



PRELIMINARY REPORT

2012-02 Kirby Drive

APPLICANT: Planning & Development Department, City of Houston

KEY MAP: 472 C, D; 532 U, Y

JURISDICTION: Houston, Harris County

LAMBERT: 5353, 5354

DISTRICT/PRECINCT: Dist. K/ Pcnt. 1

PROPOSAL:

Reclassify proposed Kirby Drive between IH 610 South and Fannin Street from a designated 100-foot Major Thoroughfare (T-4-100) to Principal Thoroughfare (P-4-100)

APPLICANTS JUSTIFICATION & HISTORY:

Kirby Drive is currently designated within the City of Houston as a Principal Thoroughfare between Shepherd Drive and IH 610 South;. Kirby (aka Anagnost) is designated a Major Thoroughfare between IH 610 South inside City of Houston's corporate limits. A small section designated as a Major Thoroughfare lies from those corporate limits to Beltway 8 belonging in the ETJ. Kirby Drive aligns with Allen Parkway (approximately 2.1) which is also designated as a Principal Thoroughfare between Shepherd Drive and the Central Business District. Kirby is approximately a 12.5 mile long major roadway within City of Houston's limits and ETJ . It is planned to be extended further south into Brazoria County to align with existing Kirby Drive in the City of Pearland.. Kirby's length from Beltway 8 to the south side of Southfork Road in Brazoria County is 4.3 miles.

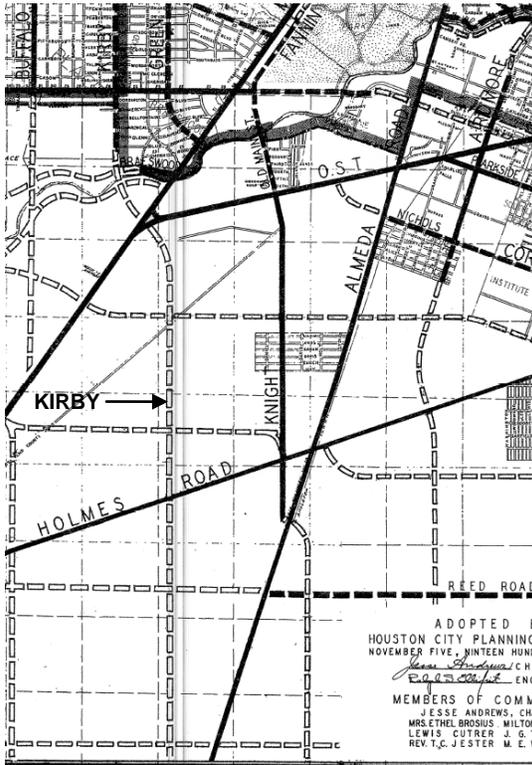
Principal thoroughfares are streets that are designed to carry high volumes of traffic and connect major generators of traffic, such as employment centers, commercial & industrial centers, major residential communities and other activity centers. They are designed to provide higher degree of mobility and typically run for longer distances, providing connections to freeways and other thoroughfares. Kirby Drive with Allen Parkway extends from the Central Business District connecting Upper Kirby District, US 59, Rice Village, West University Place, Reliant Park, IH 610, Beltway 8 and City of Pearland. It also connects a number of existing residential communities in City of Houston and Brazoria County.

Kirby Drive has been designated as a major thoroughfare on the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plans (MTFP) since 1942. The alignment extended due south of Holmes Road. In 1957 the Kirby Drive is realigned to terminate at proposed South Freeway south of Holmes Road and West of Almeda Road. Later in 1964 when the proposed South Freeway was realigned to its current location; Kirby Drive was realigned to be extended to Almeda Road south of Airport Boulevard.

