

# PRELIMINARY REPORT

## H-1: North-South Collector Road (Graceview Drive) between Holderrieth Road and Triechel Road

**APPLICANT:** Harris County Engineering Department

**PRECINCT:** Harris County Pct. 4

**JURISDICTION:** Harris County

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** N/A

### PROPOSAL:

Harris County Engineering Department (HCED) is requesting the addition of a north-south collector road (Graceview Drive) located between future Holderrieth Road and existing Triechel Road as a two-lane, 60 ft. ROW minor collector (MN-2-60) to the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP).

**Alternative:** Realigning the collector road north of future Graceview Baptist Church and traveling a westerly direction along the southern property line of the Apitx 3 LLC property. This road would make a connection with Telge Road to avoid the floodplain and floodway.

### APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION and HISTORY:

The north-south road (Graceview Drive) was a condition for an approved and disapproved variances from previous approved plats from the Houston Planning Commission.

In 2016, the Houston Planning Commission approved a general plan called Pigs Unlimited International located along Triechel Road northwest of the subject site. The variance was to exceed intersection spacing, and part of staff's justification was that a better opportunity for connectivity would be through the larger tracts to the east, which is directly north of the subject site.

In 2018, the Houston Planning Commission denied a variance for the plat Willow Creek Ranch Sec 10 to allow intersection spacing of 6,460' along major thoroughfare Holderrieth Road. Instead of the plat dedicating a north-south street, a motion was made from a commission member to have a north-south street be dedicated when the adjacent property develops to the west. The Planning Commission approved the motion. Hence, a north-south street would be dedicated along the eastern plat boundaries of the adjacent western tracts.

In 2019, a plat called Graceview Baptist Church Telge Road was approved which dedicated the entire 60 foot ROW on the eastern half of the property. The road was named Graceview Drive on the plat. As a result from previous plat applications, Harris County is proposing this north-south road.

The collector road would improve north-south connectivity. However, the road would bisect the 100-year floodplain and floodway with a reverse curve across a tributary of Willow Creek, M124-00-00.

Hence, an alternative is presented to realign this collector road to the west just north of the future church site to avoid the floodway and floodplain so there would not be a crossing of creek. The east-west section of the alternative alignment would be located along the southern boundary of the Apitx 3 LLC tract where the panhandle is located.

Both alignments would be located on the edges of agricultural tracts over 10 acres in area to maximize developable area as much as possible while the base collector also bisects tracts owned by Cunningham Interests which are in the floodplain/floodway. The remaining ROW would need to be acquired from property owners when they decide to plat their property. Harris County has no plans to construct this road at this time. This amendment provides a reasonable and efficient roadway system that can be utilized by citizens and visitors of the city of Houston and surrounding region.

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