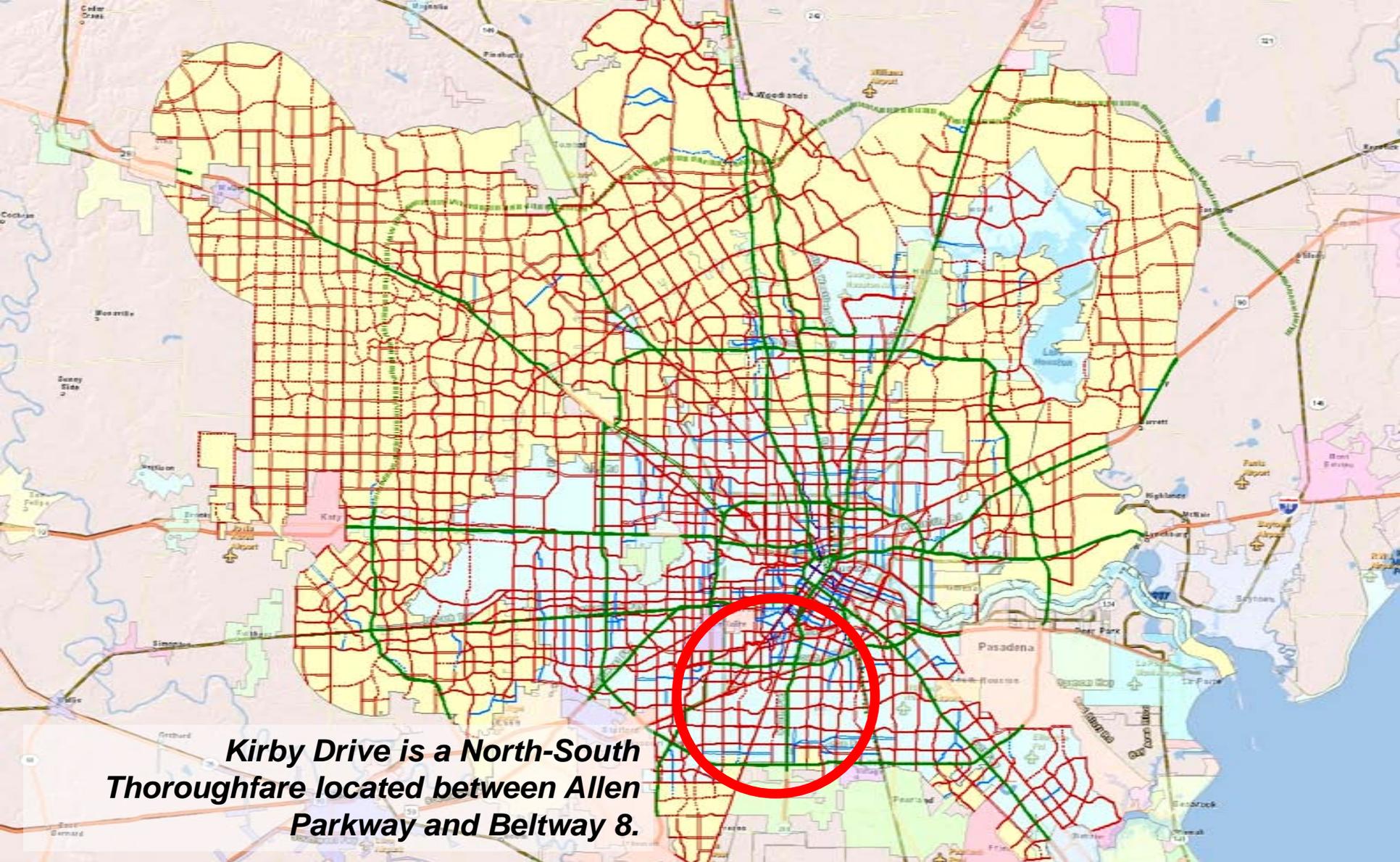


KIRBY / ANAGNOST

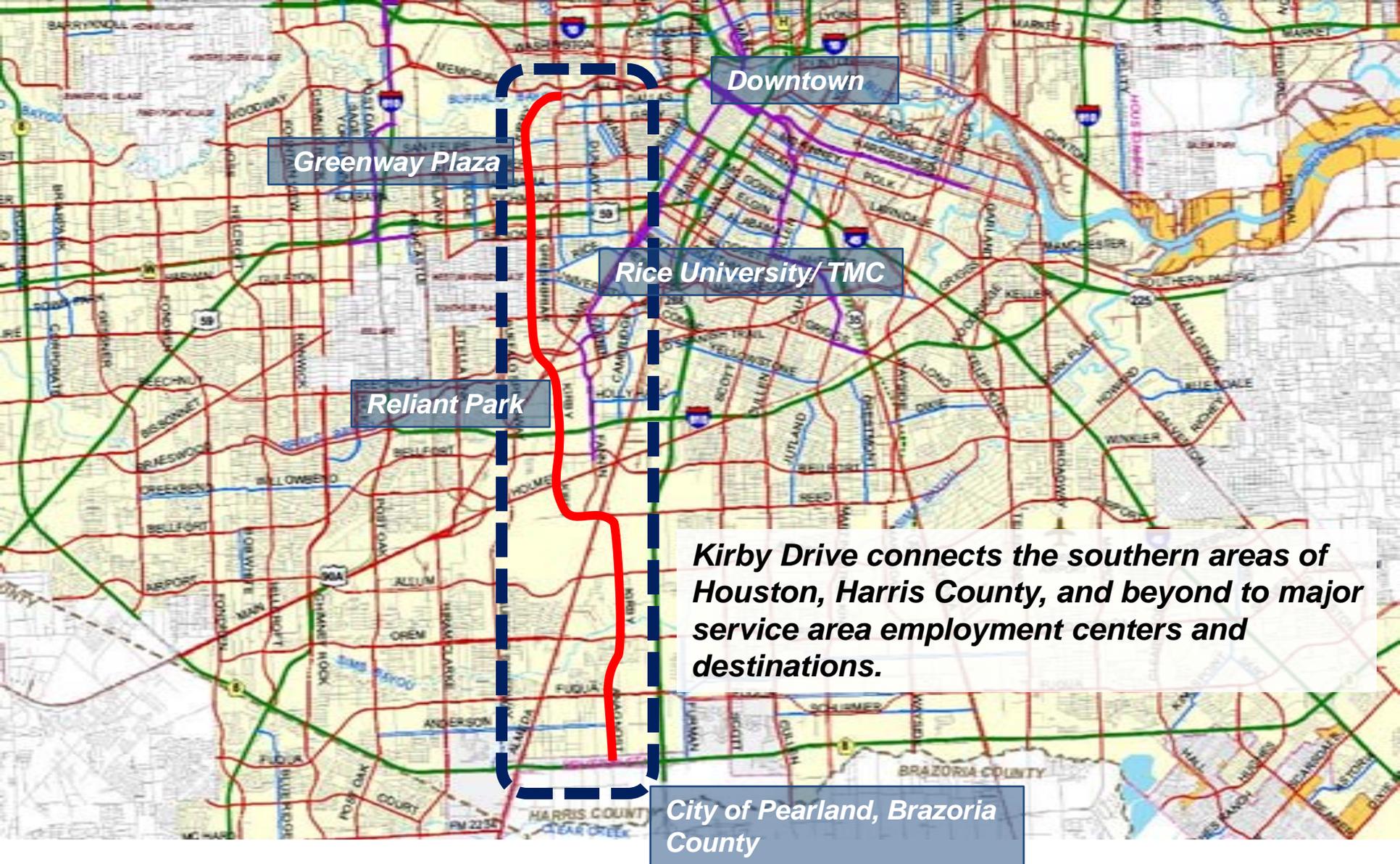
