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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendments to the 2015 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP)

The City of Houston Planning Commission will hold a **public hearing on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in the City Hall Annex Chambers, Public Level, 900 Bagby Street, Houston, Texas, 77002**. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow interested citizens to be heard concerning proposed changes to the 2015 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP). The MTFP identifies right-of-way needs and proposes roadway alignments within the city limits of Houston and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). The MTFP does not initiate the timing of right-of-way acquisition or construction activities related to the roadways.

Information on each proposed amendment will be available for public review at an **open house to be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the United Way Community Resource Center, 50 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas, 77007**. The applicants and Planning and Development Department (P&D) personnel will be available at the open house to answer questions.

This notification letter has been mailed to property owners and registered civic associations adjacent to roadways included the amendment request. Included in this notification package is information about the specific amendment which may be of potential interest to the respective property owner and provides answers to some frequently asked questions.

In addition to comments made at the Public Hearing, **comments submitted by July 1, 2016, using the online comment form** available on the website listed below, will be taken into account by the Planning Commission before making a decision on amendment requests. Additionally, the Commission will weigh information provided by P&D and other government transportation agencies in the Houston region. Four weeks after the public hearing, on August 11, 2016, staff will present recommendations to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will vote on each amendment and forward its recommendations to City Council by September 1, 2016. Once an ordinance for the amendments has been adopted by City Council, a new MTFP will be published by the City. More information about the MTFP and proposed amendments are available on the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan webpage at www.houstonplanning.com. The information can be found by selecting "2016 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan" link under "Announcements". You may contact the Planning & Development Department at 832-393-6660 or email amar.mohite@houstontx.gov.



2016 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP) Amendments

Frequently Asked Questions

Q What is a Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP) Amendment?

A The City of Houston's MTFP was first adopted by City Council in 1942. It is a long range plan that provides for a system of thoroughfares and collectors to support overall mobility. It does not deal with timing of right-of-way acquisition or road construction. The Plan is updated through an annual amendment process. Amendments generally delete, add or modify a portion of a planned Thoroughfare or Collector. Streets such as Hillcroft Avenue, Kirby Drive, and FM 2100 are examples of planned Major Thoroughfares that have matured over the years. The Plan will continue to be modified in order to meet Houston's growing transportation needs.

Q What is an alternative?

A When the City receives an application to amend the MTFP, staff evaluates the proposed request and studies the adjoining area's major roadway network. The Planning Department (P&D) may identify and evaluate other options in the area, other than the one submitted by the applicant. Such options will be presented as alternatives at the Open House so that all interested parties are aware of options being considered by P&D and Planning Commission.

Q I received a letter from the City. Why? What does this have to do with me?

A If you have received a notice in the mail from the City, it means that our records show you own property that may be located close to or that may be impacted by a proposed amendment to the MTFP. Please read the enclosed report to learn more about the proposed amendment that may impact you and your property.

Q My property is located in the County, not within the City limits. Why is the City dealing with issues in the County?

A The MTFP covers not just the major road network within the City limits, but also within the City's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). This allows transportation needs to be addressed on a regional basis.

Q I am concerned about a proposed amendment. What can I do?

A First, you can find out more about the amendment request in the following ways:

- Read the report that was included in the mail out; see other helpful links on our website (*see below*)
- Go on-line to review the application and letter of justification submitted by the applicant:
↳ www.houstonplanning.com– click 2016 MTFP Amendment Requests under Announcements
- Attend the public open house to meet with the applicant, talk to City staff & fill out a comment form:
↳ Tue. June 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m., United Way Community Resource Center, 50 Waugh Drive, Houston, TX 77007 (*see map on reverse*)
- Contact the Planning Department staff and/or the applicant

Then, if you would like to make your concerns known to the City you can:

- Write an email, letter or fax to the City expressing your concerns
- Attend the **public hearing** and speak directly to the Planning Commission
↳ Thurs. July 14, 2:30 p.m., City Hall Annex Chambers, 900 Bagby, Houston, TX 77002 (*see map on reverse*)

Q What is going to happen at the public open house on June 14? (*see map on reverse*)

A There will be map displays and information about each amendment request. You can walk around and view the information and learn more about the amendment requests that are of interest to you. You will also be able to have one-on-one conversation with the applicants and P&D staff. Also, you can learn more about what will happen at the public hearing and how you can best express your concerns to the Planning Commission.

Q What is going to happen at the public hearing on July 14? (*see map on reverse*)

A The Planning Commission holds a public hearing to provide an opportunity for concerned citizens to make their views known publicly. Comments submitted by July 1, using the online comment form on the website (refer to instructions above to locate the link on the website), will also be taken into account by the Planning Commission in making a decision on amendment requests. Additionally, the Commission will weigh information provided by the P&D staff and other government agencies concerned about transportation in our region.

