



Houston City Council

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Mr. Tom Lambert
President/ Chief Executive Officer
Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Texas
1900 Main Street
P.O. Box 61429
Houston, Texas 77208-1429

Re: METRO 5310 Call for Projects – Shepherd and Memorial Drive Sidewalk Improvements

Dear President Lambert,

We are writing to express support for the Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority's (MHRA) applications seeking funding through Houston METRO's 5310 program. The funding would support proposed pedestrian infrastructure – rectangular rapid flashing beacons, pedestrian and bike signals, high visibility crosswalks, and sidewalk widening at the intersection of Shepherd Drive and Memorial Drive. These proposed improvements will increase comfort and safety for all roadway users, particularly senior citizens and those with limited mobility.

The project is in proximity to several key establishments, including two senior living facilities (The Village of River Oaks and Heritage Senior Residences), two family and children support facilities (DePelchin Children - Food Distribution Center and Family Houston), one refugee shelter (Every Shelter), one visually impaired assistance facility (The Lighthouse of Houston), St. Thomas High School, and Metro Bus Routes 20 and 27.

The improvements are consistent with Houston METRO's and the Federal Transit Administration's goal of improving mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options.

We appreciate METRO's consideration of MHRA's 5310 applications so that our organizations can continue our shared goal of improving accessibility to infrastructure for those we serve.

As an aside, we want to personally thank you for your service and dedication to our community. It is a privilege to know you and a pleasure to work with you.

Warm regards,

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Houston City Council Member, District C
Chair, Public Safety & Homeland Security

Sallie Alcorn
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Chair, Regulatory & Neighborhood Affairs