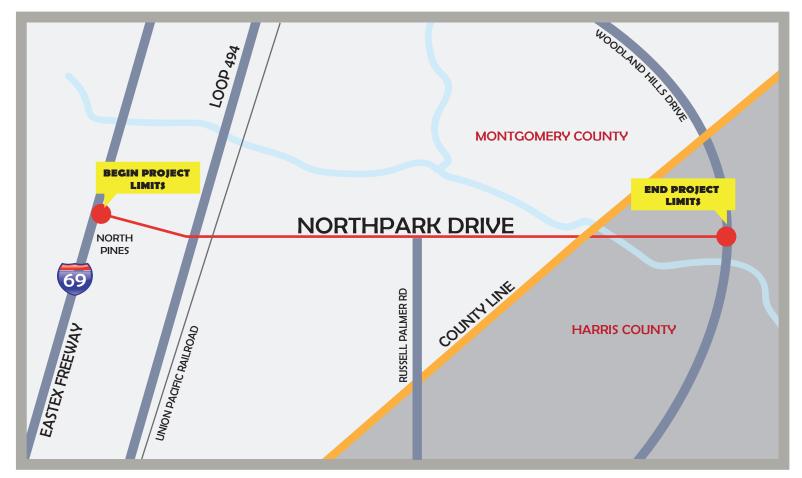
# **NORTHPARK DRIVE MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Northpark Drive from I-69 (US 59) to Woodland Hills Drive

# **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Northpark Drive is one of the most heavily traveled roadways in Kingwood, Texas. Currently a four-lane roadway, a project is being developed to make Northpark Drive safer for emergency services and pedestrian crossings, and to accommodate future traffic needs. This project, known as the Northpark Drive Mobility Improvement Project, lies within the jurisdiction of the City of Houston, Harris County, and Montgomery County.



The improvements will extend from I-69 (US 59) to 500 feet east of Woodland Hills Drive, totaling approximately 2.18 miles.

# **PROJECT BACKGROUND: 1**

In May 2015, the Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority, in conjunction with the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department commissioned the Kingwood Area Mobility Study to analyze the area's transportation needs and deficiencies and assess potential solutions. Based on data analysis, future traffic projections, and public input, a list of recommended improvements was created, and which included the expansion of Northpark Drive.



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# The Northpark Drive Mobility Improvement Project will include the reconstruction of the existing roadway. Concepts being considered include:

- + Widening the roadway to a six-lane boulevard.
- + Stormwater drainage improvements.
- + Landscaping and irrigation.
- + Flood mitigation improvements at Bens Branch.
- An overpass to carry traffic over the Union Pacific Railroad and TX-494 Loop.
- + Improved pedestrian safety at Glade Valley Drive.
- + Reconstruction of two roadway bridges.
- Four signalized intersections, at TX-494 Loop,
   Russell Palmer Road, Hidden Pines Drive, and
   Woodland Hills Drive.
- + Signal timing improvements at I-69.
- + An all-weather accessible evacuation route.



## **PROJECT FUNDING:**

Currently, the project team is gathering information and applying for funding from a number of sources including discretionary funds made available at the regional level through the Houston-Galveston Area Council HGAC. HGAC serves as the conduit for the distribution of mobility funding to local government project sponsors throughout the eight-county Transportation Management Area for which it serves. It is anticipated that HGAC will hold a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects in 2017. This opportunity will allow for mobility project sponsors to submit funding applications for various mobility improvement projects.

(Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller Counties)

#### **VALUED PARTNERS:**

- + City of Houston District E Council Member Dave Martin
- + Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle
- + Montgomery County Judge Craig Doyal
- + Montgomery County Precinct 4 Commissioner Jim Clark
- + Texas Department of Transportation (TxDoT)
- + Houston Galveston Area Council (HGAC)
- + Kingwood Service Association
- + Union Pacific Railroad

## **CURRENT STATUS:**

Pre-design phase; seeking funding

## **CONSTRUCTION COST:**

**TBD** 

## **PROJECT OWNER:**

Lake Houston Redevelopment Authority (LHRA)

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