

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

**IH 10 at White Oak Bayou
Flood Mitigation Pond Project**

**HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
CSJ: 0271-07-292**

Public Meeting

June 8, 2006

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sinclair Elementary School

6410 Grovewood Lane

Houston, Texas 77008

Presented by:



In association with:



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IH 10 at White Oak Bayou Flood Mitigation Pond Project Public Meeting Summary

- Meeting Date:** June 8, 2006
- Meeting Location:** Sinclair Elementary School
6410 Grovewood Lane
Houston, Texas 77008
- Meeting Purpose:** To inform the public and stakeholders of the proposed flood mitigation pond project and to obtain their comments and concerns.
- Meeting Format:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Open house format for public viewing and comment
- Attendance:** Citizens – 74
Elected Officials (includes representatives of officials) – 7
- Media:** None
- Publications:** *Houston Chronicle* – 05/08/06, 05/29/06
La Voz (Spanish) – 05/10/06, 05/31/06
Heights Leader – 05/11/06, 06/01/06
- Meeting Summary:** The public meeting allowed for comments and questions regarding the proposed flood mitigation pond project, pond locations, displacement issues, and project implementation time-line.

The following is a tabulation of the written comments received as a result of the public meeting:

Issue (Number of comments concerning issue)

- In favor of A8 (1)
- In favor of A9 (4)
- In favor of proposed project (4)
- Statement regarding owner is willing to sell property (1)
- Suggestion to locate flood mitigation ponds in undeveloped areas upstream (2)
- Suggestion to audit recent developments to make sure flood projects work as designed (1)
- Suggestion that alternative modes of travel should be encouraged (1)
- Suggestion that detention basins should be built as multiple use facility (4)
- Suggestion that 3:1 slopes should be 6 or 8:1 (1)
- Suggestion regarding placement of mitigation ponds in other areas (3)
- Suggestion to include community in planning process (3)

Suggestion to present demographic information at public meeting (1)
Suggestion that area A3 not be selected (1)
Suggestion that TxDOT be more involved with public (2)
Suggestion that developmental regulations be enforced (1)
Concern that public was not sufficiently notified (2)
Concern that information regarding plan is not available to public (5)
Concern that calculations regarding storage space and floodplain elevations are inaccurate and will not be enough to reduce flooding (3)
Concern that social impacts were not addressed (1)
Concern that this project will benefit IH 10 and not residential areas (3)
Concern regarding frontage roads project and evidence of support opposing project (5) - *(Comments on the frontage roads will be addressed with the project. These comments are not germane to the detention pond project).*
Concern that A5 already serves as detention area (1)
Question regarding construction schedule (1)

Public Meeting Attendants

Texas Department of Transportation

Larry Blackburn, P.E.

Shiane Blease-Staine

Dr. Stanley Cooper

Kirk Dixon

Pat Henry

Joe Liggio

William Lockett

Richard Murr

Susan Theiss

Alan Wang, P.E.

Sarah Wyckoff

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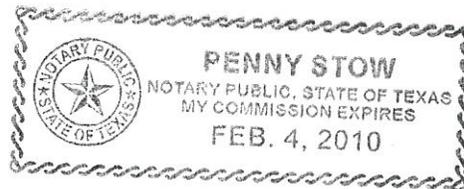
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Additional right-of-way will be required for the proposed action. Personnel from the TxDOT Right-of-Way Division will be available to discuss the procedures, benefits, programs, and provide other needed information regarding land acquisition. Persons interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT at 713-802-5072 at least two days prior to the meeting. TxDOT offices are open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding national holidays. Since the public meeting will be conducted in English, any request for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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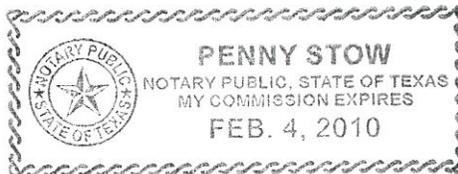
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Todos los ciudadanos interesados son invitados a asistir a esta reunión y expresar sus puntos de vista. Los comentarios escritos acerca del proyecto propuesto pueden ser presentados en la reunión o por escrito al Director del Desarrollo de Proyecto, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas, 77251-1386, en cualquier momento, el o antes del 18 de Junio de 2006.

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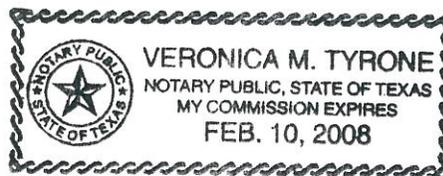
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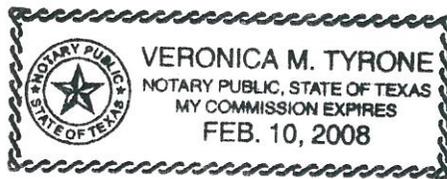
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|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------|------------|
| 032-193-000-0007 | 1608 BONNER ST PARTNERSHIP | | | PO BOX 980684 | HOUSTON | TX | 77098-0684 |
| 032-193-000-0009 | 1610 BONNER ST PARTNERSHIP | | | PO BOX 980684 | HOUSTON | TX | 77098-0684 |
| 032-193-000-0010 | 2P Holdings LLC | | | 515 S Flowers St STE 3500 | L.A. | CA | 90071 |
| 011-221-003-0010 | Abbie Lee Wilson | 1905 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 1905 Bonner St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 007-312-000-0001 | ABC Auto Parts | | | 2120 Shepard Drive | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 032-193-000-0043 | ANDREW PARKER | | | 524 S HOUSTON AVE | HUMBLE | TX | 77338-4762 |
| 040-031-000-0010 | AURTHUR ETUX WILLIAMS | | | 4634 LARKSPUR ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77051-2828 |
| 038-269-000-0004 | Banani Kamal | 1608 Patterson St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 611 Brittmoore Rd | Houston | TX | 77079 |
| 038-269-000-0004 | Banani Kamal | | | 1608 Patterson Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 040-117-000-0011 | Berger Iron Works, Inc | | | 1414 Bonner Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 011-221-002-0012 | BILLY WASHINGTON | 4123 Kolb St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 3360 TAMPA ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77021-1144 |
| 058-105-000-0001 | BIZHAN PEZESHKI | | | 16418 CANARIO DR | HOUSTON | TX | 77083-3768 |
| Back-up address | BLAIR CARPENTER | | | 1914 Bonner | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 032-193-000-0020 | BLAIR CARPENTER, John Fechter | 1912 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 1912 Bonner St | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| 032-193-000-0021 | BLAIR CARPENTER, John Fechter | 0 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 905 1/2 Knox St | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Citizen | Bonnie Green | | | 4120 Kolb | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 038-262-000-0016 | C D Benson | | | 691 Bishop Road | Huntsville | TX | 77320 |
| 034-211-000-0003,4 | C H Nelson Estate c/o Libbie Nelson | | | 1801 Thompson St | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 121-924-001-0001 | Cal-Tex Citrus Juice, Inc. | | | P.O. Box 7600 | Houston | TX | 77270 |
| 032-193-000-0004 | Celilio Alverado | | | 4002 Spencer St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 032-193-000-0067 | Charles & Ruby Davis | | | 1604 Bonner St | houston | TX | 77007 |
| 040-031-000-0106 | CHARLES E BLANTON II | | | 1607 E Bonner St | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| Citizen | Charles Kuffman | | | 3014 Norhill | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 038-261-000-0006 | Choice Development and Construction | 4333 Marina Street | | 1310 Nance St | Houston | TX | 77002 |
| 038-261-000-0006 | Choice Development and Construction | | | 4333 Marina Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Citizen | Chris Ellinger | | | 6331 Wynnwood | Houston | TX | 77008 |
| 032-193-000-0030 | Church Baptist Bethlehem | | | 1710 Bonner | Houston | TX | 77000 |
| 040-032-000-0006-9 | CITY OF HOUSTON | | | PATTERSON ST. INCINERATOR C-1 | HOUSTON | TX | 77000 |
| 040-031-000-0021 | CLIFT MARY PAMELA | 1913 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 1115 COUNTRY PLACE DR | HOUSTON | TX | 77079-4739 |
| 124-750-001-0002 | Clyde F & Susan E Certain | | | 1606 Bonner St | HOUSTON | TX | 77007-3516 |
| 124-750-001-0003 | Daryl Seaton | | | 1614 Bonner St | HOUSTON | TX | 77007-3516 |
| 034-211-000-0005,6,9 | DAVID BAGGETT | | | 420 W 33RD ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77018-7606 |
| Citizen | David Danburg | | | 2615 Thelma | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Citizen | Delores Thomas | | | 4114 Kolb St | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Citizen | Dorothy Jones | | | 1906 Bonner | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 040-031-000-0070 | E A James | | | 41175 Marina Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 040-031-000-0031 | E.O. KEITH | | | 5206 ROSE ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| 040-033-000-0018 | ENRIQUETA CARDONA | 2215 Patterson | Houston, TX 77007 | 2217 PATTERSON ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| 342-110-000-0007 | ESPERANZA D CONTRERAS | | | 1617 1/2 SHELBY | HOUSTON | TX | 77009 |
| 034-209-000-0005 | Estate of Lucille H Edwards | | | 4223 Marina Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 342-110-000-0008 | Evarista Ocampe | | | 1815 Thompson St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 021-047-000-0001 | EVELYN MCKINLEY SCHNEIDER | 357 Yale Street | Houston, TX 77007 | 14 WEST LN | HOUSTON | TX | 77019-1008 |
| 021-047-000-0004 | Evelyn McKinley Schneider | | | 14 West Lane | Houston | TX | 77019 |
| Citizen | Evelyn Shanley | | | 1815 West 14th Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Citizen | Frances Allday | | | 2507 Haverhill | Houston | TX | |
| 342-110-000-0010 | Frances Flaniken | | | 1811 Thompson St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |

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| Citizen | G. Garcia | | | 1311 Nashua | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 038-262-000-0015 | Gholam Ali Gaspidi | | | 9318 Lugary Dr | Houston | TX | 77074 |
| 040-031-000-0051 | GREATER EMMANUEL CHURCH | | | 8711 Talton ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77028 |
| 032-193-000-0003 | Guadalupe Saldana | | | 4004 Spencer St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 032-193-000-0034 | Harris County Flood Control | | | 9900 Northwest Freeway | Houston | TX | 77092 |
| 011-221-002-0016 | HATTIE MAE ALLEN | 4107 Kolb St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 4602 EIGEL ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| Citizen | Hayley Pallister | | | 3000 Richmond Avenue | Houston | TX | 77098 |
| 124-750-001-0007 | Heather Yoki | | | 1601 A Bonner St | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| 058-105-000-0003 | Henry Carey | | | 4205 Chester St | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 058-105-000-0004 | Henry Carey | | | 1621 Demaree Ln | Houston | TX | 77029 |
| 058-105-000-0008 | Herman Murphy | | | 4206 Marina St | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 040-031-000-032 | Houston Neartown Development LTD % And | 1919 Bonner | | 1405 Durham Dr | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 011-221-003-0009, 040-031-000- | HOUSTON TX FIRE FIGHTERS | 4130 Kolb St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 4200 KOLB ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| 044-082-000-0748 | INTOWNHOMES LTD | TC Jester Blvd | Houston, TX 77007 | 5177 Richmond Ave STE 1166 | HOUSTON | TX | 77056 |
| Back-up address | J.T. Shivers | | | 111 River Glyn | Houston | TX | 77063 |
| 032-193-000-0002 | JAMES A SIMS JR | | | 4821 NEW ORLEANS ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77020-4622 |
| 040-031-000-034 | JAMES BUSBY | 1925 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | PO BOX 1455 | VICTORVILLE | CA | 92393-1455 |
| 040-031-000-027 | JANET ADAMS | 1922 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 6022 CERRITOS DR | HOUSTON | TX | 77035-4118 |
| 040-031-000-025 | JEROME OLSEN | 1918 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | PO BOX 132051 | HOUSTON | TX | 77219-2051 |
| Citizen | Jill Whitter | | | 402 Byrne St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 058-105-000-0007 | Jimmy and Carolyn Living Trust | | | 8618 BRIDGEFOOT LN | HOUSTON | TX | 77064-8011 |
| Citizen | John Taliaferro | | | 6226 Linton | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 011-221-002-0018 | JOSEPH AUSTIN | 0 Kolb St | Houston, TX 77007 | 1401 BLODGETT ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77004-5056 |
| 032-193-000-0018 | JOYCE THOMAS | 1812 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 1904 BONNER ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| 011-221-002-0015 | JT SHIVERS | 1810 Bonover St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 1111 RIVER GLYNN DR | HOUSTON | TX | 77063-1516 |
| 124-750-001-0004 | Judy L and James L Paukert | | | 1605 B Bonner St | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| Citizen | Justin Hodge | | | 1118 Grovewood | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 058-105-000-0010 | Kay Francis Foster | | | 4210 Marina St | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 032-193-000-0071 | Keith Blecher | | | 10622 Piping Rock Lane | Houston | TX | 77042 |
| 058-105-000-0006 | KEITH ERBIN FAMILY LTD | | | 5206 ROSE ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| 011-221-003-0001 | KENDRA CROOMS | 0 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 7226 WIMBERLY OAKS LN | RICHMOND | TX | 77469-1587 |
| 011-221-003-0003 | KEY WEST Interests LLC | 4104 Kolb | Houston, TX 77007 | PO BOX 7386 | HOUSTON | TX | 77248 |
| 040-033-000-0015,16 | KEY WEST Interests LLC | 0 Patterson | Houston, TX 77007 | PO BOX 7386 | HOUSTON | TX | 77248-7386 |
| 011-221-002-0017 | Kim Yvette Sarvar | 1811 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 1811 Bonner St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Landowner | La VanDe Rich | | | 1906 Bonner | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 040-033-000-0030 | Layne Universal Inc. | 1401 Patterson St. | Houston, TX 77007 | PO BOX 1076 | Navasota | TX | 77868 |
| 040-033-000-0030 | Layne Universal Inc. | | | 1401 Patterson | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 034-209-000-0002 | Lettie Preston | 4226 Spencer Street | Houston, TX 77007 | 12623 British Knoll Ct | Houston | TX | 77014 |
| 034-209-000-0002 | Lettie Preston | | | 4226 Spencer Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 034-211-000-0001 | LIBBIE C NELSON | | | PO BOX 70812 | HOUSTON | TX | 77270-0812 |
| Citizen | Linda Shead | | | 712 East 12 1/2 St. | Houston | TX | 77008 |
| 038-262-000-0015 | Louise Doyle | | | 4314 Marina Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Citizen | Marita Burns | | | 213 Parkview | Houston | TX | |
| 034-209-000-0009 | Marjorie Butler | | | 4221 Marina Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 021-470-000-0002 | MARTIAL SCHNEIDER DEDUCTION TRUST C/O NATIONS BANK | | | 700 LOUISIANA ST FL 3 | HOUSTON | TX | 77002-2700 |
| 040-033-000-0020,21 | Martin & Concepcion Zapata | 2221 Patterson | Houston, TX 77007 | 2223 Patterson St | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Citizen | Mick Helfrich | | | 10023 Hernon Meadows Dr. | Houston | TX | 77095 |
| 044-082-000-0565 | Missouri Pacific Railroad Company | | | 1700 Farnam Street, Floor 7 | Omaha | NB | 68102 |

