman
Texas Transportation Commission
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

**SUBJECT: CSJ 0271-17-901
IH 610 Dedicated Bus Lanes**

Dear Chairman Houghton:

On behalf of Uptown Houston I reaffirm our commitment to participate in the joint funding of the *IH 610 Dedicated Bus Lanes* and I respectfully request that the Texas Transportation Commission commit to jointly fund this much needed mobility improvement at the Commission's meeting in Houston scheduled for June 26, 2014.

Uptown Houston is eager to join with the Texas Department of Transportation to further define the project, complete engineering design, meet environmental requirements, and finalize the joint funding agreement in order to implement the project in a timely manner.

All of the major TxDOT facilities serving Uptown Houston – IH 610, IH-10, US 290, US 59 / IH-69, and Westheimer Road -- are ranked in the Top 100 Congested Segments of Roadways in Texas. Dedicated Bus Lanes offer the opportunity to achieve significant expansion of peak period capacity within these commuter corridors.

On April 23, 2013, the Board of Directors of the Uptown Development Authority passed a Resolution authorizing the Authority to participate in the design, implementation, and construction of dedicated bus facilities in the Post Oak Boulevard / IH 610 corridor. Please see the attached copy of this Resolution.

Please accept this Letter of Support for the West Loop Bus Lanes Project and our request that the Texas Transportation Commission commit to the implementation of the project.

Sincerely,

Kendall Miller
Chairman Uptown District Board of Directors