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To Whom It May Concern,

As Advocacy Director with BikeHouston I represent the millions of people with bicycles in the Houston region. We ask that:

- TxDOT put safety first by focusing and prioritizing Vision Zero.
- TxDOT should prioritize mobility for people (not cars).

Taking both of these actions would mean spending money on more than highways. It would mean creating better rules and projects that accommodate people walking and bicycling along highways and FM/SH roads.

- For example, creating 8 - 10' paths along feeder roads, instead of a 15 foot outer lane shared lane. The 15 foot outer lane is supposed to be shared between people on 30 lb bicycles riding 10 mph with people in 1 ton cars driving 50 mph. This clearly is not safe and many of our poorest and most vulnerable are forced into this deadly situation simply to get to work.
- Another example is safe ways across TX DOT roads - for example highway crossings.

TxDOT creates reality. TxDOT currently spends the most money building a transportation system that supports single occupancy cars and sprawl, and thus this is what we will have. We ask TxDOT to instead build for what data on housing trends and millennial preferences show: people want transportation options; they want livable, walkable, bikable communities.

In your sunset review please shift TxDOT priorities.

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