

July 25th, 2019

Mayor Sylvester Turner  
City of Houston  
901 Bagby St.  
Houston, TX 77002

**Re: TPC Agenda Item #8 – NHHIP Segment 2 Funding**

Mayor Turner,

I request that the City of Houston support the delay of Item #8 on the Transportation Policy Council's agenda, a resolution approving a funding partnership with TXDOT for Segment 2 of the NHHIP. Before we as a region consider giving this project our financial support, the NHHIP needs to first be a project that the Houston community, especially those neighborhoods in District H that are directly adjacent to I-45, can support. The communities I represent have made it clear that is not where they stand at this time.

While this project does indeed have the potential to be transformational for our city and solve longstanding safety issues that exist with the current highway design, it also may further subject our residents to flooding, air quality issues, and limitations on inter-neighborhood mobility. We must demand that TXDOT work with us and our communities to address these impacts and deliver a project that is beneficial to all our residents, including those who live next to the highway.

Thank you for your consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Karla Cisneros  
Council Member, District H

CC: Council Members Martha Castex-Tatum, Amanda Edwards, David Robinson