Q Who decides what to do?

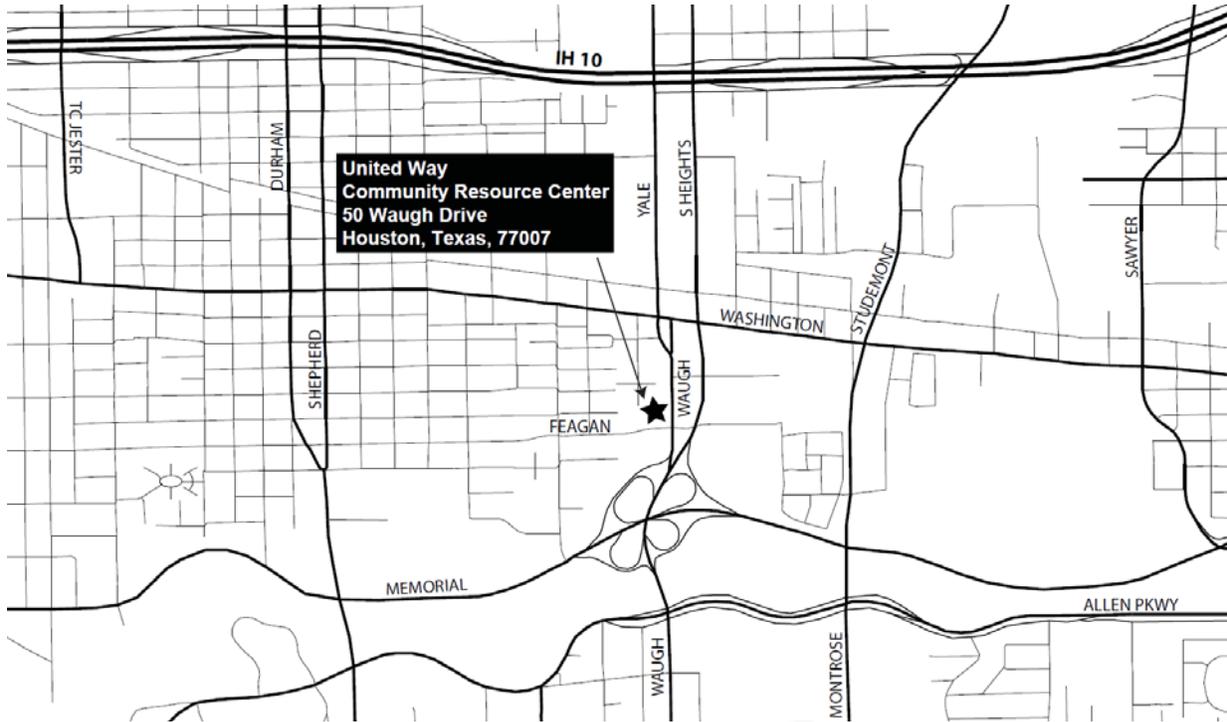
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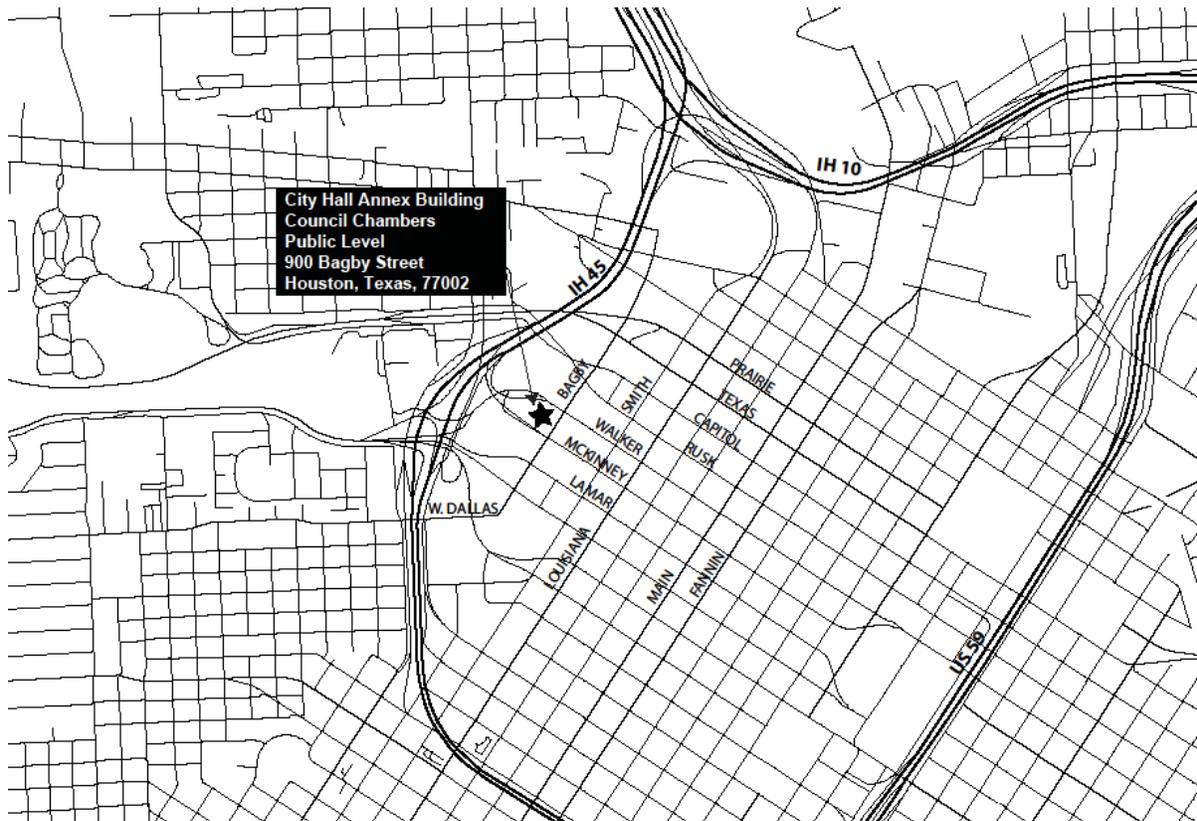
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Physical address: 611 Walker, HoustonTexas, 77002

