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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION TXDOT

First Name: Kay

Last Name: Haslam

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Houston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

#1 Wholeheartedly agree with the call for transparency for TXDOT. The Houston District, in particular, is notorious about ignoring emails. In order to get any response at all, a citizen must first write the letter, take it to the US Post Office and pay for signed delivery. Two weeks later one might receive a vague email, with instructions to look on a TIRZ or City of Houston website.

#3 Agree that TXDOT does not effectively manage contractors. In fact, the contractors manage TXDOT. TXDOT has engaged LAN Engineering repeatedly, despite the fact that LAN is presently being sued by the Michigan AG for allegedly poisoning children with leaded water. Not only is the same company LAN involved, but the Houston office of LAN is involved, according to Michigan AG. Now LAN has designed a drainage plan guaranteed to flood our neighborhood, by diverting the Sam Houston Tollway trunkline and 82 acres of parking lots into our small ravine. Despite LAN's horrible track record, TXDOT approved the LAN plan without question or even a second opinion.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

My new recommendation is to design 1/1 detention for any project planned for the Katy Prairie. This wildlife in this area deserves protection.

Furthermore, any rain that falls upon the Katy Prairie is ultimately going to drain into Barker and Addicks dams. That water is not impounded. It is quickly released into the neighborhoods and living rooms of West Houston residents. The West Houston residents are inundated with flood water already. When the Katy Freeway was reconstructed, TXDOT only built

3 of the 16 detention basins that were planned. TXDOT only laid 9500 feet of the in-line detention culverts that were planned. All the problems are concentrated in the Beltway 8/ Katy Freeway exchange. If you have already guessed that LAN was involved in that project, you are correct.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