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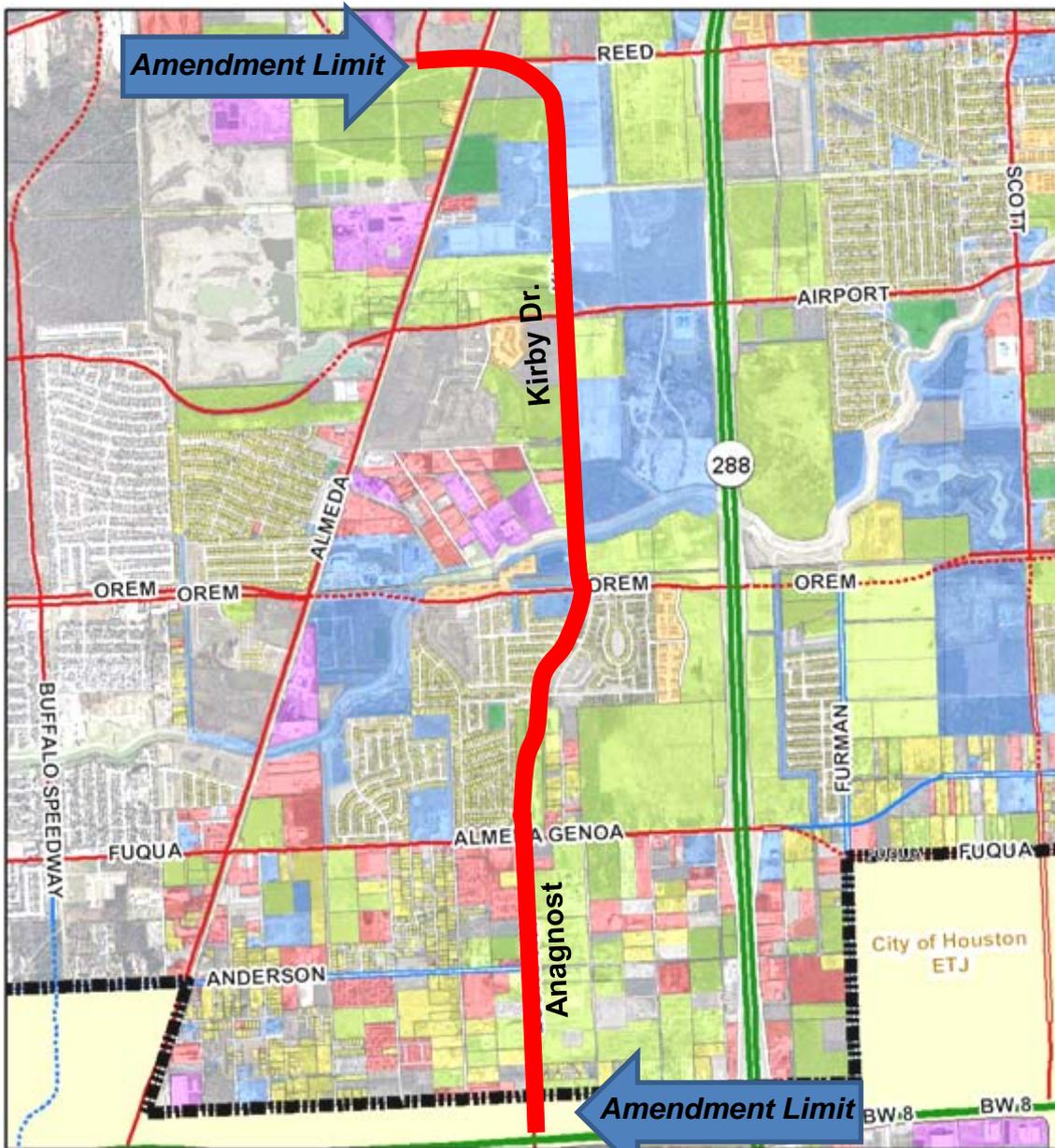
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***Kirby Drive is a North-South
Thoroughfare located between Allen
Parkway and Beltway 8.***



