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RE: SH 288 Corridor Feasibility Study (TxDOT Contract No. 12-345P5003; CSJ No. 0912-00-262)

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

We are pleased to submit this report entitled: SH 288 Corridor Feasibility Study, which was prepared in accordance with our contract with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) dated March 17, 2003.

This report documents the development and evaluation of various transportation improvement alternatives that were considered along the SH 288 corridor from US 59 just south of Downtown Houston to SH 36 in Freeport. A Most Feasible Alternative is recommended for implementation based on the detailed evaluation of impacts associated with the potential transportation improvements and consideration of public input. The selected Most Feasible Alternative will improve area mobility and safety while minimizing environmental and land use impacts. It will also result in the ultimate development of a multimodal corridor that will accommodate and encourage automobile, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian traffic.

The project included an extensive public outreach program that provided area agencies, corridor communities, major stakeholders, and citizens with numerous opportunities to review and comment on study issues and needs, findings, and recommendations. Numerous meetings were held with the Steering Committee established for this study, cities and communities located along the corridor, and the general public throughout the project.

We appreciate the opportunity to undertake this important project, and trust the study findings and recommendations will assist TxDOT and other involved agencies in improving mobility and safety along the SH 288 corridor.

Sincerely,

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