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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
United States Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Letter of Support for Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County's (METRO) Application for the Northline Transit Center

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am pleased to express support for the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County's (METRO) application for the construction of a new Northline Transit Center.

As a City of Houston council member and METRO rider, I am fully supportive of the proposed new Northline Transit Center. This new facility will include a multi-level parking structure and a central location for METRO connectivity and improve access to transit. Beyond enhanced customer safety, the new transit center will also offer an improved customer experience through more transit connections to essential services for area residents. It will offer access to seven local bus routes and serve as the northern terminus for the METRORail Red Line, one of the nation's most traveled lines, based on boardings per track mile. The transit center's central location and proximity to the METRO's light rail network make it an important link in the transportation system. The design will also complement Houston Community College's Northline campus and make it an attractive addition to the community.

The conceptual design includes space that could house a METRO RideStore, route supervisors, METRO Police Department, and community activities. The construction of a new facility gives METRO the opportunity to create a state-of-the-art transit center that incorporates passenger amenities and safety features that the current site does not provide.

We thank you for your consideration. I encourage your support for this project and METRO's continued efforts to improve transportation choices and quality of life for Houston area residents and visitors.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sallie Alcorn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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