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Dear Mr. Jackson:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 23, 2011. Below are our responses to your questions:

Response to Item I. Bass Street Connection - A. Pavement Section Width

We recently met with the City of Houston (City) regarding the tie-in at the eastbound frontage road. Subsequent to the meeting, a revised 35-foot street width at the end of the radii was presented to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). After reviewing the revised pavement section width, TxDOT feels comfortable with what is being proposed by the City.

Response to Item I. - B. Kimley Horn Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) of Bass

We received the TIA on March 11, 2011. The TIA will be reviewed by Traffic Section employees with oversight from district management.

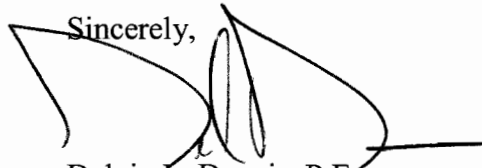
We are reviewing the TIA in accordance with the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) Traffic Generation Handbook and Publications. We will also review it in accordance with TxDOT's Traffic Signals Manual. We do not have any minimum passing TIA requirements to approve the Bass Street Connection. Approvals will be based on our judgment of the impacts to our intersections.

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Response to Item II. The City's Views on TxDOT's Projected Frontage Road Traffic

TxDOT has not communicated with the City regarding the City's alternative projections for traffic volumes on the frontage roads nor analyzed the City's projections.

Please contact Mr. Bill Brudnick at (713) 802-5617 if you should have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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District Engineer
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Attachment
cc: Mr. William R. Brudnick, P.E.