Dear H-GAC Members:

I appreciate you allowing me to express my opposition to the TxDOT proposed Overpass Project at SH 6N and FM 529 on behalf of my constituents in District 130. Since being sworn-in in January, I have had numerous constituents call from the Copperfield area that and they have shared their concerns about the overpass project and how it would impact their daily lives.

According to the updates my office has received from neighboring Representative Gary Elkins of House District 135 and our State Senator Dan Patrick of Senate District 7, TxDOT told the Copperfield community that the only solution to the SH 6N and FM 529 intersection traffic issues is an overpass project, based on the criteria established by the Texas Transportation Institute in conjunction with the Texas Transportation Commission.

I believe this one solution policy is a bad proposition that does not allow the exploration of any other alternatives. I feel if TxDOT was going to involve the community they would have come up with a better solution to the current traffic problems, and would also take into consideration a solution that will not hurt small businesses in the area who are a driver of tax dollars that help fund the community.

I would also kindly remind H-GAC that two overpass projects proposed for SH 6S at Westheimer and SH 6S at Bellaire were placed on the H-GAC TPC’s Agenda on November 16, 2007 as Amendments for a vote, the H-GAC TPC defeated both of these projects. As a result, they were immediately removed from the 2008-2011 TIP. Therefore, I ask the H-GAC TPC to do the same for the Copperfield area by adding an Amendment for an immediate vote to remove the Copperfield Overpass Project from the 2008-2011 TIP.

My constituents concerns need to be considered by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). I appreciate your
consideration given to the Copperfield area constituents, community leaders, and business owners who will be directly affected by this Overpass Project.

Sincerely,

B. Allen Fletcher
Representative of House District 130