

# PRELIMINARY REPORT

## H-2: Spring ISD Stadium Loop Road (Cypresswood Heights Drive)

**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 Spring Stadium Loop Road (a.k.a. Cypresswood Heights Drive) from the intersection of Cypresswood Drive/Quailgate Drive to the future intersection of Cypresswood Drive/Cypresswood Heights Drive as a two-lane, 60 ft. ROW minor collector (MN-2-60) to the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP).

### APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION and HISTORY:

The site is located along Cypresswood Boulevard, south of Spring Creek and within the Spring ISD and Pine Grove development tracts.

The Spring Stadium loop road was an agreement between Harris County and the City of Houston from a variance request back in July of 2018 for the plat, Spring ISD New Stadium. When this plat was submitted, Chapter 42 required a north-south and east-west street through the stadium site. In lieu of requiring the ROW to be dedicated through the subject site which would negatively impact site development, Harris County proposed a new collector road alignment which utilizes the recorded plat of Cypresswood Heights Drive before connecting back to Cypresswood Boulevard to the south.

This compromise, which is now proposed as a 2019 MTFP collector amendment, will both achieve ROW dedication (N/S) with this plat, as well as with future properties to both north and south.

Through Coordination with Spring ISD, the City of Houston and Harris County Engineering Department (HCED), the Houston Planning Commission granted the variances on the condition that Spring ISD dedicate a portion of the newly proposed collector loop road through their site by separate instrument prior to plat recordation. The portion of the street was recorded in February 2019. Harris County felt that amending the major thoroughfare plan this year would then help ensure the loop road gets constructed in the future particularly with pending developments in the area.

In 2019, a general plan and preliminary section none plat called Pine Grove was approved by the Houston Planning Commission. The Pine Grove development to the south formerly the Pinnannemi tract is to continue the loop road design and construct the southern leg of the roadway intersecting with Cypresswood Drive.

Spring ISD was only obligated to dedicate a roadway easement while other adjacent developers (CET Limited, Pulte Group) would be responsible for the dedication and construction of the remaining sections within their properties. Harris County has no plans to build this road at this time.

The stadium site would be utilized for high school sporting events which generate a lot of traffic during the event. The justification of the roadway is to accommodate the traffic generated by the sporting events and future residential developments. The loop road would be approximately 1.75 miles in length and would bisect proposed residential developments. It is unknown of the land use for CET limited at this time.

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Having north –south and east-west streets constructed was a challenge because of the land use as a stadium, Spring Creek with the county Greenway project to the north, wildlife preserve to the east, and large drainage channels east and south of the Spring ISD tract limiting street patterns. The proposed loop road network would be the best option.

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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