

## Resolution of support for transportation alternatives

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- § 1. **Whereas**, one in five adult Texans cannot drive, and more than 100,000 households in Harris County have no car,<sup>1</sup> and these Texans **must travel by other means**;
- § 2. **Whereas**, **fuel costs are rising** and many Texans are seeking alternatives to car travel;
- § 3. **Whereas**, many **young people and seniors** need safe alternatives to achieve desired mobility;
- § 4. **Whereas**, Houston does not meet national **air quality standards**,<sup>2</sup> and 49% of Harris County residents are “‘very concerned’ about health effects of pollution”;<sup>3</sup>
- § 5. **Whereas**, most of Houston's \$5.6 billion of annual transportation investment goes to build and maintain roads,<sup>4</sup> and **vehicle miles traveled** (VMT) is a principal determinant of auto emissions;
- § 6. **Whereas**, 67% of Harris County residents believe traffic has grown worse over the previous three years, and 78% believe that public transportation is one of the best “**long-term solutions** to the traffic problems in the Houston area”;<sup>3</sup>
- § 7. **Whereas**, 45% of Houstonians would prefer more **investment in public transit** while only 38% prefer building new roads and highways;<sup>5</sup>
- § 8. **Whereas**, truck traffic is a significant cause of roadway congestion, and **freight rail** is a more efficient, more environmentally-friendly alternative;
- § 9. **Whereas**, commercial airline travel uses at least six times more energy than **passenger rail** for trips of fewer than 600 miles; and
- § 10. **Whereas**, the public investments we make today will determine the transportation options we have tomorrow.
- § 1. **RESOLVED**, that all transportation agencies must invest in infrastructure to **provide excellent access** to neighborhoods, jobs, and other destinations using all travel modes, including walking, biking, and mass transit;
- § 2. **RESOLVED**, that transportation agencies must **develop and modernize rail infrastructure** for both passengers and freight;
- § 3. **RESOLVED**, that all transportation projects comply with federal guidelines in order to **capture maximum federal funds** and **protect quality of life** in our neighborhoods;
- § 4. **RESOLVED**, that both **public and private entities cooperate fully** to ensure a robust and complete transportation network for our future.

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Adopted by:

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Website (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of households represented \_\_\_\_\_ Number of members \_\_\_\_\_

Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for your support!



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Sources:

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey.

<sup>2</sup> Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

<sup>3</sup> Dr. Stephen Klineberg. 2007 Houston Area Survey.

<sup>4</sup> H-GAC. 2035 Regional Transportation Plan.

<sup>5</sup> 2003 Blueprint Houston Survey