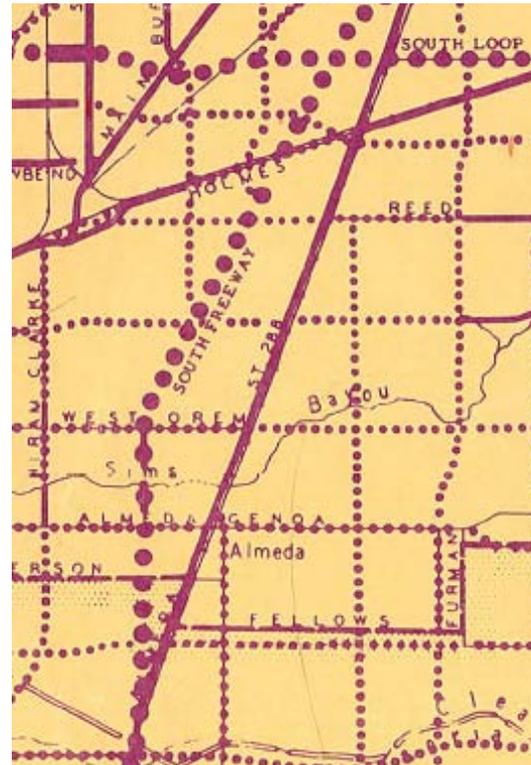
The 1966 MTFP map identifies the termination of Fannin Drive at Almeda and the extension of Kirby Drive south of Almeda. The map also indicates sufficient width ROW for Kirby Drive north of Reed Road. South of Fuqua/Almeda-Genoa the proposed Kirby Drive aligns with Karalas Lane and Woods Lane. In 1986 Fannin Drive is realigned to extend to Reed Road in its current alignment. In 1993 Kirby Drive, south of Almeda-Genoa, was realigned to extend along Anagnost in its current alignment. In 1997 Anderson Road west of Kirby/Anagnost is designated as a major collector street. Recently in 2008 Kirby Drive between Holmes Road and Airport was realigned along Reed Road to negate the need for an overpass of the Union Pacific railroad.



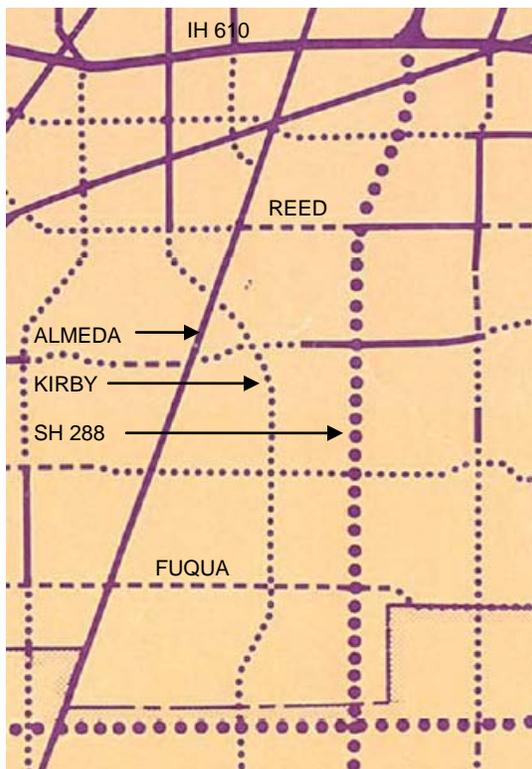
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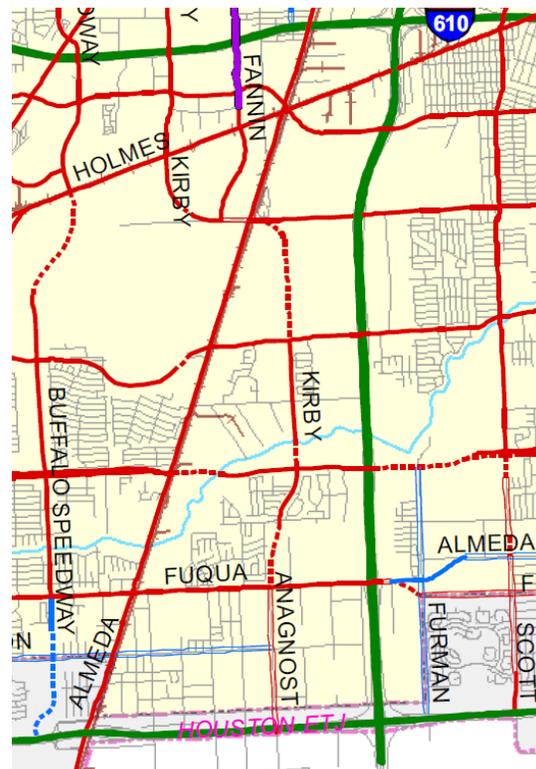
1942 Major Street Plan



1957 MTFP



1966 MTFP



2011 MTFP