Kirby Drive connects the southern areas of Houston, Harris County, and beyond to major service area employment centers and destinations.



Kirby Drive alignment south of IH 610 is currently classified as a Major Thoroughfare.

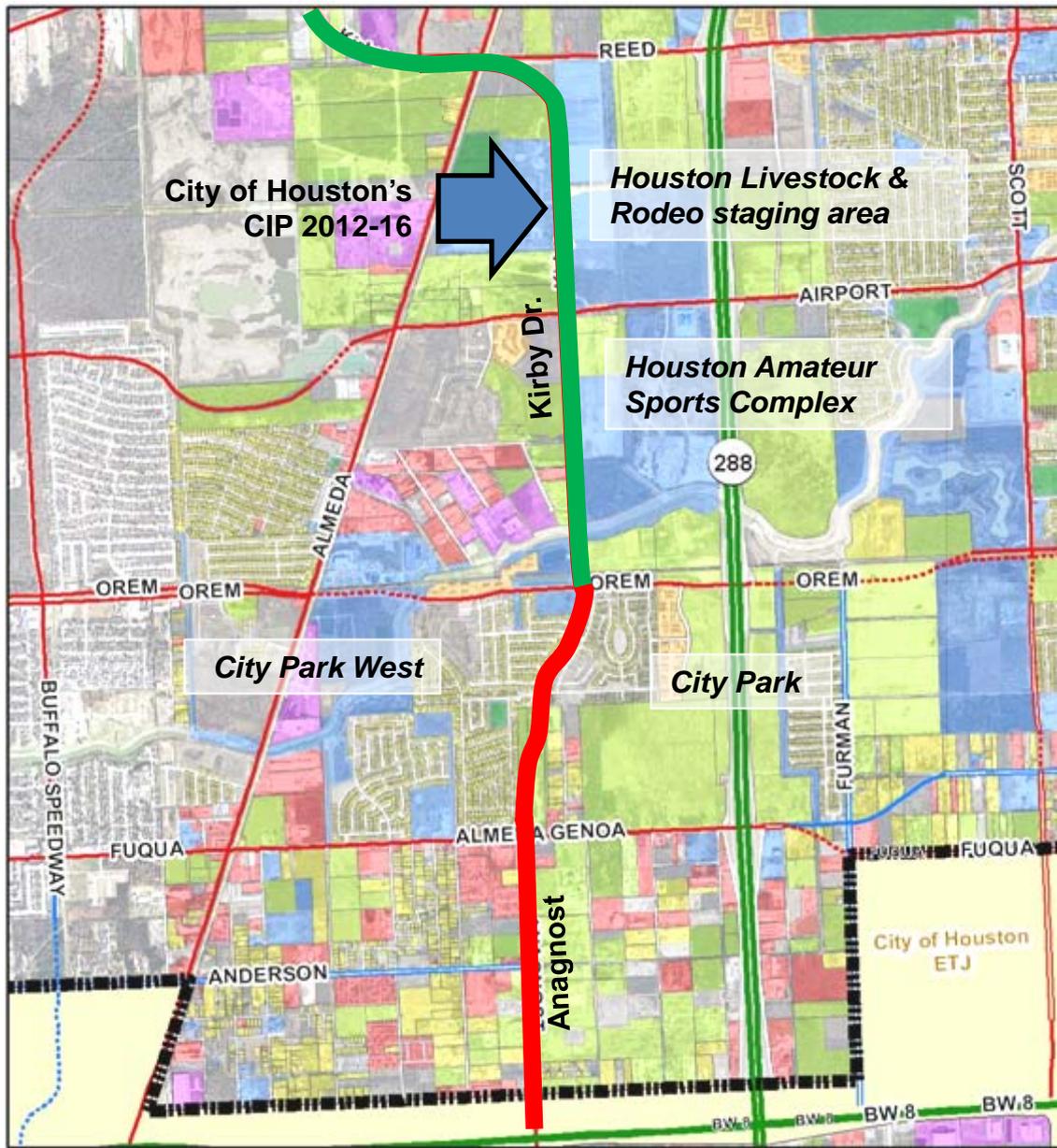
Actions Requested:

- *Re-classify Kirby Drive between Fannin Street and Beltway 8 as a Principal Thoroughfare, and*
- *Change ultimate right-of-way width to 120 ft. on Street Hierarchy Table.*

No request to change alignment.