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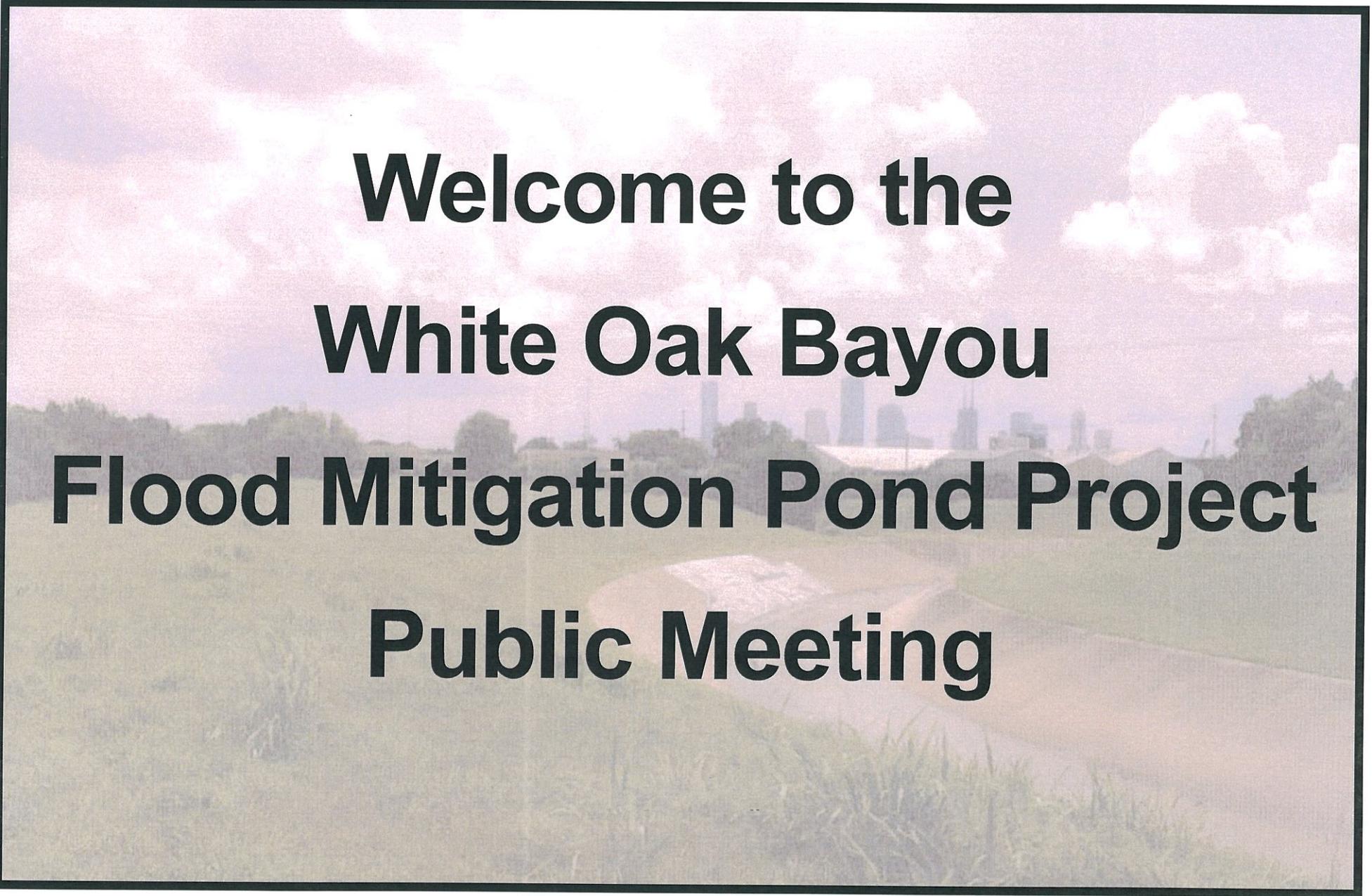
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| 040-031-000-0007 | MOZELL DEARY C/O ROBERT C SANDERS | | | 12119 DUNLAP ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77035-4135 |
| 040-031-000-026 | MRS. AUBREY ALLEN | 1909 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 918 PEACH SPRING DR | HOUSTON | TX | 77088-3616 |
| 032-193-000-0011 | NANCY JONES | | | 4520 INKER ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| 040-031-000-0020 | Nettie Mae Harris | 1913 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 1913 Bonner St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 124-750-001-0001 | NICK JONES | | | 1602 BONNER ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| 040-031-000-0080 | O C Lofton | | | 4119 Marina Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 040-117-000-0015 | PAUL BURNS | | | PO BOX 7584 | HOUSTON | TX | 77270-7584 |
| Nettie Mae letter got returned | Property Owner | | | 1913 Bonner St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Hattie Mae (HCAD listed owner) is | Property Owner | | | 4107 Kolb St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Lettie Preston got returned | Property Owner | | | 4226 Spencer St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Evelyn Schneider got returned. | Property Owner | | | 357 Yale St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Citizen | R. Delgado | | | 6222 Wister Lane | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 032-193-000-0005-6 | RA Interests | | | 14780 Memorial Dr. STE 103 | HOUSTON | TX | 77079 |
| Citizen | Rebecca Reyna | | | 900 Bagby | | | |
| 040-031-000-022 | ROBERT DAVIS JR | 1913 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 7667 RICHARD OSWALD LN | DAYTON | OH | 45426-3821 |
| 032-193-000-0071 | ROBERT HARRELL | 0 Bonner St | Houston, TX 77007 | 660 PIFER RD | HOUSTON | TX | 77024-5434 |
| 040-031-000-0035 | ROBERT JOZWIAK | | | 1430 ALLSTON ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77008-4208 |
| 124-750-001-0006 | Robert Y Schumske | | | 1601 B Bonner St | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| 124-750-001-0005 | Roman G Lejeune | | | 1605 A Bonner | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |
| 034-211-000-0002 | Rosa Norton | | | 1805 Thompson St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 011-221-002-0011 | RUDOLPH RASMUS | 4129 Kolb St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 732 W 27TH ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77008-1704 |
| 011-221-003-0006 | RUDOLPH RASMUS | 4120 Kolb St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 5411 Candlmist Dr | HOUSTON | TX | 77091-5641 |
| 011-221-003-0007 | RUDOLPH RASMUS | 4124 Kolb St 10 | Houston, TX 77007 | 5411 Candlmist Dr | HOUSTON | TX | 77091-5641 |
| 040-033-000-0022 | Ruth Toliver Smith | 2225 Patterson | Houston, TX 77007 | 2225 Patterson St | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 040-117-000-0004 | Sarah Hunt | | | 195 Yale Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 032-193-000-0027-28,31-33,35- | Sarah Hunt | | | 195 Yale Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 040-117-000-0042 | Sarah Hunt | | | 195 Yale Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 021-057-000-0002 | Sarah Hunt | | | 195 Yale Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 040-330-000-0006 | Shee Wong | | | 1419 Patterson Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 040-031-000-0055 | Simplicio Cuevas | | | 4110 Marina St | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 032-193-000-0029 | State Of Texas | | | INT HWY 10 | Houston | TX | 77000 |
| 032-193-000-0047 | State Of Texas | | | INT HWY 10 | Houston | TX | 77000 |
| 058-105-000-0005 | Sterling Family Properties LLC | | | 333 CLAY ST STE 4700 | HOUSTON | TX | 77002-4005 |
| 123-593-000-0001 | Stonewood Complex, L.P. | | | 501 S. Beverly Drive, St 100 | Beverly Hills | CA | 90212 |
| 040-031-000-029,37 | THADDEUS MCCALL C/O NICOLE MCCALL | 1926 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 4401 GREGORY ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77026-4925 |
| 040-031-000-0030 | THERESA REEVES EST. C/O PAMELA GIRDY | | | 11946 DURAN CANYON CT | HOUSTON | TX | 77067-1048 |
| 040-033-000-0019 | Thomas Douglas | 2219 Patterson | Houston, TX 77007 | 13130 Townwood Dr | Houston | TX | 77045 |
| 040-031-000-033 | THOMAS VICKERS | 1921 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 4134 DACCA DR | HOUSTON | TX | 77047-1230 |
| Citizen | Tom Dornbush | | | 6110 Tyne St. | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Citizen | Tom Jersp | | | 1714 White Oak | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 032-193-000-0049 | TRAVIS ERVIN | | | 1610 Bass St | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 401170000005, 0401170000041 | Trinity Industries | | | 3910 Washington Avenue | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 0401170000005, 0401170000041 | Trinity Industries Corporate Tax Manager | | | PO BOX 568887 | Houston | TX | 75356 |
| 032-193-000-0001 | TROY GENZER | | | 4900 FLOYD ST APT 1 # B | HOUSTON | TX | 77007 |

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| 040-031-000-0002, 040-031-000-0080 | Urbanzia, L.P. | | | 1320 Hawthorne Street | Houston | TX | 77006 |
| 040-031-000-0065,70,80 | Urbanzia, L.P. | | | 1320 Hawthorne Street | Houston | TX | 77006 |
| 0400310000002, 0400310000080 | Urbanzia, L.P. | | | 1320 Hawthorne Street | Houston | TX | 77006 |
| 058-105-000-0009 | Velma Murphy | | | 4208 Marina St | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 011-221-002-0013 | VEVA C SHIVERS | 0 Bonner St | Houston, TX 77007 | 1111 RIVER GLYNN DR | HOUSTON | TX | 77063 |
| 040-031-000-023,36 | VICTOR AVALOS | 1913 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | PO BOX 1340 | HOUSTON | TX | 77251-1340 |
| 040-031-000-0045 | VILMA BASS | | | 2106 MCCLENDON ST | HOUSTON | TX | 77030-2110 |
| 032-193-000-0019 | VIRGIE WILSON | 1906 Bonner St. | Houston, TX 77007 | 8819 HILLSGROVE CT | HOUSTON | TX | 77088-3432 |
| 040-031-000-0065 | Walter Henderson | | | 4115 Marina Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| Citizen | Wayne Clark | | | 6231 Queenswood | Houston | TX | 77007 |
| 040-033-000-0023 | Willis Hardy | | | 4512 Eigel Street | Houston | TX | 77007 |

EXHIBITS PRESENTED DURING PUBLIC MEETING



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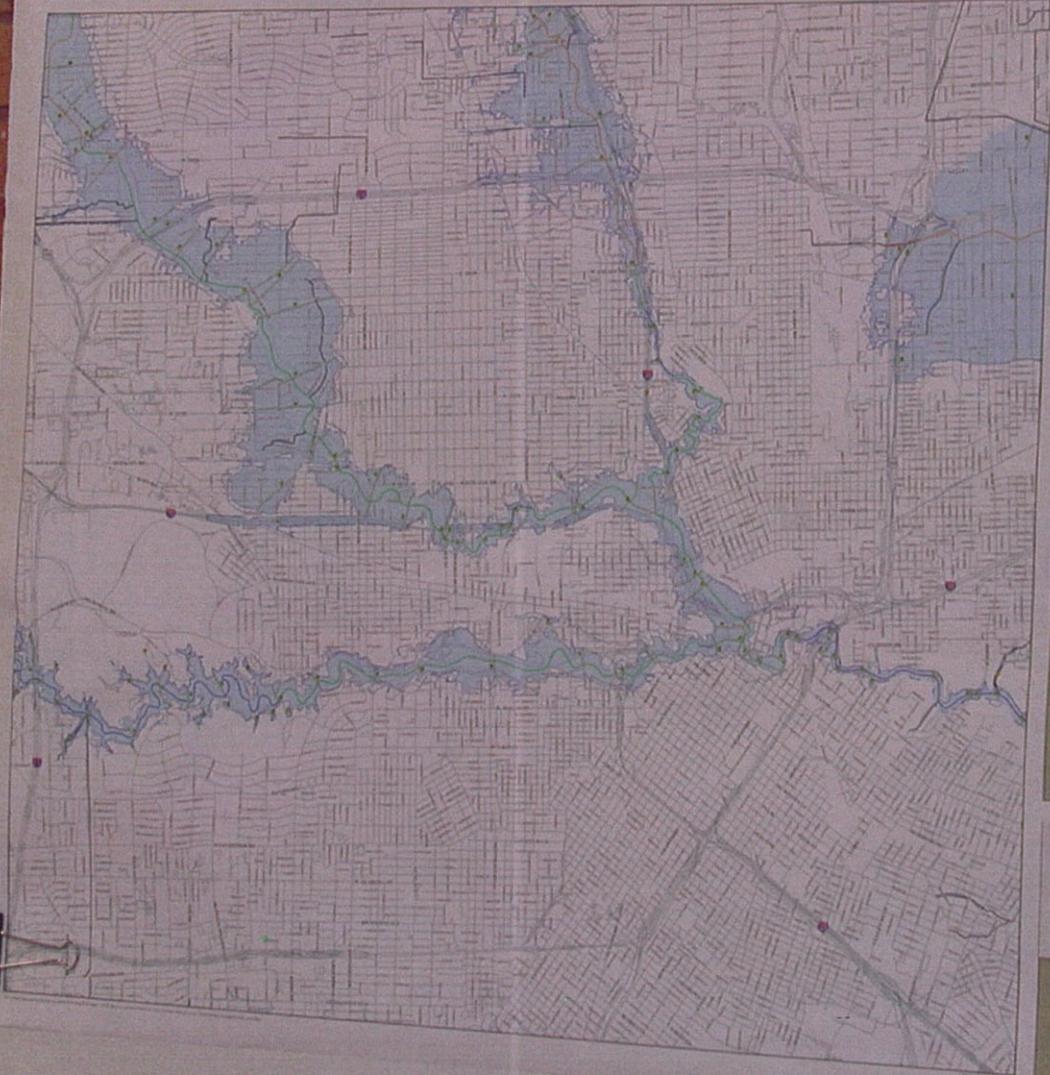
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Mitigate flooding of IH 10 from
Washington Avenue to White Oak Bayou

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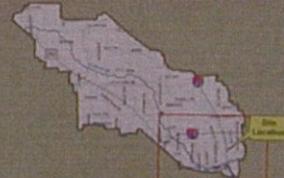
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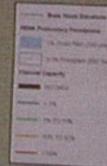


Watershed Vicinity Map



White Oak Bayou

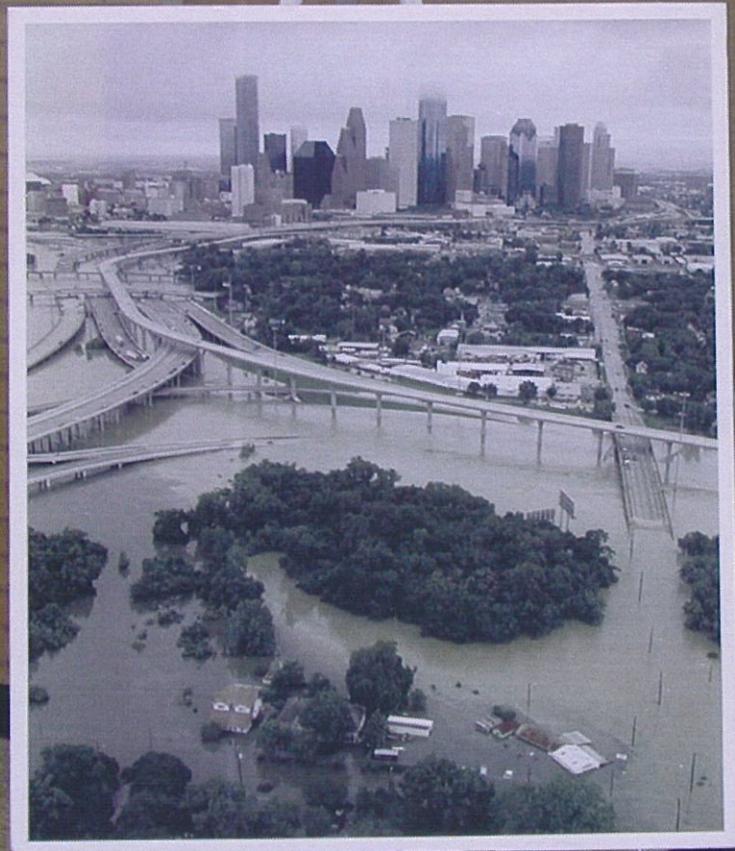
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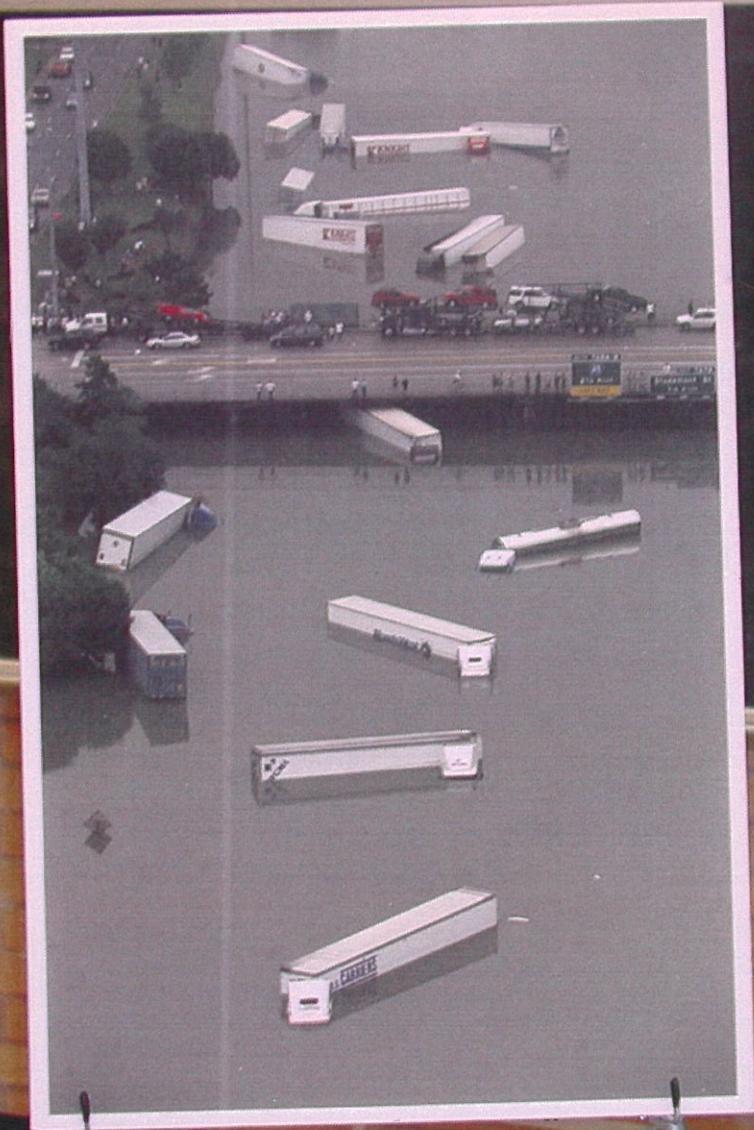


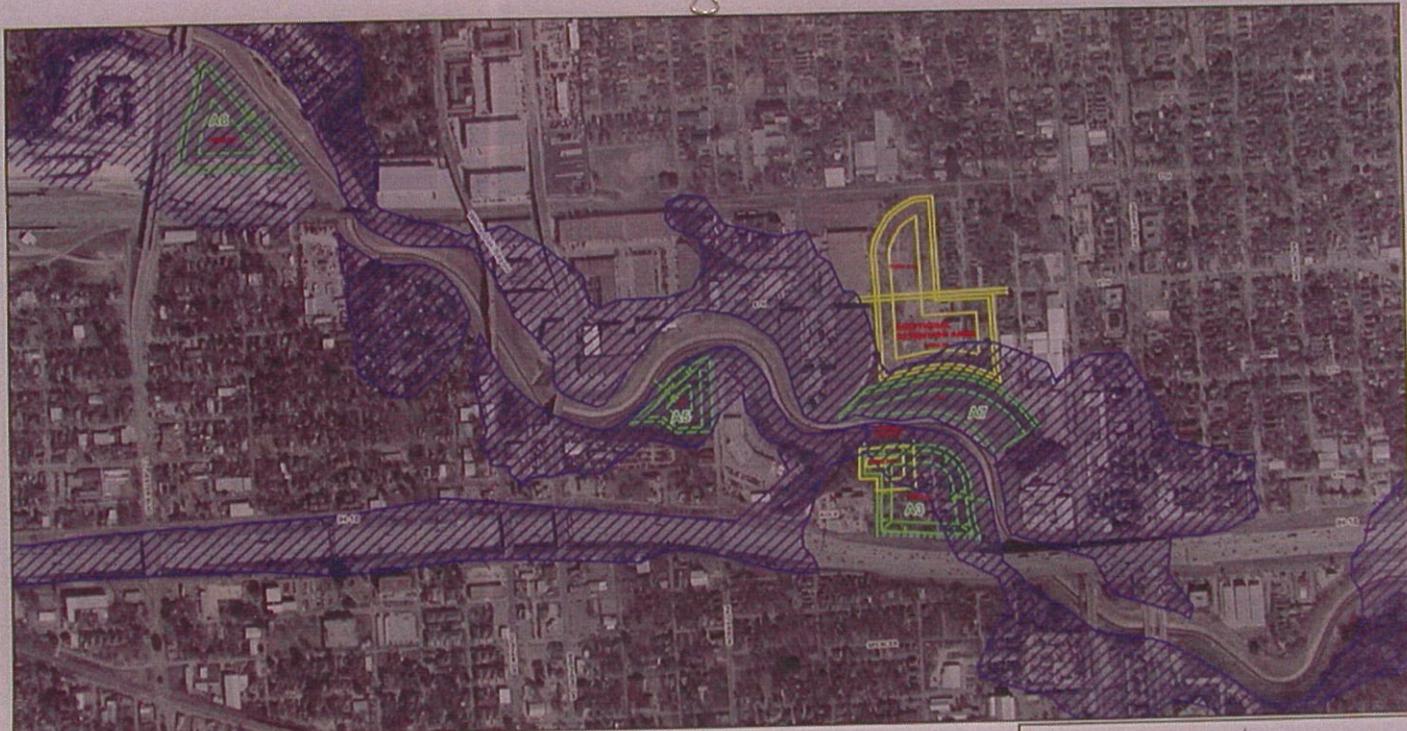
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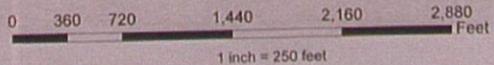




