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Mr. Gonzalo Camacho, P.E.
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Re: Alternative Concepts for I-45 North

Dear Mr. Camacho:

The Midtown Management District is interested in creative approaches to the alignment, layout and design of I-45 where it borders Midtown – also known as the Pierce Elevated. Recent public dialogue certainly indicates that the public is interested in these issues as well.

Placing the freeway in tunnels would help to resolve many of the environmental and community concerns that have been raised, while also providing additional land on the surface for public amenities and facilities. It is a wonderful idea, and we hope a way can be found to fund this type of creative approach.

We stand ready to work with TxDOT, the City of Houston and the Downtown District to determine a mutually compatible and feasible approach to the redesign of the Pierce Elevated. If these other entities are ready to explore your concept for tunneling the freeway, we are interested in working on the idea as well.

Yours truly,



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Chairman of the Board