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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendments to the 2015 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP)

The City of Houston Planning Commission will hold a **public hearing on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in the City Hall Annex Chambers, Public Level, 900 Bagby Street, Houston, Texas, 77002**. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow interested citizens to be heard concerning proposed changes to the 2015 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP). The MTFP identifies right-of-way needs and proposes roadway alignments within the city limits of Houston and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). The MTFP does not initiate the timing of right-of-way acquisition or construction activities related to the roadways.

Information on each proposed amendment will be available for public review at an **open house to be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the United Way Community Resource Center, 50 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas, 77007**. The applicants and Planning and Development Department (P&D) personnel will be available at the open house to answer questions.

This notification letter has been mailed to property owners and registered civic associations adjacent to roadways included the amendment request. Included in this notification package is information about the specific amendment which may be of potential interest to the respective property owner and provides answers to some frequently asked questions.

In addition to comments made at the Public Hearing, **comments submitted by July 1, 2016, using the online comment form** available on the website listed below, will be taken into account by the Planning Commission before making a decision on amendment requests. Additionally, the Commission will weigh information provided by P&D and other government transportation agencies in the Houston region. Four weeks after the public hearing, on August 11, 2016, staff will present recommendations to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will vote on each amendment and forward its recommendations to City Council by September 1, 2016. Once an ordinance for the amendments has been adopted by City Council, a new MTFP will be published by the City. More information about the MTFP and proposed amendments are available on the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan webpage at www.houstonplanning.com. The information can be found by selecting "2016 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan" link under "Announcements". You may contact the Planning & Development Department at 832-393-6660 or email amar.mohite@houstontx.gov.



2016 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP) Amendments

Frequently Asked Questions

Q What is a Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP) Amendment?

A The City of Houston's MTFP was first adopted by City Council in 1942. It is a long range plan that provides for a system of thoroughfares and collectors to support overall mobility. It does not deal with timing of right-of-way acquisition or road construction. The Plan is updated through an annual amendment process. Amendments generally delete, add or modify a portion of a planned Thoroughfare or Collector. Streets such as Hillcroft Avenue, Kirby Drive, and FM 2100 are examples of planned Major Thoroughfares that have matured over the years. The Plan will continue to be modified in order to meet Houston's growing transportation needs.

Q What is an alternative?

A When the City receives an application to amend the MTFP, staff evaluates the proposed request and studies the adjoining area's major roadway network. The Planning Department (P&D) may identify and evaluate other options in the area, other than the one submitted by the applicant. Such options will be presented as alternatives at the Open House so that all interested parties are aware of options being considered by P&D and Planning Commission.

Q I received a letter from the City. Why? What does this have to do with me?

A If you have received a notice in the mail from the City, it means that our records show you own property that may be located close to or that may be impacted by a proposed amendment to the MTFP. Please read the enclosed report to learn more about the proposed amendment that may impact you and your property.

Q My property is located in the County, not within the City limits. Why is the City dealing with issues in the County?

A The MTFP covers not just the major road network within the City limits, but also within the City's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). This allows transportation needs to be addressed on a regional basis.

Q I am concerned about a proposed amendment. What can I do?

A First, you can find out more about the amendment request in the following ways:

- Read the report that was included in the mail out; see other helpful links on our website (*see below*)
- Go on-line to review the application and letter of justification submitted by the applicant:
↳ www.houstonplanning.com– click 2016 MTFP Amendment Requests under Announcements
- Attend the public open house to meet with the applicant, talk to City staff & fill out a comment form:
↳ Tue. June 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m., United Way Community Resource Center, 50 Waugh Drive, Houston, TX 77007 (*see map on reverse*)
- Contact the Planning Department staff and/or the applicant

Then, if you would like to make your concerns known to the City you can:

- Write an email, letter or fax to the City expressing your concerns
- Attend the **public hearing** and speak directly to the Planning Commission
↳ Thurs. July 14, 2:30 p.m., City Hall Annex Chambers, 900 Bagby, Houston, TX 77002 (*see map on reverse*)

Q What is going to happen at the public open house on June 14? (*see map on reverse*)

A There will be map displays and information about each amendment request. You can walk around and view the information and learn more about the amendment requests that are of interest to you. You will also be able to have one-on-one conversation with the applicants and P&D staff. Also, you can learn more about what will happen at the public hearing and how you can best express your concerns to the Planning Commission.