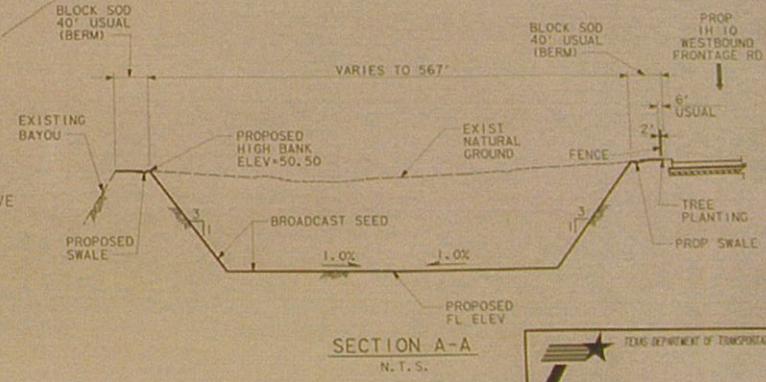
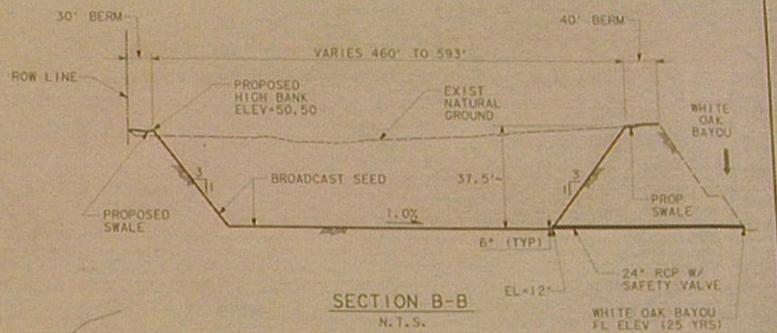
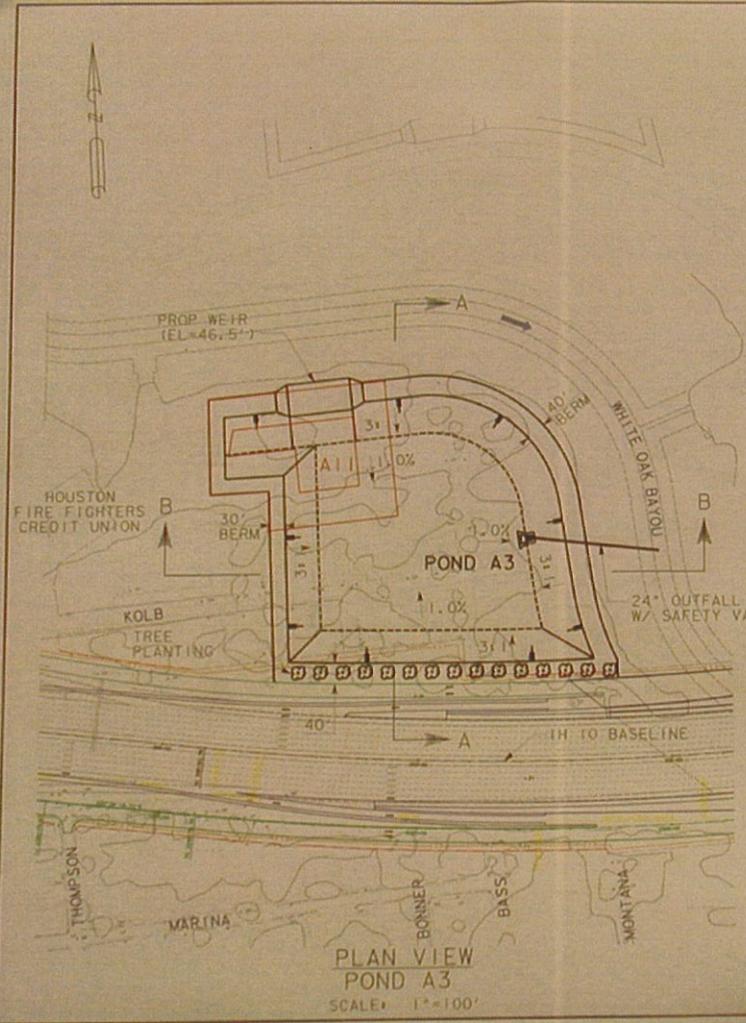
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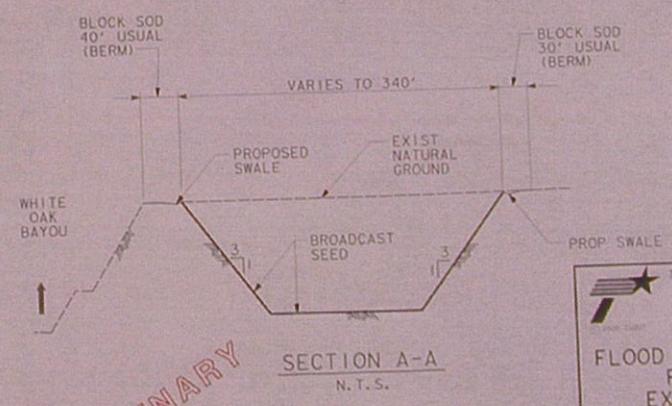
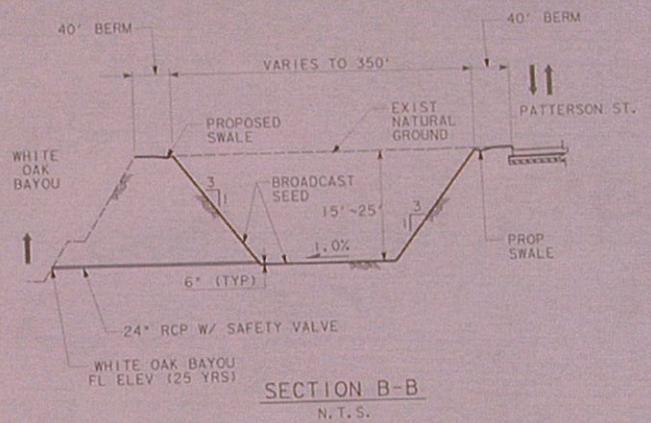
Environmental Constraints Map
IH-10 at White Oak Bayou
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 1H 10
 FLOOD MITIGATION
 POND A3
 EXHIBIT A

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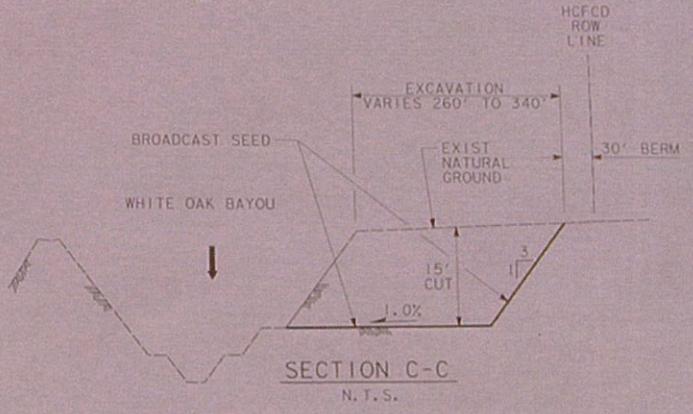
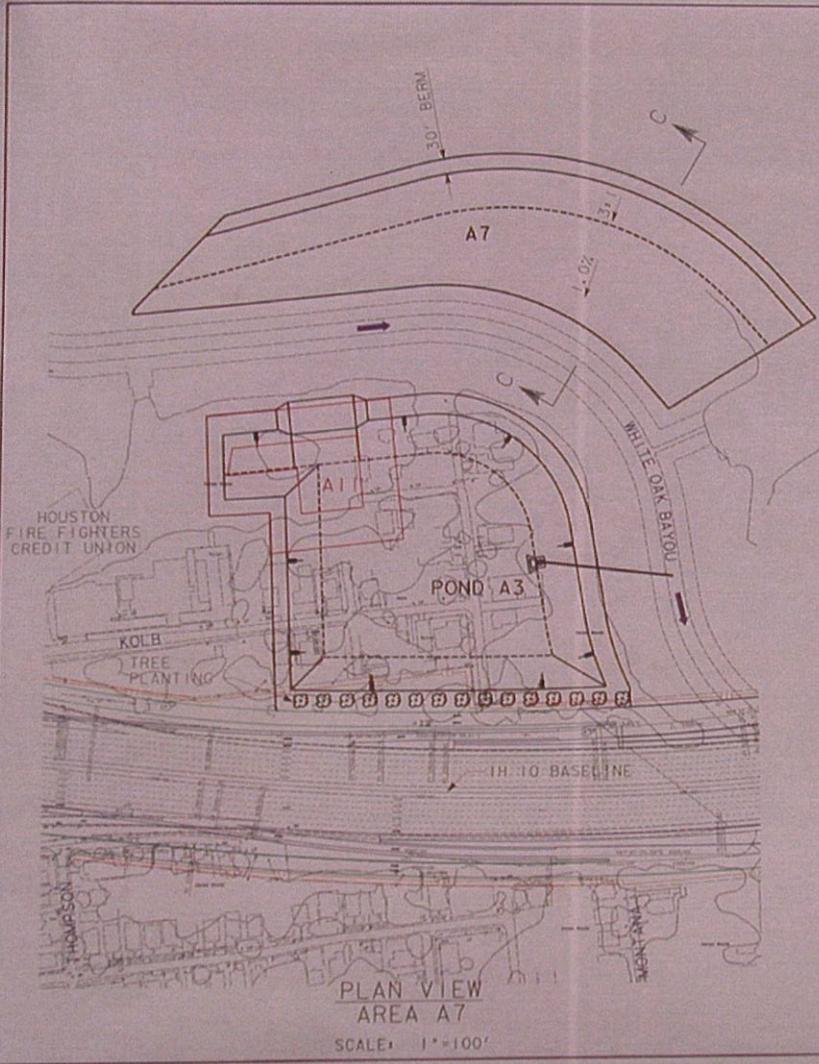


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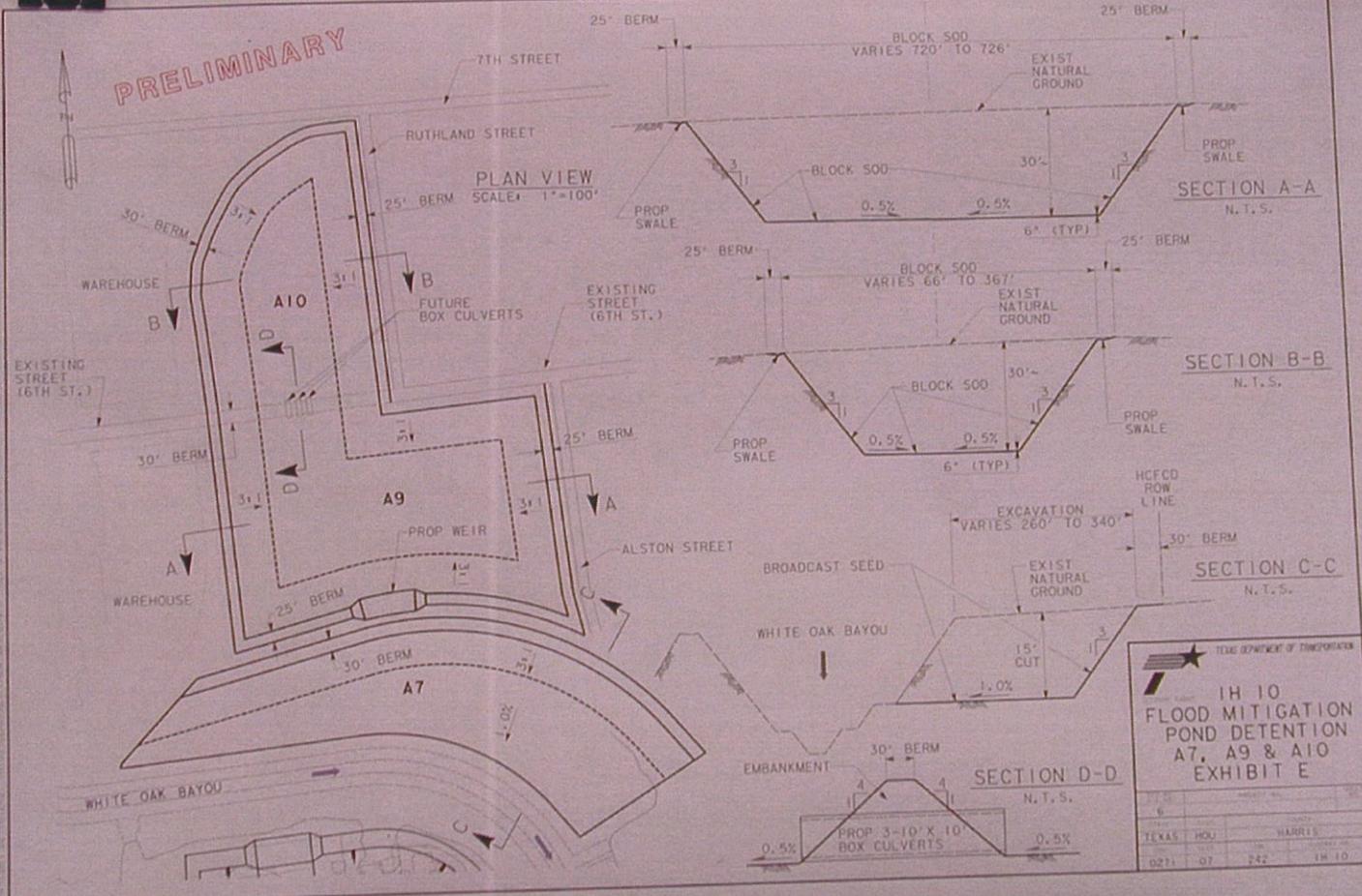
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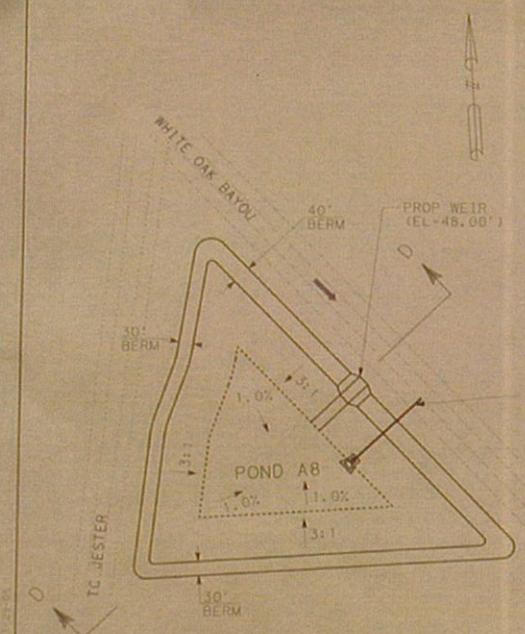
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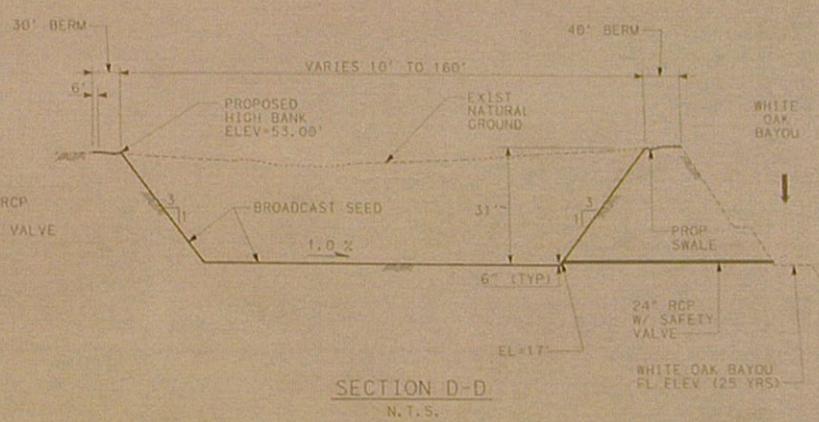
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PLAN VIEW
POND A8
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FLOOD MITIGATION POND A8