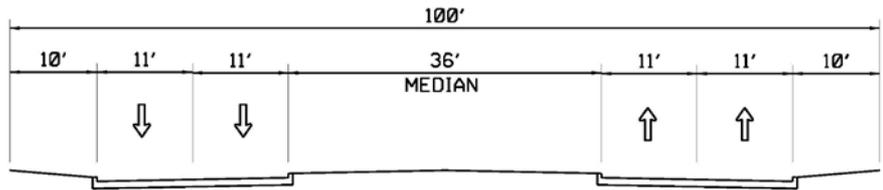
**MTFP 2011
Kirby Segment**

- Major Thoroughfare
- - - TBW Major Thoroughfare
- ▨ Proposed Major Thoroughfare

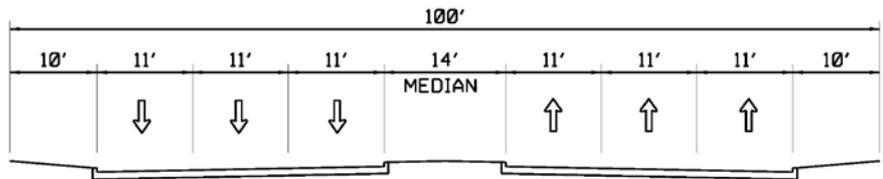


- Available land for potential development
- Houston Livestock and Rodeo
- New residential developments – City Park and City Park West
- Kirby/ Anagnost links to new residential, commercial developments in Pearland.
- Kirby from Holmes Road to Orem Drive is in the 2012-2016 City of Houston Capital Improvement Plan.

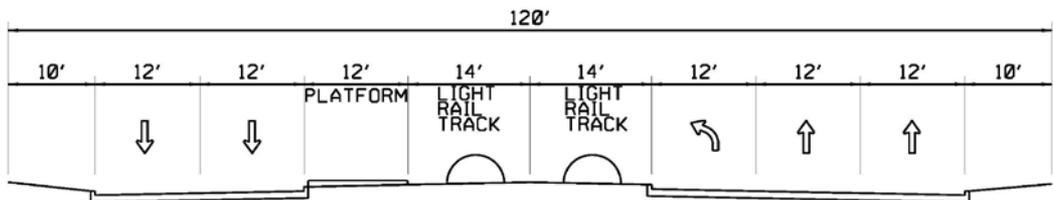




MTFP TYPICAL 4-LANE CROSS SECTION



MTFP TYPICAL 6-LANE CROSS SECTION



PROPOSED LRT TYPICAL CROSS SECTION

- 100 feet of right-of-way – Four lanes of traffic (two in each direction), a center median, and space for sidewalks and underground utilities.
- 120 feet of right-of-way – This width can safely and functionally contain a two-way rail guideway, four lanes of traffic, left turn lanes sidewalks and utilities. There is also space for a station within the 120 feet.

- This request is a proactive strategy to preserve enough right-of-way for transit and automobiles.
- Kirby/Anagnost has been identified as a potential alignment for future high capacity transit.
- METRO currently has no plans to build light rail along Kirby, and would conduct a public Alternatives Analysis that looks at multiple alignments before a decision is made.
- Upgrade to Principal Thoroughfare (P-4-120) classification could accommodate the design of future high capacity transit.
- Right-of-way could be obtained either through dedications as the land is subdivided or acquisition by the City of Houston or METRO.
- Kirby from Holmes Road to Orem Drive is in the City's CIP. There are no immediate plans to acquire ROW or build Kirby/Anagnost south of Orem Drive.

Thank you.

Q & A