Q What is going to happen at the public hearing on July 14? (*see map on reverse*)

A The Planning Commission holds a public hearing to provide an opportunity for concerned citizens to make their views known publicly. Comments submitted by July 1, using the online comment form on the website (refer to instructions above to locate the link on the website), will also be taken into account by the Planning Commission in making a decision on amendment requests. Additionally, the Commission will weigh information provided by the P&D staff and other government agencies concerned about transportation in our region.

Q Who decides what to do?

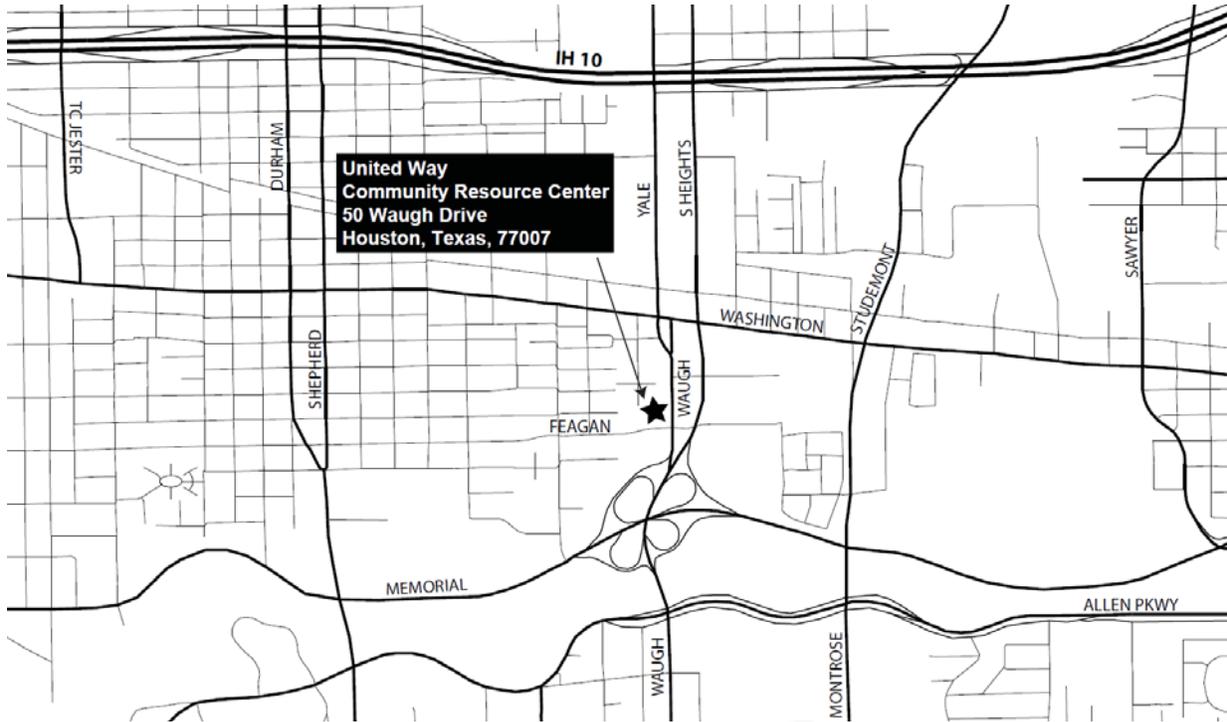
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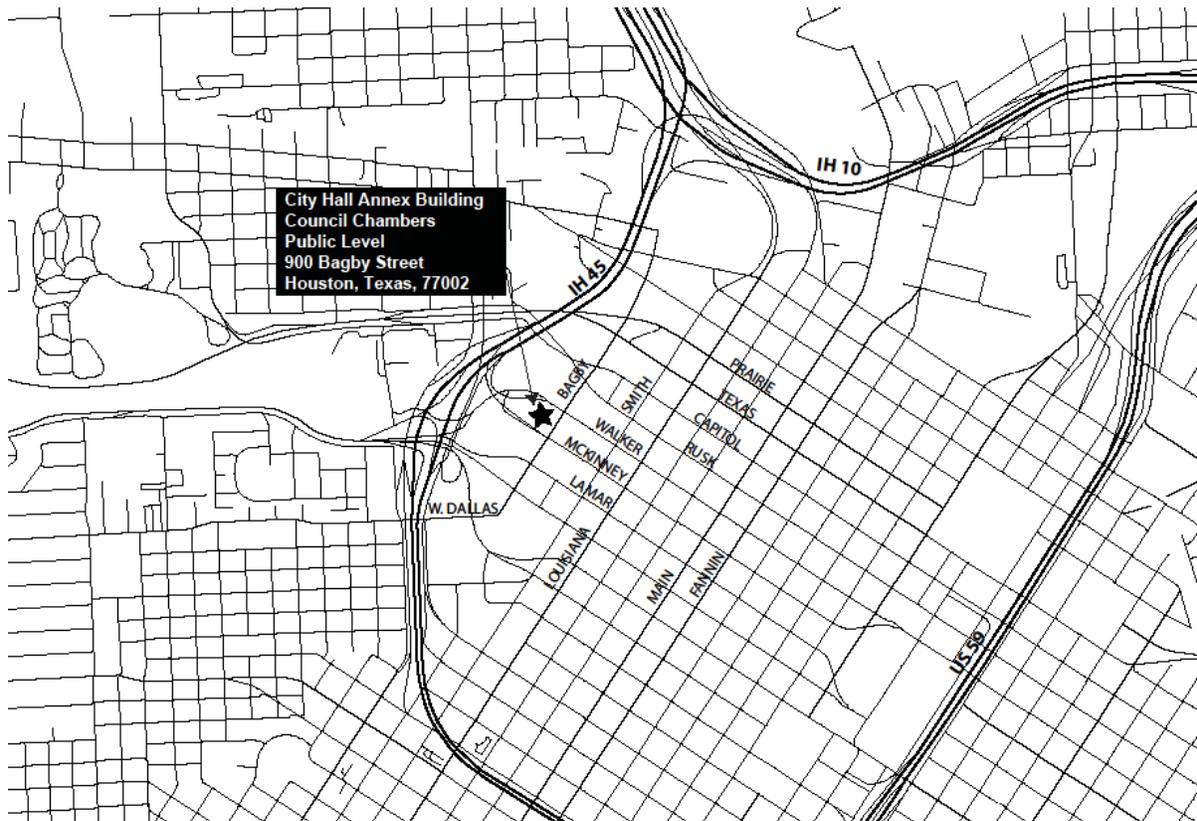
Mailing address: P.O. Box 1562 Houston Texas, 77251-1562

