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**Harris County Takes on Woodland Hills Drive Project**

ATASCOCITA, Texas – Commissioner Jack Morman is announcing a two-phased roadway project to provide Atascocita area residents improved access to the Beltway 8 by extending Woodland Hills Drive.

“All you have to do is drive down W. Lake Houston, FM 1960 or Will Clayton in the morning and you can see what explosive growth looks like. Our residents here have made it clear they want relief to the traffic congestion in the area. This is a big step in right direction,” said Commissioner Morman.

Phase I of the project includes the addition of a 2-lane concrete boulevard section to the existing 2-lane roadway resulting in a complete 4-lane boulevard from Beltway 8 to near Ridge Creek Elementary. Project planners intend to have the estimated \$2 million project complete in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2017.

Woodland Hills Phase II improvements include the construction of a new 4-lane concrete boulevard starting near Ridge Creek Elementary and connecting to the existing 4-lane roadway in the Atascocita Forest subdivision. This project also includes the construction of a 4-lane bridge over Williams Gully and is currently estimated at nearly \$9.5 million. A joint effort between Harris County Precincts Two and Four, the county anticipates the project will be completed and open to the Beltway in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017.

The two projects represent a significant part of Commissioner Morman’s efforts to improve mobility in the Atascocita area. In 2015, Harris County Precinct 2 completed a mobility study outlining various improvements throughout the area.

The project also highlights coordination and joint participation between Commissioners Morman and Cagle to solve area issues. “I want to thank Commissioner Cagle for his support on this project. Traffic congestion doesn’t care about county precinct boundaries and Commissioner Cagle and I are excited to move on a project that benefits the local community.”