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Dear Alan & Delvin:

The West Houston Association commends the area transportation agencies for their initiatives to begin Segment E of the Grand Parkway. In particular, Harris County, TxDOT and the TPC should be proud to have cleared the way to begin this important link in Houston's transportation system.

While the Association compliments the agencies for this, we believe an additional piece needs to be included at the front end of this project to assure its early success as a toll facility and to reduce existing congestion at Interstate 10 and the Grand Parkway. We urge you to complete, in this first phase, the direct connectors from/to both the Grand Parkway south and north inbound and outbound on I-10 as well as a full grade separation for through north-south traffic.

Traffic from a completed Segment E of the Grand Parkway will, in our opinion, cause increased and excessive peak hour congestion at Interstate 10 West frontage roads. Even without Segment E, existing traffic conditions at the Grand Parkway frontage roads at Interstate 10

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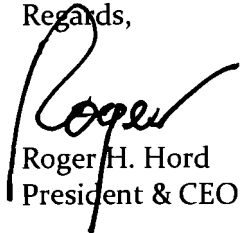
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frontage is severe and commonly results in a 10 minute wait to clear the intersection to travel south on the Grand Parkway.

Again, our congratulations for your work on this and other projects. The citizens of the region are well served by your dedication and service.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger H. Hord". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Roger H. Hord  
President & CEO

cc: Harris County Judge & Commissioners  
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