Physical address: 611 Walker, HoustonTexas, 77002

Map of Public Open House Location, Tuesday, June 14, 2016 (5:30 - 7:30 p.m.)



Map of Public Hearing Location, Thursday, July 14, 2016 (2:30 p.m.)



PRELIMINARY REPORT

F9: Schiel Road

APPLICANT: Harris County Engineering Department

KEY MAP: 327 N, P Q, R; 328 N

JURISDICTION: Harris County

LAMBERT: 4567, 4667, 4767

DISTRICT/PRECINCT:

Harris County Pct. 3, 4

PROPOSAL:

The Harris County Engineering Department (HC) is requesting the deletion Schiel Road from Cypress Rosehill Road to Telge Road on the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP). Additionally, HC requests the reclassification of Schiel Road from Telge Road to Grant Road from a Major Thoroughfare to a Major Collector.

APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION and HISTORY:

This corridor lies within the Little Cypress Creek floodway and floodplain. The designated alignment may impact a cemetery and a Harris County park. Barker Cypress Road is currently a proposed Major Thoroughfare that would run north-south and will remain on the MTFP because it is regionally significant thoroughfare. When Barker Cypress Road is eventually constructed across this creek, it may have to be elevated a significant distance above Little Cypress Creek to satisfy Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) bridge regulations. With the proposed Barker Cypress Road bridge requirements and its proximity to Schiel Road, construction of a Schiel/Barker Cypress intersection along Little Cypress Creek would be challenging.

With the removal of this corridor from the MTFP, the County is planning a future connection of Louetta Road across Little Cypress Creek connecting to Spring Cypress Road. This is on the County's future implementations projects list and is planned to be constructed as funds are made available. With this connection and the construction of a small segment of Louetta Road in the Cypress Fields subdivision, traffic operations at the two Telge/Spring Cypress intersections will be improved.

This same amendment was submitted back in 2013 and 2015 for consideration. At that time, it was not supported by the City's Planning & Development Department and Public Works and Engineering Department. They cited insufficient demonstration of the traffic impacts and a shortage of hard data regarding the county's claim of infeasible construction. The City recommended that the County provide updated information and justification to reconsider this amendment.

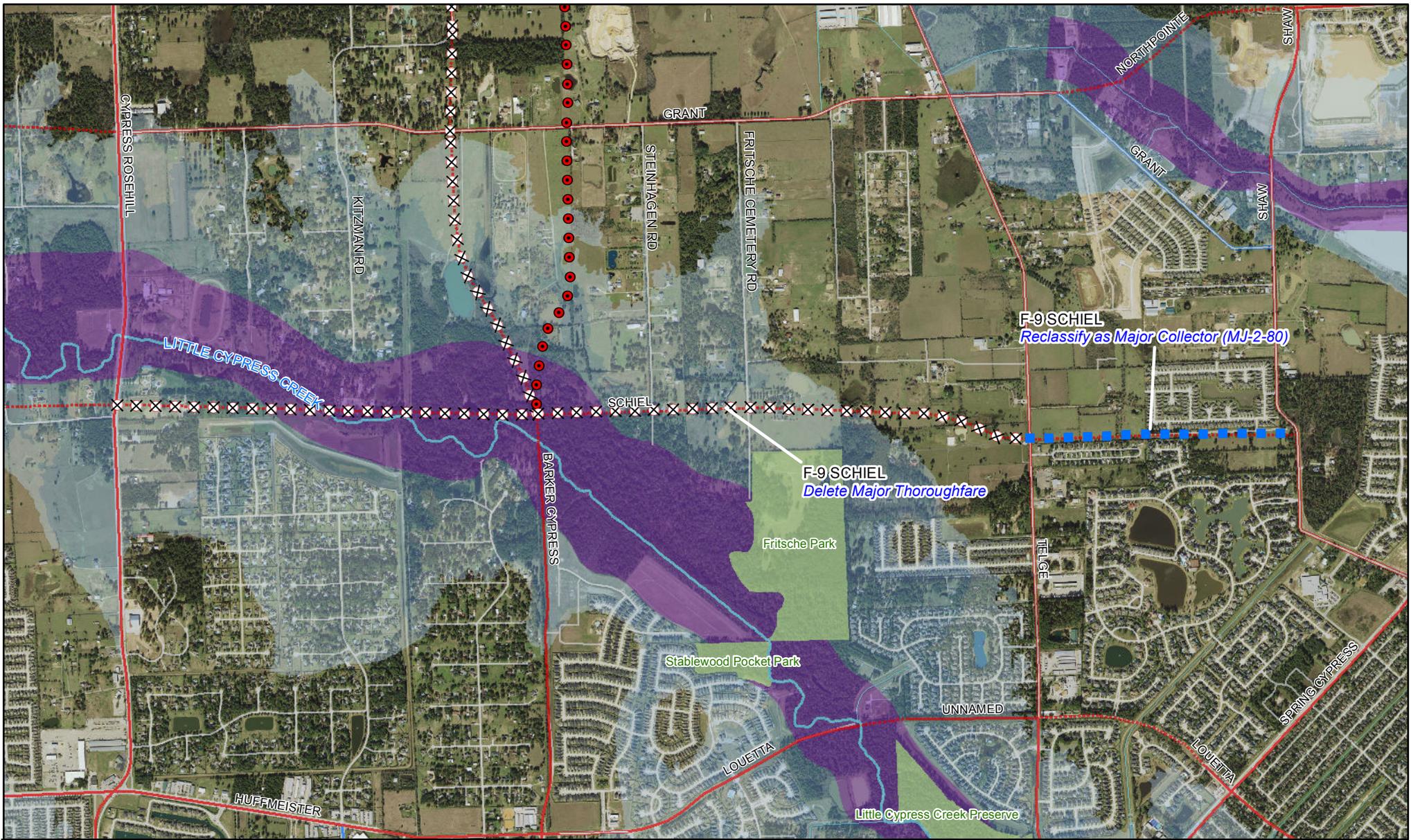
Harris County states that a study was conducted farther upstream along Little Cypress Creek. As a result of the study, Commissioners' Court on October 27, 2015 recommended that a deed restriction be executed associated with the Army Corps of Engineers in connection with the Grant Road and Kitzman Road drainage and wetland mitigation project. This deed restriction impacts properties on the eastern edge of the Grant Road LLC tract and Harris County tracts currently bisected by the current Schiel Road alignment. This deed restriction will prevent road development for Schiel Road within these two tracts. Furthermore, Schiel Road cannot be feasibly re-routed to the south due to existing development.

