PRELIMINARY REPORT

G: South Wayside

APPLICANT: Knudson LP

PRECINCT: Harris County Pct. 1

JURISDICTION: City of Houston COUNCIL DISTRICT: D

PROPOSAL:

Knudson LP – on behalf of Mark and Victoria Ellis – is requesting the deletion of Major Thoroughfare South Wayside Drive from Airport Boulevard to Orem Drive in the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan.

APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION and HISTORY:

The applicant's proposal intends to reroute existing and future vehicular traffic along existing major thoroughfares Orem, Mykawa and Airport to reach the thoroughfare alignment of Wayside Drive west of Mykawa at Airport. The applicant cites Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) proposal to build State Highway 35 along Mykawa Road as a future project that will increase north/south vehicular traffic capacity in the area. The applicant states that due to this potential future highway project, the City of Houston can avoid spending additional funds for construction of South Wayside at Martindale.

Although the applicant is not requesting to address the alignment of South Wayside north of Airport, they provide historical aerial imagery of park improvements through Law Park blocking the alignment of proposed South Wayside north of Airport. Most of the park improvements would have to be removed to accommodate the alignment of the South Wayside extension north of Airport.

South Wayside was initially added to the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan in 1955 where it crossed over Mykawa Road north of Bellfort, curved east slightly before Sims Bayou and then continued due South. In 1966, South Wayside looked to align with present-day Mykawa from north of Bellfort to just south of Airport, where the alignment curved southwest before continuing due south. The more detailed 1972 MTFP map shows that the South Wayside alignment curved from Mykawa at Airport to the present-day alignment of South Wayside south of Orem. In the 1990 MTFP, Wayside terminated just north of Bellfort at Mykawa. The Wayside alignment started again at Airport and curved southeast starting at Selinsky, continuing south along its present-day alignment from Orem to Houston City Limits. SH35 was also shown as a proposed alignment terminating at Bellfort with a shaded area from Bellfort to Houston City Limits between South Wayside and Mykawa. The 2000 MTFP added the extension of South Wayside north of Airport connecting to Wayside east of Mykawa.

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