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**Subject: Notice to Recipients of the FEIS for the University Corridor Light Rail Transit Project**

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) is advising the public that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has completed its review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and its review of comments on the FEIS for the University Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project. Based on this review, FTA has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for this project. Hard copies of the ROD may be reviewed at METRO's offices at 1900 Main Street, Houston, Texas. An electronic version of the ROD may be reviewed on METRO's website at the following web address:

<http://www.metro-solutions.org/go/doc/1068/112145/>.

As documented in the ROD, FTA finds that the University Corridor LRT Project has satisfied the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Clean Air Act of 1970, as amended; Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966; Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 USC Section 303); and other applicable legal and program requirements.

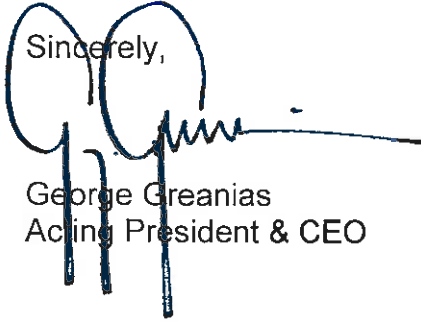
The ROD is the culmination of the environmental clearance process for this project that began with scoping in June 2006. In July 2007, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was published. In January 2010, the FEIS was completed and circulated. During the development of the Draft and Final EIS, METRO undertook extensive public outreach including:

- 68 formal stakeholder meetings
- 14 small group and one-on-one meetings
- 7 public meetings
- 2 public hearings

The University LRT Project is part of a regional transit plan serving the area between the Hillcroft and Eastwood Transit Centers with 19 stations including stops near Greenway Plaza, the University of St. Thomas, Texas Southern University and UH Central Campus. The University LRT Project will improve transit travel time and reliability due to the LRT's operation in a semi-exclusive right-of-way. Implementation of the University LRT Project is projected to make transit more competitive with the automobile.

If you need further information or assistance, please contact Karen Marshall at 713.739.4980 or [Karen.Marshall@ridemetro.org](mailto:Karen.Marshall@ridemetro.org)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Greanias". The signature is stylized with large, overlapping loops for the first two letters and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

George Greanias  
Acting President & CEO