PRELIMINARY REPORT

It is proposed that Schiel Road between Telge Road to Grant Road be reclassified as a Major Collector. Having Schiel Road removed from the MTFP between Cypress Rosehill to Telge, will leave the Telge to Grant corridor as a 3/4 mile long corridor with no future opportunity of extending this west of Telge. A Major Collector for this short distance would make more sense than a Major Thoroughfare in that the traffic volumes may not warrant a Major Thoroughfare classification. Schiel cannot be extended east of Grant because of existing subdivisions to the east. This Major Collector would lie approximately halfway between Spring-Cypress Road, a Major Thoroughfare to the south and future Northpointe/Grant Road to the north. At the future intersection of Schiel and Grant, the intersection will be at a skew which may violate county traffic geometrics. A possible solution may be to realign Grant or to realign Schiel to make a T intersection. Harris County is still considering alternatives for this proposed intersection

Schiel Road first appeared on the MTFP in 1966. This served as a thoroughfare which extended from the western edge of Harris County to Spring Cypress Road terminating at Ella Blvd. In 1982, the alignment split at US 290 creating a gap between Badtke and Becker Roads where the separation exists today. At this time, the alignment existed from Becker Road to Spring Cypress Road just west of north Eldridge Parkway. In 1994, the major thoroughfare map was amended to terminate the Schiel Road alignment at Grant Road.

Major Collectors are public streets that accumulate traffic from local streets and Minor Collectors for distribution to the Major Thoroughfare. A Major Collector street may have commercial, residential or have mixed uses abutting.



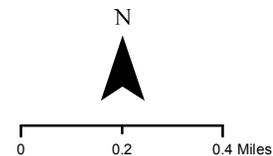
2016 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan Recommendation: F-9 Schiel Road

2016 MTFP Amendment

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| Add | —●— | Reclassify | Street Class | —■— |
| Realign | —⊙— | | ROW Width | —▲— |
| Remove | —X— | | No. Lanes | —◆— |

2015 MTFP

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|-------------------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| Freeway | —■— | Local Street | — |
| Major Thoroughfare | —■— | Railroad | —+— |
| Major Collector | —■— | Waterway | —■— |
| Minor Collector | —■— | Park | ■ |
| Transit Corridor Street | —■— | | |



Vicinity Map