EXHIBIT B

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| NAME | ADDRESS | PHONE | POSITION |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 Carlos Ayala | 6515 Irvington, 77022 | (713) 691-6912 | Legislative Aide |
| 2 Mike Howard | 9002 ASBY City Hall Alley | 713-247-2010 | Council Member For Tom Lawrence |
| 3 Abel Garza/Senator Gallegos | 5204 IRVINGTON | 713-742-5000 | LA |
| 4 Gloria Bertrams | 6402 Rodrigo 77007 | 713 868-3370 | Civic Club Rep. |
| 5 State Rep. Jessica Tanner | P.O. Box 30371 77249 | (7) 691-6912 | State Rep Dist 148 |
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| 1 Blair Carpenter | 1912 1914 Bonnev | 7868-9662 | |
| 2 Monica Savino | 1302 Knox | | |
| 3 Tom Dombusch | 6110 TYNE | 713-869-1185 | |
| 4 EVELYN SHANLEY | 1815 W 14TH ST | 713-864-4548 | PRES. WHITE OAK BAYOU ASSOC. |
| 5 Leah Braden | 815 NASHUA | 713-862-5038 | |
| 6 MARY MRS. E. MICHAP | 4123 Kela | 713-861-9984 | |
| 7 JASON WARREN | 5841 KAY STREET | 713-446-6612 | |
| 8 EMILIO TOVAR | 2621 MORRISON | 713-867-6822 | |
| 9 Amy Manzano | Commissioner Garcia's Office | 713-924-3975 | Admin. Asst. 1001 S. Sgt. Macario Garcia #102 |
| 10 WAYNE CLARK | 6231 QUEENSWOOD | | |
| 11 Harry Kelsa | 1242 Bay Oaks | 713-717-5368 | |
| 12 Martin's Concepto Park | 2003 Patterson St | 113-803-8920 | |
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| 1 Sharon Balke | 1020 Waltway 77008 | 713-862-8645 | TMNA Exe. Board |
| 2 Jim Sotter | 5715 CORNISA 77007 | 713-304-8202 | Cottage Grove Clinic Assoc. |
| 3 Steve Murray | 5232 Lillian St 77007 | 713(802)467 | Rice Military Civic Club |
| 4 Tom Rowlands Houston Firefighters | 4200 Kolb | 713-864-0959 | Fire Fighters C.U. |
| 5 Artur Bay | | 861-5607 | |
| 6 FRANCES ALLDAY | 2507 HAVERHILL 77008 | | |
| 7 Frederet Lazare | | 713-860-9376 | LD White Oak Bayou Asso. |
| 8 Ben Crabb | 2502 Haverhill 77008 | 713-861-5354 | resident |
| 9 Jack Sakolosty | 611 Walker | 713/837-7114 | COM/PNE |
| 10 Ed. Richards | 4123 ROLB ST. | | |
| 11 Grace Terry | 1619 WEBER | 713-863-9775 | 1st WARD |
| 12 JIM MACKAY | 6002 DE LANGE | 713-683-8075 | WHITE OAK BAYOU ASSOC |
| 13 M. Burns | 213 PARKVIEW | 713 861-9800 | WOODLAND HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSN |
| 14 T. HALLGREN | — | — | — |
| 15 ROBIN HILZER | 1306 FAIRVIEW 77006 | 713 301-5716 | CTC CHAIR |

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| 1 | Styllis Mitchell | 1924 Augusta Dr 77057 | | |
| 2 | Margalle Webster | 1034 Waltway Dr | 713-86454 | |
| 3 | Juan Arzoo | 4302 Koehler 77007 | 281-770-3288 | |
| 4 | DAVID HAIM | 631 EAST 8 1/2 ST. 77007 | 713-862-5801 | |
| 5 | CHRIS EHLINGER | 6381 Wynnwood 77008 | 713-880-2009 | TMCC - PRESIDENT |
| 6 | MJ Buschlen | 5715 Cornish 77007 | 713-802-0806 | |
| 7 | Lisa Murray | 5232 Lillian 77007 | 713-802-1467 | RMCC - V Pres |
| 8 | KEITH BLECHER | 10622 PIPING ROCK LN HOUSTON 77042 | 281-650-5522 | |
| 9 | JERRY BENSON | 2611 MORRISON 77009 | 713-862-2465 | |
| 10 | ALYSON KAHN | 3407 MARINA DR HOUSTON 77058 | 281-350-2607 | |
| 11 | Rebecca Edwards | 6614 Lindane | 713-869-5291 | |
| 12 | Agnes Eldridge | 6226 Hurst | 713-880-0238 | |
| 13 | Dave Eldridge | 6226 Hurst | 713-880-0238 | |
| 14 | Alice Weaver | 14915 Nickerson 77060 | 281-445-7110 | |
| 15 | Heather Lazare | 1015 Grovewood 77008 | 713-880-9376 | |

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| 1 CHARLES VACLAVIK | 6143 Hurst St. | 713/869-4186 | |
| 2 Deborah Oliver | 1714 Lakewinds Dr. | 281-208-8577 | |
| 3 Ruth Smith | 2225 Patterson St. | 713-864-0127 | |
| 4 LaVanda Rich | 1906 Banner | 281-861-0656 | |
| 5 RENE LEGER | 17907 Wild Rose Trail | 281-309-1549 | |
| 6 MELISSA BAUMAN | 831 NASHUA, 77008 | 713-868-1291 | |
| 7 BILL WARE | 685 N Post Oak Lane | 713-680-2500 | |
| 8 Sgt. Anna Nash | 1338 Scorpion | 713 861 5500 | |
| 9 SSGT Green, G. W. | 4120 Kolb | 713 862 9592 | |
| 10 Kyle Blank | 5834 Kansas St | 713-409-7019 | |
| 11 Fred Beck | 6215 Hunt | 713-864-9223 | |
| 12 E.T. SMITH | 5855 Fairview | 713-864-1111 | |
| 13 Rhonda Sauter | 900 Bayly, 1st floor | 7-247-2003 | Council Member A Garcia |
| 14 GAIL MCGEE | 5507 CORNISH St. | 281-615-0824 | |
| 15 Deborah G. Frink | 6406 Kury Ln | 713 863 1848 | |

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| 1 | Mary Schellby | 6535 Kurey | 713 862 6880 | |
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| 3 | DELORES THOMAS | 4114 Kolb | 713-869-1574 | |
| 4 | Carol Cowl | 685 N Post Oak Ln | 713-680-2500 | |
| 5 | Veva T. Shivers | 1111 River Glyn DR | 713, 465, 4431 | |
| 6 | J.T. Shivers | 1111 River Glyn | " " | |
| 7 | John & Linda Thomas | 6306 Wynnwood | 713 869.0894 | |
| 8 | Bobby D. Phillips | 771 Walthshire | (7) 868-0039 | |
| 9 | Edward Snow | 823 Byrne | 713 862 6538 | |
| 10 | John Fechter | 1914 Bonner St ^{41912 Bonner St} | 713 868 9662 | |
| 11 | Rudy & Juanita Rasmus | 4124 Kolb 1714 Patterson | 713 832-725-9884 | |
| 12 | Chavonne Slank | 2302 Lamonte Ln | 713-991-6881 | Harris Co. Act 1 |
| 13 | Michael Colson | 1322 Seaspray Ct | 713-880-8664 | |
| 14 | M. Mottlock | 1706 Haverhill | | |
| 15 | K SHARLET | 1815 W 14 th | 713 864 1548 | |

COMMENT FORMS

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P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386
Attn: Director of Project Development

Name: JUAN ARRILAGA Phone: 281-770-3282 cell 713-863-7521 HM
Address: 4302 Koehler email address jarrilaga@txdot.com

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW:

I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

AS & A3

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

Residential property owner or renter Other (please explain)
 Business property owner or lessee V.P. of the West End Civic Club

COMMENTS:

All these questions are in regard to AS & A3

- 1) When are properties in these areas going to start being bought by TxDOT?
- 2) When is construction scheduled to start?
- 3) How long is construction going to last?
- 4) Have any ideas been considered for residential use of these lands during non mining / blasting periods.

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Name: M. Matlock Phone: M. Matlock@P&W.COM
Address: 1706 Hawthill

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I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

Residential property owner or renter _____ Other (please explain)
_____ Business property owner or lessee

COMMENTS:

would like a hard-out of all maps
shown, especially the Constraint Map
I-10 at White Oak

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Name: ALBERT SCHOELLKOPF Phone: 713-862-6480
Address: 6535 KURY LANE HOUSTON 77008

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW:

I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

Detention Ponds near T.C. Jester

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

Residential property owner or renter Other (please explain)
 Business property owner or lessee

COMMENTS:

I would like look at the plans of
above in more detail. Are these
available on line, and if so, what
website? I would like to be on your
mailing list for updates and meetings
regarding the project. My email
address is BSCHOEL@HOUSTON.TX.TDOTT.COM

P.S. Any plans to remove the abandoned MKT
railroad trestles on White Oak Bayou?

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Name: DELORES THOMAS Phone: 713-869-1574
Address: 4114 KOLB - HOUSTON, TEX. 77007

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I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

- Residential property owner or renter _____ Other (please explain)
_____ Business property owner or lessee

COMMENTS:

I Am still willing to sell my property.
AT MARKET VALUE. I AM NOT THE ONLY
ONE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WANT TO
SELL. THERE ARE 3 PROPERTY OWNERS
INCLUDING MYSELF THAT'S WILLING TO SELL.
THE MAJORITY SHOULD RULE.

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Attn: Director of Project Development

Name: Phyllis Mitchell Phone: 713 443-9661
Address: 1924 Augusta Dr Houston 77057

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I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

_____ Residential property owner or renter Other (please explain) Reactor
_____ Business property owner or lessee

COMMENTS:

would like a map of areas affected
by the proposals.

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Attn: Director of Project Development

Name: Deborah G. Fowlk Phone: 713 863 1848
Address: 6406 Kury Ln Houston 77008

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW:

I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

Timbergrove; I-60

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

- Residential property owner or renter _____ Other (please explain)
 Business property owner or lessee

COMMENTS:

Wouldn't flood mitigation be cheaper and more
effective in undeveloped or less-developed
upstream areas? Why disrupt existing infrastructure?
1. Stiffen and enforce developmental regulation.
2. Build retention parks upstream on White Oak
Bayou.
3. Audit recent developments to make sure flood
retention/abatement/mitigation works as designed.

BE KIND DURIM- CONSTRUCTION
Rest our traffic - don't just throw up cones

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Attn: Director of Project Development

Name: Linda Newman Phone: 713 869-0894
Address: 402 Yale St + 6306 Wynnwood Ln.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW:

I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

Pond A-9

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

- Residential property owner or renter _____ Other (please explain)
 Business property owner or lessee

COMMENTS:

I live and own a business along white oak bayou. Pond A-9 looks like a better idea. It is bigger + doesn't affect as many homes.

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Attn: Director of Project Development

Name: Sharon Balke Phone: 713-862-8645

Address: 1020 Waltway, Houston, TX 77008-6315

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW:

I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

White Oak Bayou NORTH of IH10

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

Residential property owner or renter Other (please explain)
 Business property owner or lessee

COMMENTS:

I flooded 5 years ago tomorrow. It is a
terrible experience. All of these retention
ponds sound great but if your whole
purpose of this project is to keep IH10
free of flooding and I have carp in my
living room again then its time to think
of citizens more than truckers who thought
they could drive through high water.
P.S. No more development to the north unless
mitigation is a required part of the plan
Amen!

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Attn: Director of Project Development

Name: Bertrams Gloria Phone: 713 868. 3328

Address: 6402 Rodrigo (Camp Logan)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW:

I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

Elevated homes

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

- Residential property owner or renter _____ Other (please explain)
 Business property owner or lessee

COMMENTS:

Need to know more about
Elevation!

- Meetings
- Decisions Making
- Community Planning
- Problem Solving

We need to be included!

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Attn: Director of Project Development

Name: Harry Kalsch Phone: 713-417-5368
Address: 1242 Bay Oaks Rd.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW:

I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

Residential property owner or renter _____ Other (please explain)
 Business property owner or lessee

COMMENTS:

I think it is a great
idea to build the ponds,

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Attn: Director of Project Development

Name: Steve Murray Phone: (713) 802 1467
Address: 5232 Lillian St 77007

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW:

I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

I Object to expanded access roads & bridges

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

but ^{over RR} support the plan

Residential property owner or renter _____ Other (please explain)

_____ Business property owner or lessee

COMMENTS:

- The flood mitigation ponds
seem like a much better
option than overbuilding
access roads.

My understanding is that the ponds
will fix the flooding problems eliminating
the need for large multilane access roads.

The negative impacts on the neighborhoods
from access roads should be mitigated.
This will force people & businesses out
of the city

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Attn: Director of Project Development

Name: Lisa Murray Phone: (713) 802-1467
Address: 5232 Lillian St, 77007

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I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

Residential property owner or renter Other (please explain)
 Business property owner or lessee

COMMENTS:

I am concerned about the overall impact
on the neighborhoods surrounding the
I-10 feeder road changes/expansion. I understand
and agree with need for flood water mitigation
ponds. I don't understand why we are
working as a city/state to encourage redevelopment
inside the loop and then potentially reducing the
values of those redeveloped properties by putting
more traffic through those areas. I believe we
should encourage light rail, better busing, etc. to
reduce the need for increased high speed traffic.
~~and~~ We need more incentives to help get cars off
the roads not bigger roads that encourage
more drivers.

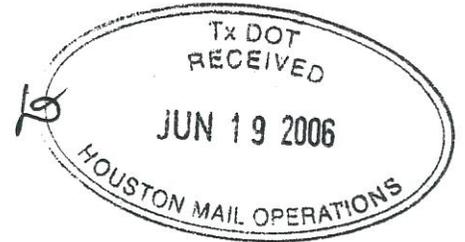
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Name: CHARLES VACLAVIK Phone: 713/869-4186
Address: 6143 HURST ST., HOUSTON 77008

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW:

I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

AT T.C. JESTER & WHITE OAK BAYOU

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

Residential property owner or renter Other (please explain)
 Business property owner or lessee

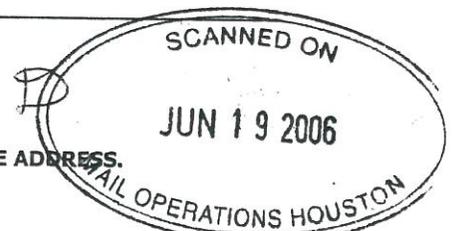
COMMENTS:

I AGREE WITH THOSE SPECIFIC DETENTION
PROJECTS WHICH WILL HAVE THE BEST CHANCE
OF MINIMIZING THE POSSIBLE FLOODING OF
I 10. I AM SPECIFICALLY HOPEFUL THAT THE
DETENTION POND AT T.C. JESTER & WHITE OAK
BAYOU WILL BE SELECTED.

THE EXTENSION OF THE FEEDER ROADS ALONG
I 10 TO TAYLOR STREET (EAST) AND TO WASHINGTON
AVE. (WEST) WOULD HELP TRAFFIC FLOW IN THOSE
AREAS.

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Attn: Director of Project Development

Name: John Fechter Phone: 713 868-9662
Address: 1912 Bonner St. Houston, Texas 77007

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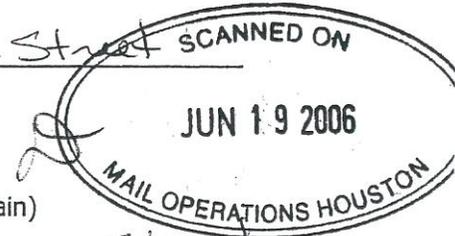
I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

Flood Migration Ponds at Bonner Street

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

- Residential property owner or renter Other (please explain)
 Business property owner or lessee

1912 & 1914 Bonner Street
Sessums Tract - Historical neighborhood



COMMENTS:

We (Blair Carpenter & I) ~~are~~ own and live at 1912 Bonner Street. We have a built a new home at 1914 Bonner St, we will move in June 2006. We are apposed to the use of our Neighborhood at Bonner and Kolb (area A3 on your map) as a Flood Mitigation Pond. With the new alternatives sights proposed in yellow on your maps, we do not feel you will need to disturb an established residential area where people have lived and established their home for as long as 40 years. Other new construction (residential) has begun and is in development for our street.

We also feel we have support from our stated city represent
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Pat Henry

June 9, 2006

Mr. C.P. "Pat" Henry
Director of Project Development
Texas Department of Transportation-Houston District
8100 Washington Avenue
Houston, Texas 77007

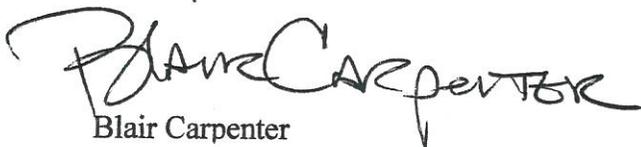
Dear Pat,

Thank you for visiting with us at the Texas Department of Transportation Public Meeting held earlier this week. We are pleased and excited to see that new alternatives were added to your I-10 at White Oak Bayou Flood Mitigation Pond Project.

With the abundance of vacant and undeveloped land bordering White Oak Bayou, we feel that the engineers at TXDOT should be able to complete your mitigation project without disturbing our area; the new alternatives you proposed, that were indicated in yellow on their maps, appear to be adequate and acceptable to the residence of Kolb and Bonner Streets.

Pat, please keep us informed as decision are made that would affect our neighborhood and our lives. Thank you for your support and assistance.

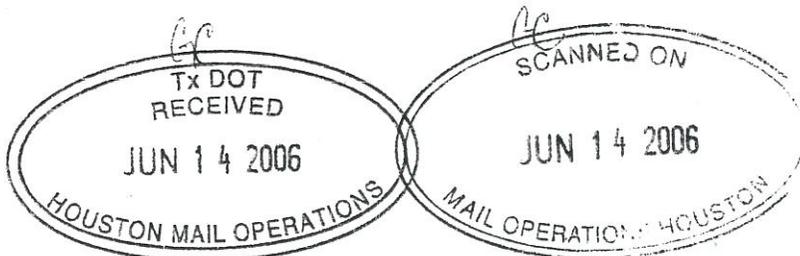
Sincerely,


Blair Carpenter



John Fechter

1912 and 1914 Bonner Street
Houston, Texas 77007
(713) 868-9662



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Attn: Director of Project Development

Name: Frederick Lazare Phone: 713-880-9376

Address: 1015 Groewood Houston TX 77008

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW:

I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

Advisory of Detention

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

- Residential property owner or renter
- Business property owner or lessee
- Other (please explain)



COMMENTS:

I am very concerned about the failure of
TxDOT to fully lay out the entire map of its
planned/proposed work inside Loop 610. It is
difficult, as a citizen, to feel 'empowered' without
complete information.

