



February 24, 2026

Office of Commissioner Rodney Ellis
1001 Preston, 9th Floor
Houston, Texas 77002

RE: Greater Southeast Management District HCP1 Partnership Support

Dear Commissioner Ellis,

I support The Greater Southeast Management District's Almeda and Martin Luther King Boulevard Gateway Projects. These corridors are critical entry points to the District and within Precinct 1. This grant will enable GSEMD to further develop plans and conceptual designs for these roadway to create improvements to enhance pedestrian safety, provide a more comfortable experience, improve transit connections, and add lighting and shade.

The District is seeking funding to complete planning and conceptual design that has already been started under other projects. This portion of Houston has grown rapidly in recent years and has historically been under-served. The community has recently participated in several past planning efforts and has shown an interest in these projects.

The project aims to fulfill the community's needs, improve regional infrastructure, increase travel time efficiency, and connect opportunities for housing, employment, education, activities, and recreation. The requested funds will aid the District in advancing the goals of the Almeda Tree Lighting Pilot, The Open Space Tree Maintenance Plan and The Urban Design Maintenance Plan to improve road safety and comfort for the greater surrounding area.

Thank you for your consideration,

COUNCIL MEMBER SALLIE ALCORN, AT-LARGE 5