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Dear Urban Corridor Planning participants,

It is an exciting and interesting time for the City’s Urban Corridor Planning initiative.

After a long and productive process, the work of our consultants is coming to a close. They conducted a vast amount of research into the neighborhoods and conditions along METRO’s light rail corridors, engaged in a thoughtful conversation with the community through a series of public workshops, and put tremendous effort into producing ideas and recommendations. These ideas and recommendations are contained in reports that we are now releasing.

In addition to our consultants’ work, we have received input from ongoing dialogue with our Stakeholder Group, citizens and businesses in the corridors, and the real estate and development community. We are considering all of this input as we determine how we will go forward with modified City policies for development and infrastructure. Whatever we adopt, it has to make sense for Houston. Therefore, it is important to understand that actual development and infrastructure policies drafted by the City may differ from the guidelines presented in the consultants’ reports.

The City will continue working to develop new policies that will smoothly integrate the Urban Corridors concepts into our communities. We look forward to the continued involvement of our citizens and businesses as we move ahead.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Houston Planning Commission