That which I did see on display concerns me.
Digging deep, steep detention basins in our
neighborhood (I live in Timberscove Manor) ~~is~~
does not seem a positive solution, how does the
community benefit from this physical scarring?

I urge TxDOT to consider searching for detention
solutions more in tune w/ community needs.

Also, more meetings w/ better visuals are needed!

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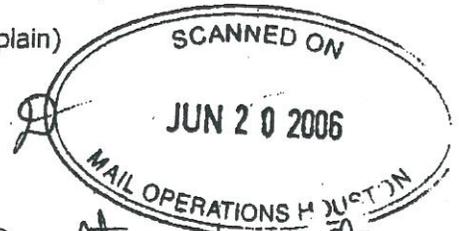
Name: Blaine Carpenter Phone: 713-868-9662
Address: 1912 Bonner & 1914 Bonner St. Houston TX 77007

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1-10 White Oak Bayou Flood Mitigation Pond.

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

- Residential property owner or renter Other (please explain)
 Business property owner or lessee



To: C. P. PAT HENRY -

COMMENTS:

We strongly encourage the use of the new alternative sites (in yellow on your maps) as described by Alan Wong as alternatives to the use of our historic, established neighborhood. We are united with & have the support of Senator Mario Gallegos, his assistant Abel GARZA, State Representative JESSICA FARRAR & City Councilman "Dist H" Adrian Garcia, to preserve our neighborhood. We encourage TXDOT to work with proper local officials & agencies to come up with a solution for the flooding that exists I-10 & Washington Ave. We thank you for your time and resolve in this important matter. Please keep us informed as decision are made. Best Regards - Blaine Carpenter.

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In my opinion, at-grade and elevated feeder lanes that terminate immediately West of Washington/Westcott cannot truly be considered continuous feeder lanes and would be of little or no value during emergency evacuation situations – the cause we are now hearing to justify their proposed construction.

Tom Dornbusch
President, Woodcrest Neighborhood Civic Association
Coordinator, Super Neighborhood #22 Transportation Task Force

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June 15, 2006

Director of Project Development
Texas Department of Transportation
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Houston, TX 77251-1386

Re: Flood Mitigation for IH between Washington and White Oak Bayou

Dear Director:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and inquire about the proposed detention areas intended to mitigate flooding of IH 10 between Washington and White Oak Bayou. My questions and comments follow:

1. What regulations or specifications underlie the purpose and need of this project?
2. How many acres of land will be acquired?
3. What is the capacity of the proposed detention areas?
4. What type of storm creates the requirement to mitigate flooding between White Oak Bayou and Washington?
5. What type of storm would flood the freeway between Heights and White Oak Bayou?
6. How often will the detention areas store water?
7. When will stored water outflow into White Oak Bayou?
8. What other purposes will the detention area serve?
9. What will the detention areas look like?
10. Is there a landscaping plan for the detention areas?
11. How will the TXDOT and COH work together on this project?
12. Can the COH north of IH 10 be considered for IH 10 storm water detention?

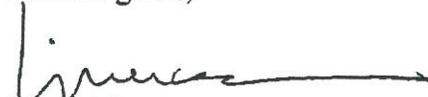


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13. What pedestrian and bikeway routes are planned in, across or around the detention areas?
14. What will the raised frontage lanes look like from the freeway?
15. What drainage or storm pipe changes are planned related to the current and proposed freeway design between Washington and White Oak Bayou?
16. According to the TXDOT studies I read regarding IH 10 expansion, this section of IH 10 is in 'the bayou corridor'.
 - a) Can this project help restore and recover habitat that has been eliminated during freeway expansion projects in the area?
 - b) Can this project help to render a favorable image of Houston views from the freeway and from the neighborhoods?
17. What is the budget for the freeway related storm water mitigation project between Washington and White Oak bayou?

Please feel free to contact me regarding my questions or comments. I welcome the opportunity for further community input regarding the development of plans that will have a long lasting and positive impact on our great city.

Kind Regards,



Linda Mercer
5807 Kansas
Houston, TX 77007

Director of Project Development
Texas Department of Transportation
P. O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386

June 14, 2006

RE: Public Meeting-IH10 at White Oak Bayou, Flood Mitigation Pond(s)

Dear Madam or Sir:

I was in attendance at the June 8th Open House format Public Meeting hosted by TxDOT at Sinclair Elementary School and viewed the schematic diagrams depicting the detention pond alternatives. In response to the Public Meeting, I have three comments.

First, as a resident and business owner located in Woodcrest, I was surprised to hear different TxDOT representatives on different occasions during the evening state that the Flood Mitigation Pond(s) would indeed be sufficient to alleviate 100 year flooding events on IH10 from Washington Avenue to Taylor Street. This acknowledgement is critical because it addresses one of the main reasons that the Department has given for proposing construction of elevated feeder lanes between Washington Avenue and T.C. Jester in the IH10-East 610 to Taylor Street Project. If in fact, these two projects are inter-related, and what I was told on June 8th is accurate, then I am more opposed to the elevated feeder lanes than I was previously.

Second, although happy to have the opportunity to review the documents, the public turnout was very small considering the area potentially effected by the ponds. I was fortunate that a friend received the meeting notice via another friend via TxDOT and forwarded it to me. TxDOT is required to publicly announce meetings and presentations, however, many of us in Houston do not read the Houston Chronicle regularly and certainly do not review every single page looking for that rare sighting: a TxDOT public meeting notice. Certainly the Department realizes this and must utilize additional means to more effectively notify and communicate with citizens. Conducting public meetings IN the neighborhoods in which those projects directly impact would certainly be a good start.

Finally, my observations of TxDOT's community process with the following projects cause me to believe that the Department is falling short of its stated Mission of being receptive, responsible and cooperative with citizens and as a result, risks delivering less than optimum transportation solutions at a very high cost: IH10-610 to Katy, IH45 expansion, Highway 59, IH10-610 to Taylor and Flood Mitigation Pond(s). I believe that City participation by two Houston Council Members on the GHAC Transportation Policy Council is not sufficient citizen representation for the complexities inherent in transportation expansion projects within urban cores. I suggest that TxDOT work much more closely with citizens and begin much earlier in the planning stages to interact with the citizenry through the Super Neighborhood Alliance. The Alliance has the potential of offering knowledge, information, and resources gained by citizens over decades and in response, TxDOT could provide more appropriate and context sensitive solutions that do not usurp local redevelopment efforts or transform adjacent established neighborhoods into noisy, polluted and undesirable properties.

I believe that TxDOT does very important and necessary work, but find frustrating the lack of meaningful commitment to the stated vision of cooperation with citizens. I know this does not have to be the case and want a more transparent communication process put in place for all current and future projects. TxDOT must provide the people of Texas with the best possible transportation alternatives: solutions that please aesthetically, are truly innovative and are environmentally just.

Very sincerely,



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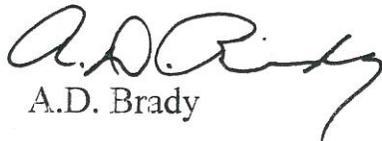
Re: IH-10 detention ponds

This letter is a comment to the June meeting about detention ponds. My main concern is that one of the proposed ponds A5 already serves as a detention basin due to the pipe cut through located close to the northwest corner of the basin about halfway up the bank. When the water in the bayou gets more than halfway up the bank water begins to flow into this basin. During Tropical storm Allison the bayou overflowed and the water in the basin was more than 10 feet deep. At the same time the freeway was flooded. Also when the freeway previously flooded about 15 years ago the water in the basin was over 6 feet deep. The proposed detention pond would take most of this basin capacity away. Even though the detention pond will be deeper than the current basin and increase the total capacity this will only drain the freeway, not the bayou.

I brought up these points to an engineer at the meeting. One thing that puzzled me about the A5 pond blueprint was that it showed the top of the bayou bank as the northern boundary of the detention pond. This implied that if the bayou overflowed the detention pond would fill up, which is not the purpose of the pond. When I asked the engineer about this he said there was a mistake in the drawing. When I asked him about the loss of the basin capacity he said they had done hydrological studies. When the study was done was this basin capacity included in the calculations? In other words how would the loss of this basin capacity be mitigated in an event similar to tropical storm Allison?

A5 is the only one of the original proposed sites, which already serves as a detention basin for White Oak Bayou. Could the loss of detention capacity, however small, make future flooding along the bayou even worse?

Sincerely,


A.D. Brady



Public Meeting
IH 10 at White Oak Bayou
Flood Mitigation Pond(s)
Houston, Harris County, Texas

COMMENT FORM
June 8, 2006

Texas Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 1386
Houston, Texas 77251-1386
Attn: Director of Project Development



Name: Scott Johnson Phone: 713 659 4600
Address: 6310 Hasked St Houston TX 77007

PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE ITEMS BELOW:

I am primarily interested in the following portion of the project:

Feeder lane overpass above railroad near Washington

I am primarily interested in the project from the standpoint of a:

Residential property owner or renter

Other (please explain)

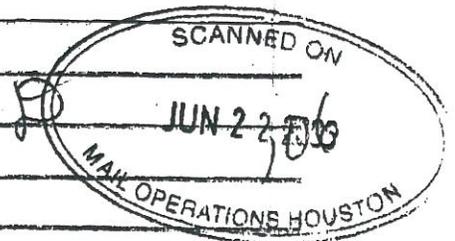
Business property owner or lessee

And - President of Civic Club

COMMENTS:

Camp Logan strongly opposes
a railroad overpass;

See attached letter



CSI: 0271-07-292

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM DURING THE MEETING OR
SUBMIT BY MAIL WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE MEETING TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

YPD

Camp Logan Memorial Civic Club
Scott W. Johnson, President
6310 Haskell Street
Houston, TX 77007



June 17, 2006

Texas Department of Transportation
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Houston, TX 77251-1386

Attention: Director of Project Development

The Camp Logan neighborhood is greatly concerned and worried about the threatening severe detrimental impact to our community and properties to result from the proposed expansion of Interstate 10 east of the 610 West Loop, most especially as a result of the proposed feeder road overpass above the railroad tracks between Washington and TC Jester. As evidenced by the attached petition signatures collected at a single small neighborhood meeting, our residents strongly oppose the current plans. An overwhelming majority of residents present at our most recent meeting signed this petition of protest.

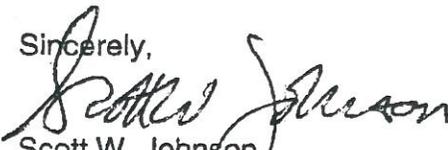
Interstate 10 already generates and sends into our neighborhood an unacceptably high level of noise, as well as the pollution. The idea of large trucks bellowing up a steep grade of the overpass and projecting their noise into our homes from an elevated position 30 feet above grade is almost beyond the ability to comprehend. It is shocking to us that TxDOT would seriously consider such an intrusive and destructive plan. Clearly this plan would impair our lifestyles, enjoyment of our homes, and the value of our properties.

We are not enthusiastic about any expansion of the feeder roads. If the feeder roads are altered, we vehemently oppose elevated lanes. All of the I-10 interstate should be below grade, similar to I-59 inside the Loop, including the section along Memorial Park near Washington, from which we already receive far too much noise. If necessary, feeder lanes could go below the railroad, but not over it. We also need sound walls throughout the area.

We request a neighborhood hearing specifically on the issue of the routing of the feeder lanes between TC Jester and Washington. This is an important issue which deserves specific discussion.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Scott W. Johnson
Cc: Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia

EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT

For Modifications to the IH-10 Expansion Plans Camp Logan and Minola Addition

Listed below is evidence that concerned stakeholders support the position of **Camp Logan Memorial Civic Club and the residents of Camp Logan and Minola Addition** in opposing the construction of elevated and continuous feeder (service road) lanes by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) within the IH-10 corridor or right-of-way East of the Washington/Westcott Intersection.

By signing this evidence of support, I hereby represent:

(1) that I do not want:

- 1 - Elevated feeder lanes and/or service roads near neighborhoods, parks and schools
- 2 - Expansion of at-grade feeder roads in the IH-10 corridor inside the 610 loop
- 3 - Increase in heavy commercial vehicular traffic using elevated lanes
- 4 - Increase in traffic generated noise and air pollution from elevated or main lanes

(2) that I do support:

- 1 - Below-grade service roads and/or feeder lanes within existing TXDOT right-of-way
- 2 - Improved and adequate abatement of noise and air pollution
- 3 - Improved and adequate flood water retention and drainage for below-grade lanes
- 4 - Preservation of established trees, landscaping and green space in the IH-10 corridor

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June 16, 2006



Director of Project Development
Texas Department of Transportation
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Thank you for holding the recent public meeting at Sinclair Elementary on the proposed IH-10/White Oak Bayou detention ponds.

I live somewhat removed from the location of the project, living near W. 18th and I-610, but do produce a local newsletter and consequently feel an obligation to become as knowledgeable as possible on a topic before writing about it.

From that perspective I will say it does seem, that as currently proposed - after resolution of the actual amounts of detention required to offset past I-10 flooding - the project does meet straightforward engineering and certain imminent domain concerns. This is witnessed by the chosen locations and detention construction style. These decisions probably reflect a near-term wise use of tax dollars.

Again, resolving the appropriate detention volume issue is paramount, but I find leaving the greater neighborhood with three or four large, useless - except for very occasional storm water detention - holes in the ground to be a questionable long-term strategy. *Calculations mult use?*

I see local park facilities seemingly approaching and exceeding capacity already. I witness continuing higher population density construction in the greater area as a fact of life. Increased areas of usable green space for the increasing population will not be cheaper in the future. From the same growth pattern, peak run-off flows will consequently increase into White Oak Bayou.

Perhaps it is beyond TxDOT's sole purvey to take on a more extensive project providing for the greater area's current and projected storm water detention needs. Perhaps there is no provision for TxDOT to utilize construction styles for the proposed I-10 detention project to provide for future multiple-use areas. But I must ask TxDOT to take the lead in helping precipitate and then participate in such a visionary multiple-use plan; to work with appropriate city, county, state and federal agencies in the effort while utilizing other available community resources such as the Bayou Preservation Association.

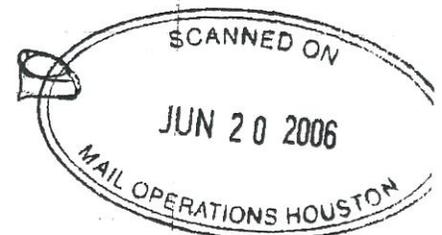
I see the plan for the U.S. 290 Corridor project - which I am not totally in love with - but I see the vision TxDOT can bring to a project. This area needs that vision again in this new challenging project.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Crabb".

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Attachment: Email communication on project sent to Timbergrove area residents



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TxDOT Detention Ponds - White Oak Bayou @ IH-10

Why Should we Care?

Ben Crabb

If neighbors wish to comment on the proposed IH-10 detention ponds the deadline for submission (postmarked by) is June 18 - this Sunday. Address comments to: Texas Department of Transportation, Director of Project Development, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, TX 77251-1386.

Parts of this TxDOT proposed project are physically removed from where most of us live, but part of it is just across White Oak Bayou from southern Timbergrove east of T. C. Jester. Beyond physical location there are reasonable questions being asked about the impact of the project on White Oak Bayou area flooding. There are other arguments concerning our vision for how we wish to see our area and our city develop.

So what's the problem? When White Oak Bayou floods it overflows it's banks and flows into the below-ground-level portions of IH-10. TxDOT wants to correct the issue, but they cannot just throw dirt into and fill the breach point in White Oak's banks. IH-10, by being flooded in the past, became a vast detention pond holding White Oak floodwaters. Plug the breach point and estimates are as high as 440 acre feet of floodwaters (think 440 acres in area one foot deep in water) remains in the rest of the White Oak flood plain. Solution: Build detention ponds adjacent to White Oak Bayou capable of holding those Lake IH-10 acre feet of water, maintaining the status quo of the bayou system. The 440 acre-feet estimate comes from Kevin Shanley, Chairman of the Board of Bayou Preservation Association and is based on a Lidar topographic map from the City's GIMS site. Reports are that TxDOT is planning detention for only 300 acre-feet of water. Shanley reiterated his concerns on this point in a June 13, 2006 communication to TxDOT saying, "In the case of this improvement project, the community along White Oak floodplain has a very real concern about any possibility of an increase in flood elevations for any reason and TxDOT should be distinctly aware of the need to be conservative in evaluating mitigation and detention strategies for the work proposed along I-10"

If you care for some visuals the first attachment below "**DOT.pdf**" is a scan of a TxDOT map displaying TxDOT's current proposal for establishing detention ponds.

The map centers on White Oak Bayou extending from just west of T.C. Jester - top left - to where White Oak crosses IH-10 - lower right. White Oak Bayou flows and twists across the center of the map. The blue diagonal lines depict the extent of the White Oak Bayou flood plain. Ignore all the green and yellow on the map at this point.

See where "IH-10" is marked on the freeway on the map? Just west of that marker is where White Oak flows into "Lake IH-10" - blue diagonal lines run between IH-10 and White Oak. TxDOT's plan is to raise White Oak Bayou's bank in that area to stop future flood flows onto IH-10.

TxDOT's detention proposal is basically: **Green markings** on the map - 30 to 37 feet deep detention areas marked A3, A5 etc. The **yellow markings** outline TxDOT's proposal for increased storage capacity that refined engineering estimates recently deemed necessary to hold Lake IH-10's volumes.

