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At-Large, Position 5

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

RE: Support of Houston United's Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program Application for the Houston United Highway Caps

It is my pleasure to express support for Houston United's FY 2024 Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program grant application for Houston United Highway Caps over the North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP) planning efforts. Houston United is a locally-led effort to reimagine these individual caps as more than transportation infrastructure designed by the state, but as a corridor of civic opportunities designed by the community with neighborhood hubs, recreational areas, shade, and multimodal travel that can connect and reintegrate long-divided neighborhoods.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is currently planning and designing Segment 3 of the NHHIP, which will reconstruct and widen I-45 through Houston. The caps would connect Downtown, East Downtown, Second Ward Midtown and Greater Third Ward.

These caps will reconnect our neighborhoods, provide greenspace and shade to areas sorely lacking, improve air quality and heat island conditions, and improve access for travelers using all modes. It is an equitable and inclusive approach to using regional transportation investments.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sallie Alcorn".

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