Map of Public Open House Location, Tuesday, June 14, 2016 (5:30 - 7:30 p.m.)



Map of Public Hearing Location, Thursday, July 14, 2016 (2:30 p.m.)



PRELIMINARY REPORT

F2: Barker Cypress Road

APPLICANT: Harris County Engineering Department

KEY MAP: 327 B, F, K, P

JURISDICTION: Harris County

LAMBERT: 4669, 4668, 4667

DISTRICT/PRECINCT:
Harris County Pct. 4

PROPOSAL:

The Harris County Engineering Department is requesting to realign designated Barker Cypress Road from Little Cypress Creek to the Grand Parkway on the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan (MTFP).

APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION and HISTORY:

The applicant, Harris County Engineering Department, states that a consultant performed thoroughfare studies upstream along Little Cypress Creek (LCC) from the crossing of Barker Cypress Road. When Barker Cypress Road is eventually constructed across the LCC, the roadway may have to be elevated above Little Cypress Creek to satisfy HCFCD and FEMA bridge regulations. As a result of the study, Commissioners' Court required on October 27, 2015 that a deed restriction be executed associated with the Army Corps of Engineers in connection with the Grant Road and Kitzman Road drainage and wetland mitigation project. This deed restriction affects properties on the eastern edge of the Grant Road LLC tract which is currently bisected by the present Barker Cypress Road alignment. The applicant states that this deed restriction necessitates the realignment of Barker Cypress Road.

North of Grant Road, the alignment would generally be situated straddling the property lines of existing parcels where a 50/50 right-of-way (ROW) split can be dedicated with future platting. The road would also avoid an existing sand pit on the Eagan's property. When the alignment intersects the existing elongated ROW "S" curve at Kitzman Road. Kitzman would two T-intersections to handle the opposing traffic. North of the T-intersections the alignment would avoid the existing baseball fields by being on the eastern property boundary of the Cunningham tract while beginning a 1,500 foot radius curve to the west along the Baker tract south of Harris County Precinct 4 Dyess Park, a 113 acre facility with softball and soccer fields.

Dyess Park lies south of the Grand Parkway along the south side of Willow Creek. The park site is currently bisected by the mapped Barker Cypress Road and Juergen/Boudreaux road alignment. The applicant reasons that the current realignment will reduce the size of the western portion of the park site isolated from the developed park areas.

