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Mr. Alan Clark  
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Dear Mr. Clark:

On behalf of the 29<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Texas, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the proposals being submitted to the Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) by the Greater East End Management District. The Pedestrian Bicycle Projects and Livable Centers Projects will improve connectivity, build on earlier developments, and help pedestrians and cyclists gain access to transit.

The proposed projects will address some of the shortcomings in transportation and strengthen efforts to build more coordinated and connected transit system. The Pedestrian Bicycle Projects focus on improving pedestrian and bicycle facilities across rail line and increasing safety at rail crossings. The Livable Centers Projects will enhance intersections to make them safer, improve the capacity for multi-modal travel and increase connectivity. Thirty-four percent of residents in the East End use transit, walk or bike to get to work and school. Improvements in pedestrians and cycling facilities will increase transit access and safety and help make a more productive community.

METRO has invested \$525 million in the East End Light Rail. Since there are no major parking lots along the stops, future passengers will need sidewalks and bike trails to access the line. These proposed projects build on others that have already been constructed and are consistent with the East End Mobility Plan. When finished, they will make it easier for all area residents – including those in cars and buses – to travel.

Again, I would like to reiterate my support for the Greater East End Management District's proposals. Thank you for your time and for your commitment to improving our great city. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Gene Green  
 Member of Congress