TxDOT reportedly worked to reduce the impact of imminent domain actions through their site selection and those concerns have in turn led to the 30-foot plus deep detention areas with relatively steep side slopes. Harris County Flood Control reportedly leans heavily toward more gentle slopes which are in turn more walkable/accessible and also require less long term maintenance. More gentle slopes mean bigger land areas become necessary to achieve the desired detention capacity.

The second attachment "**BPA.pdf**" is a scanned copy of one proposal submitted by Bayou Preservation Association (BPA) to TxDOT in November 2005. The **Green Areas** are the

proposed detention area locations. The challenge laid down by BPA in this plan is for the various governing entities like City, County, State to not approach this project as just solving the Lake IH-10 issue, but to deal with the greater issue of the need for increased local detention capacity for White Oak Bayou now and increasing needs as development-driven flow rates rise in the future. It is arguable that it was White Oak's water that flooded downtown Houston several years back so we can't expect any White Oak downstream flow capacity increase any time soon.

Shanley also argues that "The costs of acquiring the land, excavating the basins, and very importantly, the long term costs of maintaining the facility all need to be balanced against the potential additional benefits that can be provided to the community in addition to storm water detention."

Simplistically, part of the question becomes whether we will, for years to come, have steep walled holes in the ground, with very limited potential for alternate usage, basically sitting empty and unused except during flood events, OR larger more park like spaces for ball fields, soccer fields, habitat development and the like that happen to flood occasionally.

Time is short. State your concerns in writing to TxDOT and get them in the mail.

For a high resolution copy of TxDOT's map for Internet Explorer or Netscape browsers go to: <ftp://housupt:2shrfiles@204.64.21.7> and select "IH-10 Detention Ponds" from the menu.

To obtain a copy of Bayou Preservation Assn's overall plan (a 3.7 MB Adobe file - text with maps) - reply to sender bcrabb@houston.rr.com and place BPA in the subject line and it will be sent as an email attachment.

As always, feel free to disseminate the Nor'westener to others if you wish.

If you wish your name removed from the group receiving the Nor'westener by email or know of someone wishing to be added to the distribution please reply to sender by email and simply request such.

Ben Crabb

Dear elected officials, state representatives and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT),

Following are my comments regarding TxDOT's presented materials* and informal discussion about the "Flood Mitigation Ponds I-10 at White Oak Bayou" Meeting at Sinclair Elementary on June 8, 2006 in Houston.

The venue for this meeting was comfortable, well lit, accessible, (though not in the neighborhood of proposed changes) and the schematics presented were enlarged in duplicate. There was a large ratio of TxDOT employees present to the sparse number of public attendees.

That said I would like to point out what was missing in TxDOT's process. While the material presented at the ponds meeting was good, there was nothing that would help the public determine the social impact their plans will have on people.

For example, no demographics (i.e. maps, environmental impact studies etc.) were evident yet this particular project has implications of Eminent Domain, an important aspect of public welfare.

My assumptions, from hearsay, are that plans presented include removal of ancient residences. Without questioning the need for the ponds – though curious to see the projections TxDOT used to determine pond capacity – I'd like to know TxDOT's assessments of these physical locations for the ponds' construction:

- ? An auto salvage yard between Patterson and Durham adjacent to the bayou. This location is purported to be a remedial site – what better way to improve the neighborhood than to excavate this land?
- ? A post-Allison apartment complex at the bottom of the TC Jester Bridge. Buildings that were permitted in a known flood area should be sacrificed before a 150-year-old neighborhood, shouldn't they?
- ? A large tract of industrial/undeveloped land (shared by Trinity Industries & UPR MKT RR Eureka Rail yard) immediately adjacent to TxDOT's proposed A8 pond. This area is the original millennium-old wetland for the White Oak Bayou Watershed**.

I acknowledge there are implications beyond TxDOT's scope and would like to suggest that mitigation of this Houston neighborhood's environmental problems (i.e. flooding, and pollution) might be accomplished with greater efficiency through combined information efforts between federal, state, county, city and public entities.

Reverting back to TxDOT's process of public engagement, I raise specific protest over their timing of meetings. In my understanding of it, the public is informed at the end of their planning phase***.

- ? TxDOT, please confirm/correct my assessment of your project process as I have listed in Notes.

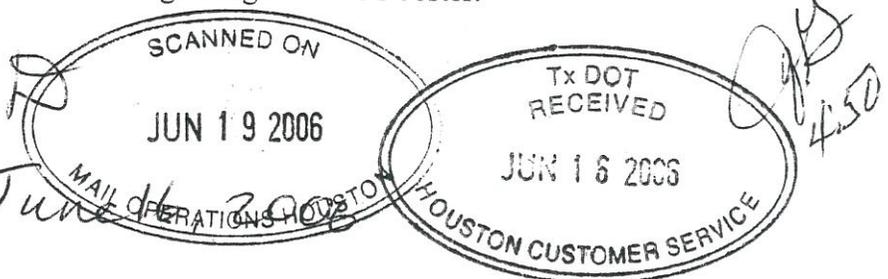
There is another planned project that impacts the same neighborhood (the 10,000 residents of West Heights, Cottage Grove, Woodcrest and potentially 60,000 residents of radial neighborhoods) and I mention it briefly because of my concern for stakeholders having time to review and contribute ideas. This plan is TxDOT's IH-10 elevated lane project (referred to on TxDOT's maps as "IH10 Katy Frwy from East IH610 to Taylor St.")

I implore you to not disregard any discourse arising from these proposed plans as I fear it may already be too late for anyone to have any impact on TxDOT's directives regarding IH-10/TC Jester.

Respectfully your citizen and public individual,

Mary-Jane Buschlen, Houston Texas 77007

MaryJane Buschlen, June 16, 2006



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NOTES:

- * Presented materials at the "TxDOT Flood Mitigation Ponds I-10 at White Oak Bayou Public Meeting" consisted of: pond engineering schematics; an aerial photograph of White Oak Bayou section with overlay of planned ponds and indication of flood zones; a photograph of IH-10 at Houston Avenue flooded during Hurricane Allison; a photograph of trucks stranded in water on a stretch of IH-10 that is adjacent to White Oak Bayou, two paragraphs enlarged on poster board stating that this area floods; a 2006 map showing new flood plain remapped areas for this region. When I asked if these documents were available online, the TxDOT person I spoke with said, "No". When I asked if we were allowed to photograph the presentation materials, he again said, "No". However, at this date (06/14/06) the aerial map files are available for download from TxDOT's ftp server at: <ftp://204.64.21.7/IH%2010%20Whiteoak/> but a word of warning to those who try, it requires advanced technical ability to retrieve these files.
- ** Current topographical flood maps of this specific area (Tropical Storm Allison Recovery Project, <http://maps.tsarp.org/>, "search by address" using this exact term: "700 T C Jester Blvd 77008") show that this tract of undeveloped land sits next to White Oak Bayou and a stream offshoot of White Oak Bayou (which are one-eighth of a mile east and north respectively) within floodway and 100-year floodplain.
- *** TxDOT does not publish its project process methodology but it appears to have the following key components in consecutive order:
1. Planning Specification and Estimate phase (PS&E): approx 1 – 36 months
 2. Presentation of PS&E to Technical Advisory Committee as pre-cursor of 3: approx 1 month
 3. Presentation of PS&E plan for approval by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) which includes elected officials: two weeks
 4. One meeting to the public, with a legal requirement of one-month notice posted somewhere in the newspaper, and public post-meeting comment period of ten days: 1 month
 5. Plans finalized and printed: 2 months
 6. Contract for Sale Docs (the finalized project plans sent to contractors for their review and bids): 1 month
 7. Let Date (the day the TxDOT opens the contractor bids): 2 months
 8. Award Date (date that TxDOT advises contract winner): 1 month
 9. Construction: 6 – 12 months
- Source: Above timeline and process is derived from ad hoc information from TxDOT Houston Construction Division, TxDOT Deputy District Engineer, Houston-Galveston Area Council online documents and other informal sources

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13 June 2006

Director of Project Development
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Re: Public Meeting about Flood Mitigation Ponds I-10 at White Oak Bayou

Sirs,

Thank you for holding an additional open house on Thursday June 8th at Sinclair Elementary School to share your preliminary plans for the detention basins proposed for I-10 between Patterson Street and Washington Streets.

The BPA continues to request serious consideration of each of the recommendations made in our letter of 30 November 2005, but we would like to underscore and elaborate on the following two points:

First:

The Bayou Preservation Association strongly encourages TxDOT to design and construct detention basins that provide multiple benefits to the community. Money and land are far too scarce to create single-purpose facilities that will only infrequently be used to store stormwater. The costs of acquiring the land, excavating the basins, and very importantly, the long term costs of maintaining the facility all need to be balanced against the potential additional benefits that can be provided to the community in addition to stormwater detention.

The incremental cost of purchasing additional land to allow multiple benefits, amortized over the life of the project, is negligible in present value dollars, and it is unacceptable to build a single purpose basin on such valuable urban property.

The preliminary designs for the alternative detention basin sites shown at the June 8th open house were all designed to maximize storage volumes by digging as deep a hole as possible (30'-37' deep) and by using the steepest possible straight side slopes (3:1). While this will provide the most volume for the least land, it will not lend itself to easy conversion to a multiple-use facility. Enough land needs to be purchased to allow side slopes that vary from the 3:1 maximum slope to flatter slopes of 6 or 8:1.

The BPA would be willing to provide your engineers, at no cost, a conceptual layout that would accommodate the multiple uses described above, once you have determined which properties you will be acquiring.

Second:

According to our rough calculations, the mitigation basins need to provide approximately 440 acre/feet of mitigating storage to replace the floodplain storage that will be lost when the depressed section of the freeway is isolated and protected from the White Oak Bayou floodplain. One of the engineers at the open house, however, said that TxDOT was going to provide 300 acre/feet of mitigation.

Our calculation is based on the recent FEMA FIRM maps (FIRM Panel is attached)

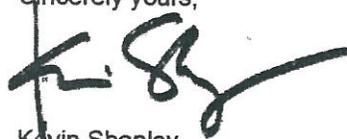
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and the TSARP Lidar topographic map from the City's GIMS site (image is attached)..
(We understand the 100 year water surface elevation at the breach point to be approximately elevation 50.0 and the average surface of the freeway main lanes to be approximately 38.0. We calculated a bottom width of 160' and an average top width of 210'. We measured approximately 7,250' between Patterson Street and Washington, and then added the ramping up to elevation 50.0 at each end of approximately 1,260')

If TxDOT is using different, more accurate topographic information, or different floodplain maps that suggest that the floodplain is at a lower elevation, then we would be interested knowing the source of your information. In the case of this improvement project, the community along the White Oak floodplain has a very real concern about any possibility of an increase in flood elevations for any reason and TxDOT should be distinctly aware of the need to be conservative in evaluating mitigation and detention strategies for the work proposed along I-10.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss these subjects in greater detail.

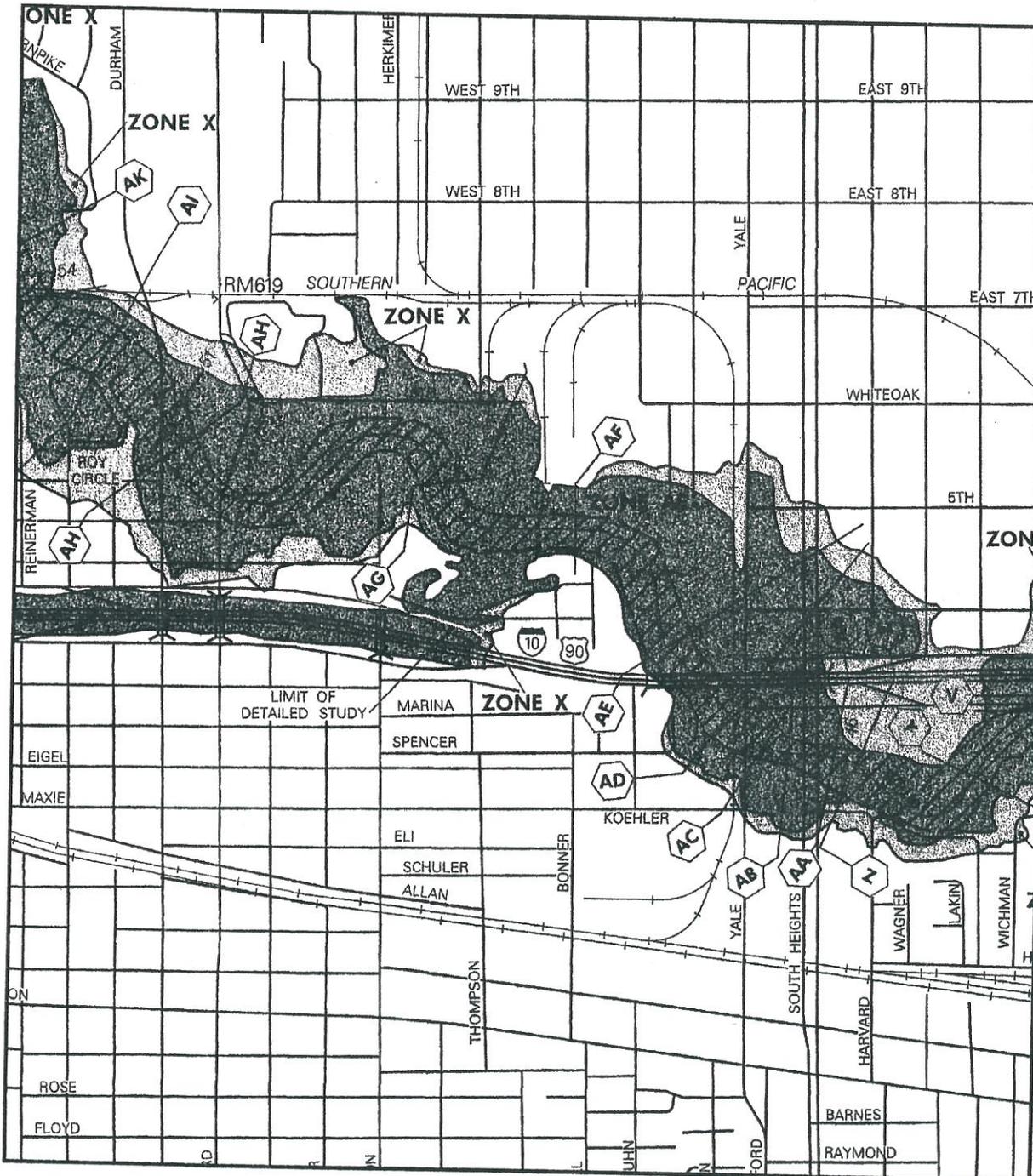
Sincerely yours,



Kevin Shanley
Chairman of the Board
The Bayou Preservation Association

CC: Gary Trietsch, District Engineer TxDOT
Jessica Farrar, State Representative District 148
Adrian Garcia, Houston City Council Member District H
Peter Brown, Houston City Council at Large Position 1

Attachments:
FEMA FIRM map
COH GIMS topographic map



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NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

**FIRM
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**HARRIS COUNTY,
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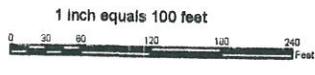
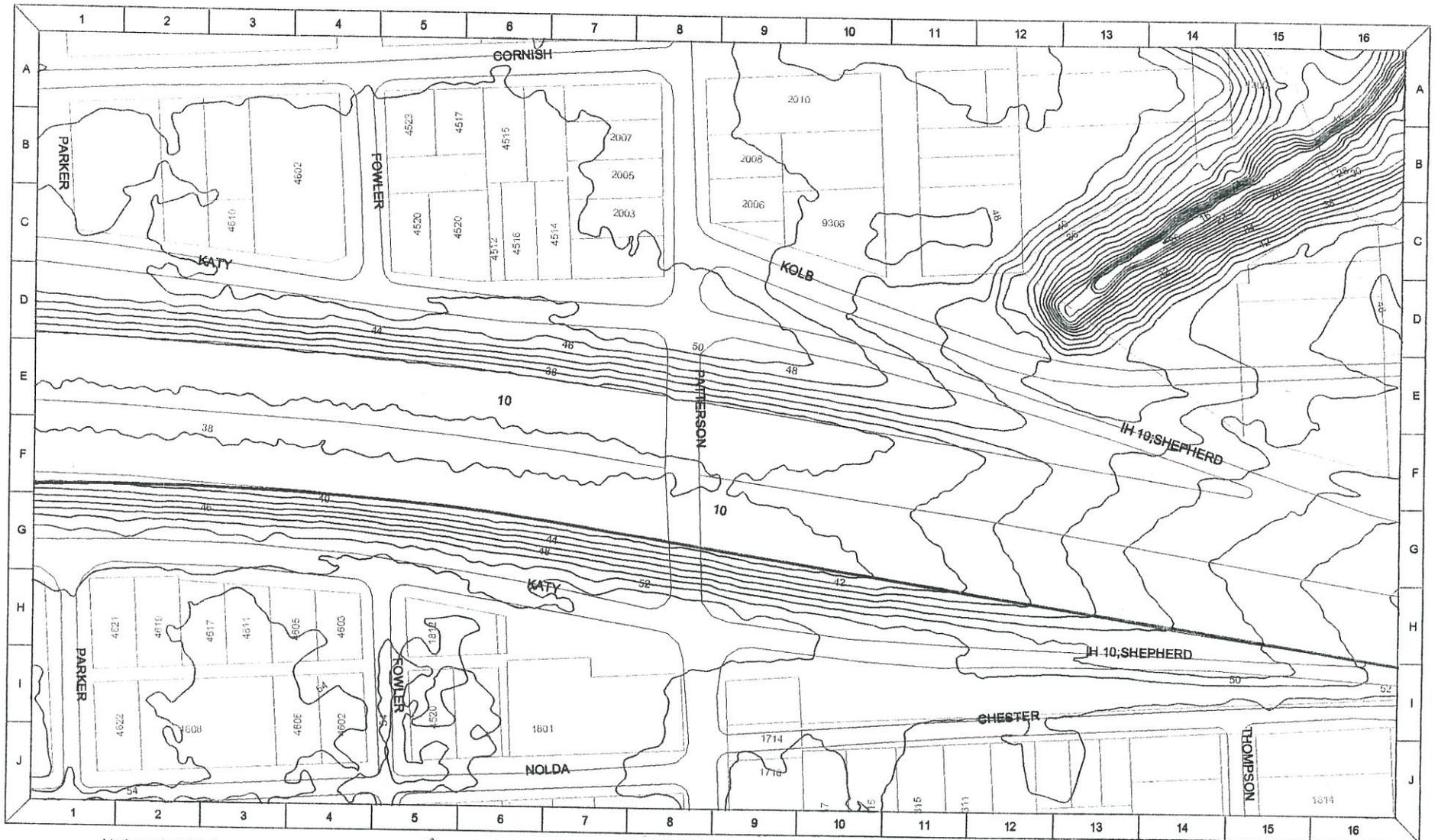
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RESPONSE TO COMMENTS TABLE

| Number | Name | Comment | Response |
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| 1. | Juan Arriaga | <p>All of these questions are in regard to A5 and A3.</p> <p>When are properties in these areas going to start being bought by TxDOT?</p> <p>When is construction scheduled to start? How long is construction going to last?</p> <p>Have any ideas been conceived for residential use of these ponds, during non raining/flooding periods?</p> | <p>For specific questions regarding the ROW acquisition process, please contact the TxDOT-Houston District ROW section.</p> <p>The proposed letting date is September 2009 and is scheduled to last nine (9) months (approx.).</p> <p>There will be no residential developments constructed in the detention ponds. TxDOT's project can be considered as phase I development. The proposed detention ponds may be developed into multi-use facilities in the future if other public entities come along with some reasonable proposals with adequate funds.</p> |
| 2. | M. Matcock | <p>Would like a hand-out of all maps shown, especially the constraints map I-10 at White Oak.</p> | <p>Once approved, the public meeting summary report will be available to the public on the TxDOT-Houston District's website and at the office located at 7721 Washington Ave., Houston, TX 77007. All exhibits and maps presented during the meeting will be included in this document.</p> |
| 3. | Albert Schoellkopf | <p>I would like to look at the plans of the project in more detail. Are these available online, and if so, what website?</p> <p>I would like to be on your mailing list for updates and meetings regarding the project.</p> | <p>The plans are not currently available online. For further details regarding the project plans, contact the TxDOT-Houston District office located at 7721 Washington Ave., Houston, TX 77007 or by phone call Alan Wang (713) 802-5385 or William Lockett (713) 802-5396.</p> <p>All citizens and groups that sign-in during public meetings and/or send in comments are added to the public notice mailing list.</p> |