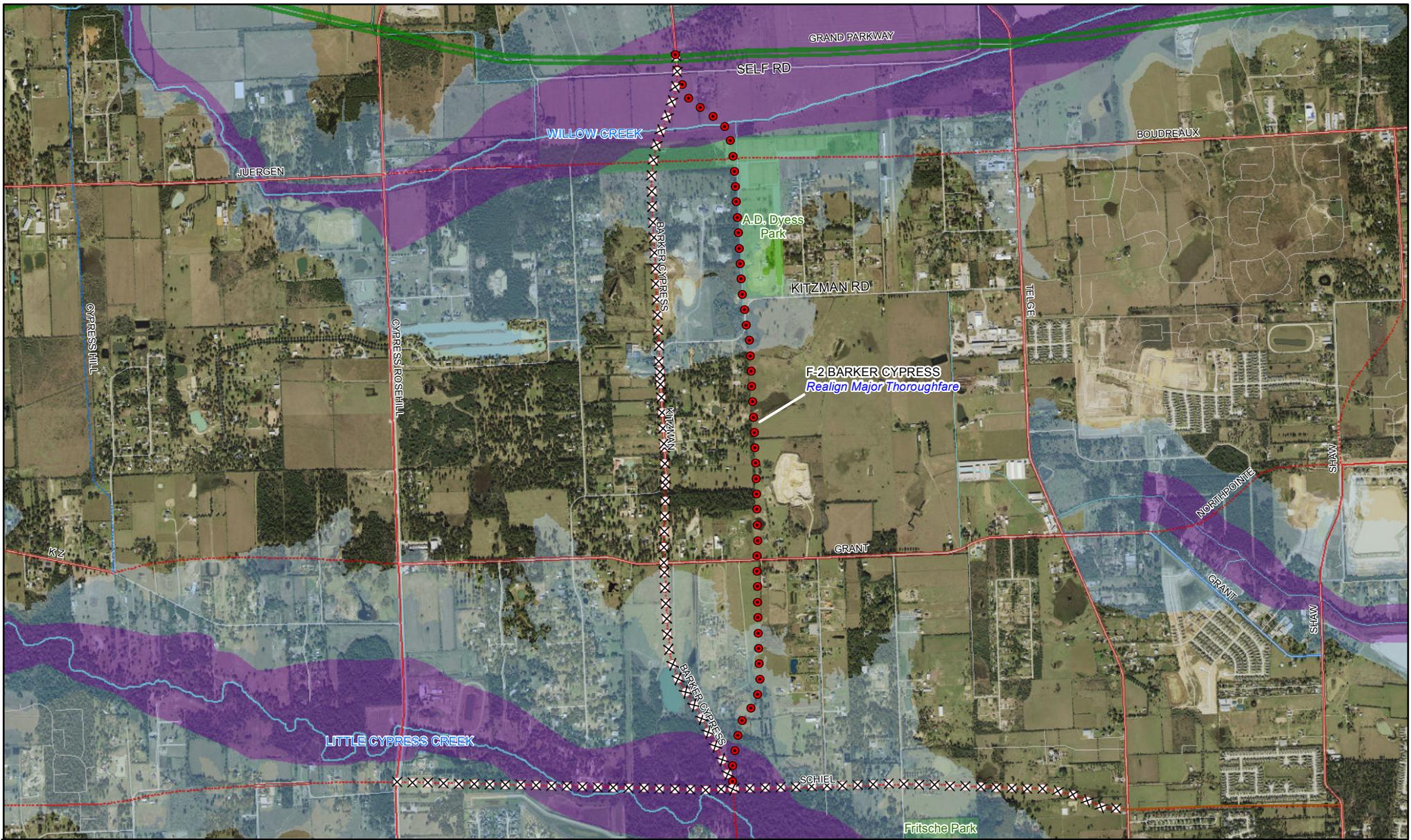
The proposed realignment of Barker Cypress Road would bisect the Cockerham tract north of Dyess Park crossing Willow Creek and aligning with last year's amended alignment at Cedar Lane/Self/Grand Parkway intersection.

Last year, the Planning Commission approved an amendment for the Barker Cypress Road corridor to the north by realigning the road to utilize the proposed Grand Parkway underpass and current roadway easement for Cedar Lane.

PRELIMINARY REPORT

In 1966, Barker Cypress Road was first depicted on the MTFP map as a Major Thoroughfare, terminating at the proposed Grand Parkway slightly north of Boudreaux Road. Telge Road and Cypress Rosehill Road were shown on the map extending northward into Montgomery County. In 1972, Barker Cypress Road was extended northward from Boudreaux Road, terminating at the Grand Parkway further north than in 1966. In 1982, the MTFP was amended that included the extension of Barker-Cypress Road north to FM 2920. Barker Cypress Road becomes Barker Clodine Road and Westmoor Drive as one travels south. This corridor should remain on the MTFP because of its regional significant due to its overall length throughout Harris County.

The applicant has stated that this amendment provides a reasonable and efficient roadway system that can be utilized by citizens and visitors of the city of Houston and surrounding region.



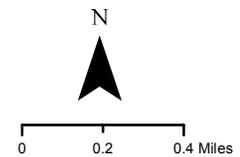
2016 Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan Recommendation: F-2 Barker Cypress Road

2016 MTFP Amendment

Add	—●—	Reclassify	Street Class	—■—
Realign	—○—		ROW Width	—▲—
Remove	—X—		No. Lanes	—◆—

2015 MTFP

—	Freeway	—	Local Street
—	Major Thoroughfare	—+—	Railroad
—	Major Collector	—	Waterway
—	Minor Collector	—	Park
—	Transit Corridor Street		



Vicinity Map