NORTHPARK DRIVE OVERPASS PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Northpark Drive is one of the most heavily traveled and congested roadways in Kingwood. The Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority, in conjunction with Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 10 and the City of Houston, is leading the reconstruction of Northpark Drive between I-69 and Woodland Hills Drive in two phases. The first phase of this reconstruction, the Northpark Drive Overpass Project between I-69 and Russell Palmer Road, will also add a grade-separated Overpass at Texas State Loop 494 and the Union Pacific Railroad crossing.



PROJECT BENEFITS:

- Expansion of Northpark Drive from four to six lanes between I-69 and Russell Palmer Road
- Serve as an Evacuation Route for Kingwood residents
- Decrease traffic delays and travel time with construction of an Overpass over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and Texas State Loop 494
- Addition of service roads on both sides of the new Overpass for local access to Texas State Loop 494 and businesses along Northpark Drive
- · Increase drainage capacity to improve storm water mitigation
- Elevate Northpark Drive above the 500-year floodplain
- Install new landscaping and irrigation, corridor lighting, improve pedestrian elements and upgrade traffic signals



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PROJECT BACKGROUND:

In May 2015 the Authority, in conjunction with the City of Houston, completed the commissioned Kingwood Area Mobility Study to analyze the area's transportation needs and deficiencies, and to assess potential solutions to improve mobility and quality of life for area residents. Based on data analysis, future traffic projections, and extensive public input, a list of recommended improvements was created, which included Northpark Drive as a clear priority.



The new Northpark Drive Overpass will carry pass-through traffic directly over the Union Pacific Railroad track, alleviating current congestion and meeting a critical need for unimpeded emergency vehicle access.

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE:

The project is currently in the design phase. The project construction duration will take approximately 24 to 30 months to complete, and is expected to be substantially complete by 2023. HNTB, an engineering firm recognized for experience on highway projects, has been selected to lead the Project team.

FUNDING:

With an estimated construction cost of \$39 million, the Northpark Drive Overpass Project will be primarily funded by the Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority, with a \$15.45 million contribution by the City of Houston.

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