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Re: Unacceptable IH-10 elevated service roads between Washington Ave. and TC Jester Blvd.

To:

I am a (resident, homeowner, property owner, business owner) of (Woodcrest, Cottage Grove).

The Woodcrest and Cottage Grove neighborhoods are adjacent to both the north and south sides of the IH-10 right-of-way. Texas Department of Transportation's plans to construct elevated service roads crossing over the Union Pacific railroad tracks between Washington Avenue and TC Jester Boulevard will have severely negative impacts on our neighborhoods. These proposed elevated service roads will decrease both the quality of life and value of my property in (Woodcrest, Cottage Grove).

TxDOT has indicated that plans showing these elevated service roads were presented at a Houston Heights meeting. However, Woodcrest and Cottage Grove are the neighborhoods that will be directly affected if these elevated service roads are constructed and stakeholders in these communities were neither consulted nor offered the opportunity to review any alternatives.

Our neighborhood does not want:

1. Elevated feeder lanes and/or service roads
2. Expansion of at-grade feeder roads
3. Increase in heavy commercial vehicular traffic using elevated lanes
4. Increase in traffic generated noise and air pollution

Our neighborhood does support:

1. Below-grade service roads and/or feeder lanes within existing TxDOT right-of-way
2. Improved adequate abatement of noise and air pollution
3. Improved and adequate flood water retention and drainage for below-grade lanes
4. Preservation of established trees, landscaping and green space in the IH-10 corridor

We ask your help to insure that alternatives showing more respect for the economic and environmental health of the nearby residents, Cottage Grove Park and Stevenson Elementary School be developed and that the plan for the construction of elevated service lanes be abandoned.

Thank you for your attention,