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Re: Texas Department of Transportation's IH-10 Washington Ave. plans

Good Morning!

We are writing this letter because as citizens, civic organizations, homeowners, and landlords/renters in this area, we have several concerns regarding the Texas Department of Transportation's plans to build elevated service roads on Interstate 10 between Washington Avenue and Patterson Street in the city of Houston.

Federal Law states that due diligence regarding public process must be met. We feel this is not the case as stated below:

- The 10-day comment period is too short. TXDOT public involvement process fails to inform over 99% of the people affected by the project. The 10-day public comment is unacceptable and must be at least 90 days.
- TXDOT must send letters to **ALL** residents within the adjacent neighborhoods affected by the expansion of highways and related infrastructure.
- Environmental Justice dictates that the work done with federal funds should not discriminate against any particular group of people. The proposed TxDOT project will unfairly and negatively impact the environmental qualities of the adjacent neighborhoods.
- Expansion of highways within Houston to provide more capacity for suburban vehicles **does** discriminate against local neighborhoods. We should not have to pay the negative consequences for others who want to drive cars.

As concerned citizens, we realize that TXDOT wants to do the right thing concerning all people. We would hope that these concerns would help make changes that are significant in our areas and bring environmental justice for all neighbors in Houston.

We appreciate the work that is being done to support Houston's highways and streets and hope that we can keep open communication between us.

Regards.