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| | | Are there any plans to remove the abandoned MKT railroad trestles on White Oak Bayou? | Plans to remove the railroad trestles are not included in this project. |
| 4. | Delores Thomas | I am still willing to sell my property at market value. I am not the only one in the neighborhood that wants to sell. There are 8 property owners including myself that's willing to sell. The majority should rule. | TxDOT will only acquire lands necessary for the proposed project in the preferred alternatives. The preferred alternatives are those with the fewest direct negative impacts, while adequately meeting the purpose and need of the proposed project. Should your property be located within one of these alternatives, you will be notified at a later date by the appropriate TxDOT personnel. |
| 5. | Phyllis Mitchell | Would like a map of areas affected by the proposals. | Once approved, the public meeting summary report will be available to the public on the TxDOT-Houston District's website and at the office located at 7721 Washington Ave., Houston, TX 77007. All exhibits and maps presented during the meeting will be included in this document. |
| 6. | Deborah G. Frink | <p>Wouldn't flood mitigation be cheaper and more effective in underdeveloped or less developed upstream areas? Why disrupt existing infrastructure? Build retention parks upstream on White Oak Bayou.</p> <p>Stiffen and enforce developmental regulation.</p> <p>Audit recent developments to make sure flood retention/abatement/mitigation works as designed.</p> | <p>It is necessary to locate the flood mitigation ponds near White Oak Bayou and IH 10 and there are few undeveloped tracts left in this general area. Many alternatives were evaluated for the proposed project. The alternatives with the fewest direct negative impacts, while adequately meeting the purpose and need of the proposed project were recommended for the flood mitigation pond locations.</p> <p>TxDOT does not create or enforce development regulations. It is recommended to contact local officials regarding these regulations.</p> <p>The drainage impact study was conducted by a consulting engineering firm hired by the TxDOT. TxDOT's in-house design section is designing the ponds accordingly. Before being let and put into construction, the plans have to be reviewed and approved by TxDOT's bridge/hydraulic division in Austin. The plans will also be reviewed by the other government agencies such HCFCD.</p> |

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| | | Be kind during construction, detour traffic – don't just throw up cones. | Comment noted. |
| 7. | Linda Newman | I live and own a business along White Oak Bayou. Pond A-9 looks like a better idea. It is bigger and doesn't affect as many homes. | Comment noted. |
| 8. | Sharon Balke | I flooded 5 years ago. It is a terrible experience. All of these retention ponds sound great but if your whole purpose of this project is to keep IH 10 free of flooding and I have Carp in my living room again then its time to think of citizens more than truckers who thought they could drive through high water. No more development to the north unless mitigation is a required part of the plan. | Comment noted. The purpose of the flood mitigation ponds is to reduce flooding of IH 10 from Washington Avenue to White Oak Bayou. TxDOT provides flood mitigation when required by their projects. |
| 9. | Gloria Bertrams | Need to know more about elevation! Meetings, Decision Making, Community Planning, Problem Solving, We need to be included! | Comment noted. TxDOT provides elevation data for their projects. If you are requesting elevation data on your personal property, please contact your local surveyor. All citizens and groups that sign-in during public meetings and/or send in comments are added to the public notice mailing list. Additionally, all potentially affected property owners within or adjacent to the preferred alternatives are notified of the public meetings. |
| 10. | Harry Kalsch | I think it is a great idea to build the ponds. | Comment noted. |
| 11. | Steve Murray | I object to expanded access roads and bridges over RR but support the plan. The flood mitigation ponds seem like a much better option than overbuilding access roads. My understanding is that the ponds will fix the flooding problems eliminating the need for large multilane access roads. The negative impacts on the neighborhoods from access | Comments on the frontage roads will be addressed with that project. |

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| | | roads should be mitigated. This will force people and businesses out of the city. | |
| 12. | Lisa Murray | I am concerned about the overall impact on the neighborhoods surrounding the I-10 feeder road changes/expansion. I understand and agree with need for floodwater mitigation ponds. I don't understand why we are working as a city/state to encourage redevelopment inside the loop and then potentially reducing the values of those redeveloped properties by putting more traffic through those areas. I believe we should encourage light rail, better busing, etc. to reduce the need for increased high speed traffic. We need more incentives to help get cars off the roads not bigger roads that encourage more drivers. | Comment noted. |
| 13. | Blair Carpenter and John Fetcher | We are opposed to the use of our neighborhood at Bonner and Kolb (area A3) as a flood mitigation pond. With the abundance of vacant and undeveloped land bordering White Oak Bayou, we feel that the engineers at TXDOT should be able to complete the mitigation project without disturbing our area; the new alternatives you proposed, that were indicated in yellow appear to be adequate and acceptable to the residence of Kolb and Bonner Streets. | Comment noted. |
| 14. | Charles Vaclavik | I agree with those specific detention projects which will have the best chance of minimizing the possible flooding of I 10. I am specifically hopeful that the detention pond at T.C. Jester and White Oak Bayou will be selected. The extension of the feeder road along I 10 to Taylor Street (east) and to Washington Ave. (west) would help traffic flow in those areas. | Comment noted. Comments on the frontage roads will be addressed with that project. |

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| 15. | Frederide Lazase | <p>I am very concerned about the failure of TXDOT to fully lay out the entire map of its planned/proposed work inside Loop 610. It is difficult, as a citizen, to feel “empowered” without complete information.</p> <p>That which I did see on display concerns me. Digging deep, steep detention basins in our neighborhood (Timbergrove Manor) does not seem a positive solution. How does the community benefit from this physical scarring?</p> <p>I urge TXDOT to consider searching for detention solutions more in tone with community needs. Also, more meetings with better visuals are needed.</p> | <p>Comment noted. Public meetings are held to discuss specific projects. This project does not address all projects within the 610 Loop.</p> <p>The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce flooding of IH 10 from Washington Avenue to White Oak Bayou. Reduced flooding along IH 10 will help roadway users travel throughout the area.</p> <p>Comment noted.</p> |
| 16. | Blair Carpenter | <p>We strongly encourage the use of the new alternative sites (in yellow on your maps) as described by Alan Wang as alternatives to the use of our historic established neighborhood. We are working with and have the support of Senator Mario Gallegos, Abel Garza, State Representative Jessica Farrar, and City Council (District H) Adrian Garcia to preserve our neighborhood. We encourage TXDOT to work with the proper local officials and agencies to come up with a solution for the flooding that exists at I-10 and Washington Ave.</p> | <p>Comment noted.</p> |
| 17. | Tom Dornbusch | <p>I fully support the implementation of mitigation ponds at any or all of the locations currently being presented as per plans/maps exhibited at this public meeting. The acquisition and use of vacant parcels should be the preferred choice to avoid the taking of any residential or business properties in order to accomplish this mitigation, but providing adequate mitigation volume to abate flooding of IH-10 must be given priority over other possible development uses for any of these designated</p> | <p>Comment noted.</p> |

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| | <p>properties. The City of Houston, Harris County Flood Control District, and the State of Texas should immediately assist TXDOT to prevent further residential or business development on the target parcels and assure that these properties are all reserved for mitigation pond use only until final abatement plans are determined.</p> <p>This plan offers great potential for the creation of much needed and highly desirable recreational areas. TXDOT should be commended for presenting a plan that offers this opportunity for preservation/restoration of urban green space.</p> <p>I strongly oppose alteration of the main lane configuration of expansion of at-grade feeder lanes. If some containment element is essential as the plan indicates at the White Oak Bayou spill points along North IH-10 ROW this should be accomplished with a structure that, unlike the continuation of at-grade feeder lanes, would not introduce additional surface paving and further contribute to storm water runoff from the IH0-10 ROW. With the proposed mitigation ponds in place to abate the flooding of the main lanes, there should be no need to inflict additional at-grade traffic, noise, visual and atmospheric pollution on the neighborhoods, parks, and schools in proximity to the below gradient segment of IH-10 East of Washington/Westcott. There should be no need to increase urban blight with environmentally destructive elevated feeder lanes over the UPRR tracts between T.C. Jester and Washington/Westcott and no need to introduce more impermeable surface paving that will compound the problem of water runoff in the IH-10</p> | <p>TxDOT is amenable to the development of the detention ponds to support recreation. The current TxDOT project can be considered as Phase I development. However, for the future recreational facility development (Phase II), a municipal sponsor is needed to carry out the development and assume maintenance responsibilities.</p> <p>Comments on the frontage roads will be addressed with that project.</p> |
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| | | <p>corridor.</p> <p>In my opinion, at-grade and elevated feeder lanes that terminate immediately west of Washington/Westcott cannot truly be considered continuous feeder lanes and would be of little or no value during emergency evacuation situations – the cause we are now hearing to justify their proposed construction.</p> | |
| 18. | Linda Mercer | <p>What regulations or specifications underlie the purpose and need of this project?</p> <p>How many acres of land will be acquired?</p> <p>What is the capacity of the proposed detention areas?</p> <p>What type of storm creates the requirement to mitigate flooding between White Oak Bayou and Washington Ave.?</p> <p>What type of storm would flood the freeway between Heights and White Oak Bayou?</p> | <p>The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce flooding of IH 10 from Washington Avenue to White Oak Bayou. FEMA requires that projects requiring the placement of fill in the 100-year floodplain be mitigated by providing additional floodplain storage to offset these effects.</p> <p>The proposed project would be constructed on approximately 35 acres.</p> <p>The design of the detention ponds is currently in the preliminary state. The exact layout, depths and side slopes have not been determined. Therefore, we can not give the exact detention volume for the ponds. The approximate capacity of the ponds could possibly exceed 300 acre-feet.</p> <p>Any storm has the capability of producing floodwaters; however, a 100-year storm/flood would require additional mitigation in these areas to offset fill requirements resulting from IH 10 between Washington Avenue and White Oak Bayou.</p> <p>Any storm has the capability of producing floodwaters; however, a 100-year storm/flood would require additional mitigation in these areas to offset fill requirements resulting from IH 10 between White Oak Bayou and Heights Blvd.</p> |

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| | | <p>How often will the detention areas store water?</p> <p>When will stored water outflow into White Oak Bayou?</p> <p>What other purposes will the detention area serve?</p> <p>What will the detention areas look like?</p> <p>Is there a landscaping plan for the detention areas?</p> <p>How will TXDOT and COH work together on this project?</p> <p>Can the COH north of IH 10 be considered for IH 10 storm water detention?</p> | <p>Any time when a storm occurs, the detention ponds may store the water (to certain degree). The proposed detention ponds are designed to mitigate storm/flood for a maximum 100-year flood event.</p> <p>The detention ponds will be designed to allow stored water to flow back in to White Oak Bayou upon the water surface elevation of the bayou returning to its normal elevation.</p> <p>No other purposes other than flood mitigation for IH-10 are currently proposed for the detention ponds.</p> <p>The detention areas vary in size and shape; to see preliminary layouts of the ponds please contact Alan Wang (713) 802-5385 or William Lockett (713) 802-5396 of the TxDOT Houston District Office located at 7721 Washington Ave., Houston, TX 77007</p> <p>This project is currently at preliminary stage, no landscaping design work is done yet, but, a landscaping plan will be put in place.</p> <p>TxDOT is currently working on the IH 10 roadway and flood mitigation project. We have been communicating with COH and other public offices on many project related issues.</p> <p>A COH facility north of IH 10 was considered during the Alternatives Analysis but eliminated due to possible hazardous material concerns.</p> |
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| | | <p>What pedestrian and bikeway routes are planned in, across, or around the detention areas?</p> <p>What will the raised frontage lanes look like from the freeway?</p> <p>What drainage or storm pipe changes are planned related to the current and proposed freeway design between Washington Ave. and White Oak Bayou?</p> <p>According to the TXDOT studies I read regarding IH 10 expansion, this section of IH 10 is the “Bayou Corridor”</p> <p>a.) Can this project help restore and recover habitat that has been eliminated during freeway expansion projects in the area?</p> <p>b.) Can this project help to render a favorable image of Houston views from the freeway and from the neighborhoods?</p> <p>What is the budget for the freeway related storm water mitigation project between Washington Ave. and White Oak Bayou?</p> | <p>Pedestrian and bike trails are not currently proposed for the detention ponds.</p> <p>Comments on the frontage roads and IH 10 expansion project will be addressed with those projects.</p> <p>TxDOT will install two new trunk lines from Washington Ave to White Oak Bayou. These will be used to intercept the drainage from areas north and south of IH-10 instead of letting those areas discharge into the main-lane trunk line.</p> <p>a.) Habitat restoration/improvement projects are not included with this project; however, the flood mitigation ponds will be free of development and accessible to animals and wildlife.</p> <p>b.) Due to the location of the preferred alternatives from the freeway, it is not likely the ponds will be visible.</p> <p>The estimated cost of the proposed project is about \$5.57 to \$8.0 million (for construction only). But this is a preliminary figure and is subject to change.</p> |
| 19. | Monica Savino | <p>I was in attendance at the June 8th Open House format Public Meeting hosted by TXDOT at Sinclair Elementary School and viewed the schematic diagrams depicting the detention pond alternatives. In response to the Public Meeting I have three comments. First, as a resident and business owner located in Woodcrest, I was surprised to hear different TXDOT representatives on different occasions during the evening state that the</p> | <p>Comments on the frontage roads project will be addressed with that project. However, the only place the frontage roads will be raised is on the west bound frontage road in between Patterson and White Oak Bayou.</p> |

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| | <p>Flood Mitigation Pond(s) would indeed be sufficient to alleviate 100 year flooding events on IH 10 from Washington Ave. to Taylor Street. This acknowledgement is critical because it addresses one of the main reasons that the Department has given for proposing construction of elevated feeder lanes between Washington Ave. and T.C. Jester in the IH 10-East 610 to Taylor Street Project. If in fact these two projects are inter-related, and what I was told on June 8th is accurate, then I am more opposed to the elevated feeder lanes than I was previously.</p> <p>Second, although happy to have the opportunity to review the documents, the public turnout was very small considering the area potentially affected by the ponds. I was fortunate that a friend received the meeting notice via another friend via TXDOT and forwarded it to me. TXDOT is required to publicly announce meetings and presentations, however, many of us in Houston do not read the Houston Chronicle regularly and certainly do not review every single page looking for that rare sighting: a TXDOT public meeting notice. Certainly TXDOT realizes this and must utilize additional means to more effectively notify and communicate with citizens. Conducting public meetings in the neighborhoods in which those projects directly impact would certainly be a good start.</p> <p>Finally, my observations of TxDOT's community process with the following projects cause me to believe that TXDOT is falling short of its stated mission of being receptive, responsible, and cooperative with citizens and as a result, risks delivering less than optimum</p> | <p>Notices of the public meeting were published in the Houston Chronicle (05/08/06, 05/29/06), LaVoz (05/10/06, 05/31/06), and the Heights Leader (05/11/06, 06/01/06). Notices were also mailed to each landowner located within and adjacent to each preferred alternative detention pond locations. Notices were also hand delivered to residences located in the preferred alternatives.</p> <p>Comments noted.</p> |
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| | | <p>transportation solutions at a very high cost: IH10-610 to Katy. I45 expansion, Highway 59, IH10-610 to Taylor and Flood Mitigation Pond(s). I believe that City participation by two Houston Council Members on the GHAC Transportation Policy Council is not sufficient citizen representation for the complexities inherent in transportation expansion projects with urban cores. I suggest that TXDOT work much more closely with citizens and begin much earlier in the planning stages to interact with the citizenry through the Super Neighborhood Alliance. The Alliance has the potential of offering knowledge, information, and resources gained by its citizens over decades and in response, TXDOT could provide more appropriate and context sensitive solutions that do not usurp local redevelopment efforts or transform adjacent established neighborhoods into noisy, polluted, and undesirable properties.</p> <p>I believe that TXDOT does very important and necessary work, but find frustrating the lack of meaningful commitment to the stated vision of cooperation with the citizens. I know this does not have to be the case and want a more transparent communication process put in place for all current and future projects. TXDOT must provide the people of Texas with the best possible transportation alternatives: solutions that please aesthetically, are truly innovative, and are environmentally just.</p> | |
| 20. | A.D. Brady | <p>My main concern is that one of the proposed ponds A5 already serves as a detention basin due to the pipe cut through located close to the northwest corner of the basin about halfway up the bank. When the water in the bayou gets more than halfway up the bank, water begins to flow</p> | <p>All of the detention ponds will be designed to fill as the water surface elevation in White Oak Bayou rises, which is how the existing basin at the location of Pond A-5 works. Neither the frontage roads nor the mainlanes of IH-10 will drain directly to the ponds. The drainage of IH-10 will</p> |

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| | | <p>into the basin. During Tropical Storm Allison the bayou overflowed and the water in the basin was more than 10 ft. deep. At the same time the freeway was flooded. Also when the freeway previously flooded about 15 years ago the water in the basin was over 6 ft. deep. The proposed detention pond would take most of the basin capacity away. Even though the detention pond will be deeper than the current basin and increase the total capacity this will only drain the freeway, not the bayou.</p> <p>I brought up these points to an engineer at the meeting. One thing that puzzled me about the A5 pond blueprint was that it showed the top of the bayou bank as the northern boundary of the detention pond. This implied that if the bayou overflowed, the detention pond would fill up, which is not the purpose of the pond. When I asked the engineer about this he said there was a mistake in the drawing. When I asked him about the loss of the basin capacity he said they had done hydrological studies. When the study was done was this basin capacity included in the calculations? In other words, how would the loss of this basin capacity be mitigated in an event similar to Tropical Storm Allison.</p> <p>A5 is the only one of the original proposed sites, which already serves as a detention basin for White Oak Bayou. Could the loss of detention capacity, however small, make future flooding along the bayou even worse?</p> | <p>continue through the existing trunkline under the mainlanes and two proposed trunklines serving the east and westbound frontage roads which will flow into White Oak Bayou.</p> |
| 21. | Scott W. Johnson | <p>The Camp Logan neighborhood is greatly concerned and worried about the threatening severe detrimental impact to our community and properties to result from the proposed expansion of 1-10 and the 610 W Loop, most especially as a result from the proposed feeder road</p> | <p>Comments on the frontage roads and IH 10 expansion project will be addressed with those projects.</p> |

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| | <p>overpass above the railroad tracks between Washington Ave. and T.C. Jester. As evidenced by the attached petition signatures collected at a single small neighborhood meeting, our residents strongly oppose the current plans. An overwhelming majority of residents present at our most recent meeting signed this petition of protest.</p> <p>I-10 already generates and sends into our neighborhood an unacceptably high level of noise, as well as pollution. The idea of large trucks bellowing up a steep grade of the overpass and projecting their noise into our homes from an elevated position 30 ft. above grade is almost beyond the ability to comprehend. It is shocking to us that TXDOT would seriously consider such an intrusive and destructive plan. Clearly this plan would impair our lifestyles, enjoyment of our homes, and the value of our properties.</p> <p>We are not enthusiastic about any expansion of the feeder roads. If the feeder roads are altered, we vehemently oppose elevated lanes. All of the I-10 interstate should be below grade, similar to I-59 inside the loop, including the section along Memorial Park near Washington Ave., from which we already receive far too much noise. If necessary, feeder lanes could go below the railroad, but not over it. We also need sound walls throughout the area.</p> <p>We request a neighborhood hearing specifically on the issue of the routing of the feeder lanes between T.C. Jester and Washington Ave. This is an important issue which deserves specific discussion.</p> | |
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| <p>22.</p> | <p>Ben H. Crabb</p> | <p>I live somewhat removed from the location of the project, living near W. 18th and I-610, but do produce a local newsletter and consequently feel an obligation to become as knowledgeable as possible on topic before writing about it.</p> <p>From that perspective I will say it does seem, that as currently proposed-after resolution of the actual amounts of detention required to offset past I-10 flooding, the project does meet straightforward engineering and certain eminent domain concerns. This is witnessed by the chosen locations and detention construction style. These decisions probably reflect a near-term wise use of tax dollars.</p> <p>Again, resolving the appropriate detention volume is paramount, but I find leaving the greater neighborhood with three of four large, useless – except for very occasional storm water detention – holes in the ground to be a questionable long term strategy. I see local park facilities seemingly approaching and exceeding capacity already. I witness continuing higher population density construction in the greater area as a fact of life. Increased area of usable green space for the increasing population will not be cheaper in the future. From the same growth pattern, peak runoff flows will consequently increase into White Oak Bayou.</p> <p>Perhaps it is beyond TxDOT's sole purvey to take on a more extensive project providing for the greater area's current and projected storm water detention needs. Perhaps there is no provision for TxDOT to utilize construction styles for the proposed I-10 detention</p> | <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Currently, recreational use is not planned for the detention ponds. TxDOT is amenable to the development of the detention ponds to support recreation. The current TxDOT project can be considered as Phase I development. However, for the future recreational facility development</p> |
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| | | <p>project to provide for future multiple-use areas. But I must ask TxDOT to take the lead in helping precipitate and then participate in such a visionary multiple-use plan; to work with appropriate city, county, state and federal agencies in the effort while utilizing other available community resources such as the Bayou Preservation Association.</p> | <p>(Phase II), a municipal sponsor is needed to carry out the development and assume maintenance responsibilities.</p> |
| <p>23.</p> | <p>Mary-Jane Buschlen</p> | <p>Following are my comments regarding TxDOT's presented materials* and informal discussion about the "Flood Mitigation Ponds 1-10 at White Oak Bayou" Meeting at Sinclair Elementary on June 8, 2006 in Houston.</p> <p>The venue for this meeting was comfortable, well lit, accessible, (though not in the neighborhood of proposed changes) and the schematics presented were enlarged in duplicate. There was a large ratio of TxDOT employees present to the sparse number of public attendees.</p> <p>That said, I would like to point out what was missing in TxDOT's process. While the material presented at the ponds meeting was good, there was nothing that would help the public determine the social impact their plans will have on people. For example, no demographics (i.e. maps, environmental impact studies etc.) were evident yet this particular project has implications of Eminent Domain, an important aspect of public welfare. My assumptions, from hearsay, are that plans presented include removal of ancient residences.</p> <p>Without questioning the need for the ponds- though curious to see the projections TxDOT used to determine pond capacity - I'd like to know TxDOT's assessments of</p> | <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>The Environmental Assessment for the proposed project is not yet complete but currently being written and evaluated. Socioeconomic and environmental justice effects will be evaluated as part of the Environmental Assessment document. Once this is complete and reviewed by FHWA, a public hearing will be held and the draft document will be available for review.</p> |

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| | <p>these physical locations for the ponds' construction:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) An auto salvage yard between Patterson and Durham adjacent to the bayou. This location is purported to be a remedial site - what better way to improve the neighborhood than to excavate this land? 2.) A post-Allison apartment complex at the bottom of the TC Jester Bridge. Buildings that were permitted in a known flood area should be sacrificed before a 150-year-old neighborhood, shouldn't they? 3.) A large tract of industrial/undeveloped land (shared by Trinity Industries & UPR MKT RR Eureka Rail yard) immediately adjacent to TxDOT's proposed A8 pond. This area is the original millennium-old wetland for the White Oak Bayou Watershed**. <p>I acknowledge there are implications beyond TxDOT's scope and would like to suggest that mitigation of this Houston neighborhood's environmental problems (i.e. flooding, and pollution) might be accomplished with greater efficiency through combined information efforts between federal, state, county, city and public entities.</p> <p>Reverting back to TxDOT's process of public engagement, I raise specific protest over their timing of meetings. In my understanding of it, the public is informed at the end of their planning phase***.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) TxDOT, please confirm/correct my assessment of your project process as I have listed in Notes. <p>There is another planned project that impacts the same</p> | <p>Many alternatives were evaluated for the proposed project. The alternatives with the fewest direct negative impacts, while adequately meeting the purpose and need of the proposed project were recommended for the flood mitigation pond locations.</p> <p>Comment noted.</p> <p>The proposed project is still in the planning/alternative analysis process. Public involvement occurs throughout the planning process.</p> <p>Comments on the frontage roads and IH 10 expansion</p> |
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| | <p>neighborhood (the 10,000 residents of West Heights, Cottage Grove, Woodcrest and potentially 60,000 residents of radial neighborhoods) and I mention it briefly because of my concern for stakeholders having time to review and contribute ideas. This plan is TxDOT's IH-10 elevated lane project (referred to on TxDOT's maps as "IHIO Katy Frwy from East IH 610 to Taylor St." I implore you to not disregard any discourse arising from these proposed plans as I fear it may already be too late for anyone to have any impact on TxDOT's directives regarding IH-10/TC Jester.</p> <p>Notes: * Presented materials at the "TxDOT Flood Mitigation Ponds IH-10 at White Oak Bayou Public Meeting" consisted of: pond engineering schematics; an aerial photograph of White Oak Bayou section with overlay of planned ponds and indication of flood zones; a photograph of IH-10 at Houston Avenue flooded during Hurricane Allison; a photograph of trucks stranded in water on a stretch of IH-10 that is adjacent to White Oak Bayou, two paragraphs enlarged on poster board stating that this area floods; a 2006 map showing new floodplain remapped areas for this region. When I asked if these documents were available online, the TxDOT person I spoke with said, "No." When I asked if we were allowed to photograph the presentation materials, he again said, "No." However, at this date (6/14/06) the aerial map files are available for download from TxDOT's ftp server at: ftp://204.64.21.7/IH%2010%20Whiteoak/ but a word of warning to those who try, it requires advanced technical ability to retrieve these files.</p> <p>** Current topographical flood maps of this specific area</p> | <p>project will be addressed with those projects.</p> |
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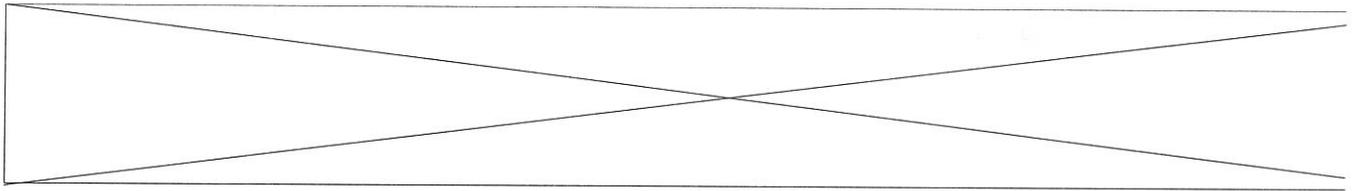
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| | <p>(Tropical Storm Allison Recovery Project, http://maps.tsarp.org/, “search by address” using this exact term: “700 T C Jester Blvd 77008” show that this tract of undeveloped land sits next to White Oak Bayou and a stream offshoot of White Oak Bayou (which are one-eighth of a mile east and north respectively) within floodway and 100-year floodplain.</p> <p>*** TxDOT does not publish its project process methodology but it appears to have the following key components in consecutive order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Specification and Estimate phase (PS&E): approx 1-36 months. 2. Presentation of PS&E to Technical Advisory Committee as pre-cursor of 3: approx 1 month 3. Presentation of PS&E plan for approval by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) which includes two elected officials: two weeks 4. One meeting to the public, with a legal requirement of one-month notice posted somewhere in the newspaper, and public post-meeting comment period of ten days: 1 month 5. Plans finalized and printed: 2 months 6. contract for Sale Docs (the finalized project plans sent to contractors for their review and bids): 1 month 7. Let Date (the day TxDOT opens the contractor bids): 2 months 8. Award Date (date that TxDOT advises contract winner): 1 month 9. Construction: 6-12 months <p>Source: Above timeline and process is derived from ad hoc information from TxDOT Construction Division,</p> | |
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| | | TxDOT Deputy District Engineer, Houston-Galveston Area Council online documents and other informal sources. | |
| 24. | Kevin Shanley | <p>Thank you for holding an additional open house on Thursday June 8th at Sinclair Elementary School to share your preliminary plans for the detention basins proposed for I-10 between Patterson Street and Washington Streets. The BPA continues to request serious consideration of each of the recommendations made in our letter of 30 November 2005, but we would like to underscore and elaborate on the following two points:</p> <p>The Bayou Preservation Association strongly encourages TxDOT to design and construct detention basins that provide multiple benefits to the community. Money and land are far too scarce to create single-purpose facilities that will only infrequently be used to store storm water. The costs of acquiring the land, excavating the basins, and very importantly, the long term costs of maintaining the facility all need to be balanced against the potential additional benefits that can be provided to the community in addition to storm water detention.</p> <p>The incremental cost of purchasing additional land to allow multiple benefits, amortized over the life of the project, is negligible in present value dollars, and it is unacceptable to build a single purpose basin on such valuable urban property. The preliminary designs for the alternative detention basin sites shown at the June 8th open house were all designed to maximize storage volumes by digging as deep a hole as possible (30'-37' deep) and by using the steepest possible straight side slopes (3:1). While this will provide the most volume for the least land, it will not lend itself to easy conversion to</p> | <p>Comment noted; however, recreational use is not currently planned for the detention pond locations. TxDOT is amenable to the development of the detention ponds to support recreation. The current TxDOT project can be considered as Phase I development. However, for the future recreational facility development (Phase II), a municipal sponsor is needed to carry out the development and assume maintenance responsibilities.</p> |

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| | <p>a multiple-use facility. Enough land needs to be purchased to allow side slopes that vary from the 3:1 maximum slope to flatter slopes of 6 or 8:1.</p> <p>The BPA would be willing to provide your engineers, at no cost, a conceptual layout that would accommodate the multiple uses described above, once you have determined which properties you will be acquiring.</p> <p>Second: According to our rough calculations, the mitigation basins need to provide approximately 440 acre/feet of mitigating storage to replace the floodplain storage that will be lost when the depressed section of the freeway is isolated and protected from the White Oak Bayou floodplain. One of the engineers at the open house, however, said that TxDOT was going to provide 300 acre/feet of mitigation. Our calculation is based on the recent FEMA FIRM maps (FIRM Panel is attached) and the TSARP Lidar topographic map from the City's GIMS site (image is attached). We understand the 100 year water surface elevation at the breach point to be approximately elevation 50.0 and the average surface of the freeway main lanes to be approximately 38.0. We calculated a bottom width of 160' and an average top width of 210'. We measured approximately 7,250' between Patterson Street and Washington, and then added the ramping up to elevation 50.0 at each end of approximately 1,260'. If TxDOT is using different, more accurate topographic information, or different floodplain maps that suggest that the floodplain is at a lower elevation, then we would be interested knowing the source of your information. In the case of this improvement project, the community along the White</p> | <p>TxDOT has based its detention pond design on a Drainage Impact Analysis performed by Thompson, Inc.</p> |
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| | | <p>Oak floodplain has a very real concern about any possibility of an increase in flood elevations for any reason and TxDOT should be distinctly aware of the need to be conservative in evaluating mitigation and detention strategies for the work proposed along 1-10.</p> <p>We would be happy to meet with you to discuss these subjects in greater detail.</p> | |
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TxDOT eyes new pond plans

Revisions call for land on which homes now stand in Heights area

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The Texas Department of Transportation has revised its plans for floodwater detention ponds along White Oak Bayou in the Heights.

After an initial meeting on the project late last year, TxDOT presented new plans for the ponds to residents at a recent public meeting at Sinclair Elementary School, 6410 Grovewood.

Of the five proposed ponds, two are where homes now exist. They are part of the agency's efforts to curb flooding along Interstate 10, which occurred during Tropical Storm Allison.

The majority of the proposed ponds are along the bayou between Yale Street and Shepherd. An additional pond would be located north, where the bayou intersects T.C. Jester Boulevard.

The detention ponds are part of TxDOT's I-10 Flood Mitigation Project, which also includes elevated frontage lanes for I-10 inside the 610 Loop.

That plan is being vehemently challenged by Heights-area residents, including those in Woodcrest and Cottage Grove who say elevated service roads between Washington and T.C. Jester would have a negative impact because of air and noise pollution.

They also argue the detention ponds, which are estimated to create 21 acres of stormwater detention area, would eliminate the need to build elevated frontage lanes.

Stanley Cooper, project manager for the I-10 mitigation project, said while residents expressed concerns at the meeting over the proposed elevated frontage lanes, the response to the ponds has been mostly positive.

"A lot of the negative comments we saw were about the other project, which has nothing to do with this," he said. "In terms of this project, what we've seen is mainly a case of people worrying about the taking of right of way."

The majority of the ponds would be constructed on property owned by the city or the Harris County Flood Control District.

However, the new designs involve placing two ponds where homes now exist. Those locations are south of the bayou at Kolb Street and south of the bayou just west of Patterson Street, where new construction is also taking place.

Cooper said the department has tried to "choose locations where we can minimize the property we take," but that claiming right of way is likely.

Since the initial design plans were presented, TxDOT has added a large pond north of the bayou and just west of Yale to its plans. That pond would be bisected by Sixth Street.

Cooper said the final decision on the number of ponds and their locations will not be made until after the department finishes an environmental impact study.

Engineers also have to determine the total volume of detention area necessary for the project.

He said once TxDOT produces final schematic documents, they will be presented to the Federal Highway Administration for approval. A final public hearing must be held before work can begin.

TxDOT cannot begin initiating right-of-way acquisition until after the impact study is completed.

Construction on the flood mitigation ponds is not expected to begin until fall of 2007. Cooper estimated the total cost is about \$1.5 million.

Although some residents have called for turning the area around the ponds into park space, Cooper said the department is not required to do so.

"People are asking to develop these as recreation facilities, but they'd have to go through the city of Houston to get that done," he said.

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