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August 28, 2019

Mr. James M. Bass, Executive Director  
Texas Department of Transportation  
125 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Mr. Robert Spillar, P.E., Director  
City of Austin Transportation Department  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767

RE: Cedric Benson and Aamna Najan Memorial Resolution

Dear Messrs. Bass and Spillar:

The Board of Directors for Northwest Austin Civic Association (NWACA) in conjunction with the Board of Directors for the Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association (HPWBANA) present the attached resolution to address safety concerns on RM 2222 in Austin near Mt. Bonnell Road. NWACA boundaries extend to the north side of RM 2222, while HPWBANA boundaries extend to the south side of RM 2222.

We respectfully request the immediate clearance of vegetation within the adjacent right-of-way areas for improved sight clearance, as well as other possible safety improvements including, but, not limited to: signage, caution lighting, and left turn improvements. We wish to support all efforts to improve safety on our roadways.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Regards,

Vicki P. DeWeese, President  
Northwest Austin Civic Association

Cc: Tucker Ferguson, P.E. Austin Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation  
Alison Alter, Austin City Council Member, District 10  
Spencer Cronk, City Manager, City of Austin  
Gina Findaca, Asst. City Manager, City of Austin  
Richard Mendoza, Director of Austin Public Works Department  
Dipti Borker-Desai, P.E., Traffic Management Division, Austin Transportation Department  
Pieter Sybesma, President, Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association



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### **Cedric Benson and Aamna Najam Memorial Resolution**

Whereas, traffic has increased on RM 2222 as the population of Austin has grown, with more recreation and housing having been developed that utilize RM 2222 as the primary access to these areas, and

Whereas, there have been multiple traffic accidents at the intersections of Mount Bonnell Road and RM 2222 in the past several years, and

Whereas, Mount Bonnell road intersects RM 2222 in an offset configuration with the western intersection near the top of the hill being signalized while the eastern intersection at the bottom of the hill has limited sight distance and sight clearance issues, and

Whereas, neighbors in the Northwest Austin Civic Association (NWACA) area and the Highland Park Balcones West Neighborhood (HPBWNA) have requested our support in their efforts to get better traffic control in that area of RM 2222, and

Whereas, guidance is needed for drivers unfamiliar with the area, and

Whereas, the right of way is currently overgrown, making the sight lines at the intersections very unsafe, now therefore

Be it resolved, The Board of NWACA and HPWBANA request that the Texas Department of Transportation regularly clear the right of way near these intersections to maximize the safety of drivers attempting to enter RM 2222.

Furthermore, NWACA and HPWBANA request that, in consultation with the City of Austin, a study be made of the eastern intersection of Mount Bonnell Road and RM 2222 for additional traffic safety improvements including, but not limited to, "no left turn" enforcement, a traffic signal, and/or a reduction in speed limit.



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Dear Mr. Bass,

After the tragic accident on RM 2222 in Austin that claimed two lives over a week ago, the two Neighborhood Associations that have RM 2222 as their contiguous boundary have great concern about the safety of RM 2222 between Mesa Drive and Loop 360 and further to the west.

The North West Austin Civic Association representatives contacted the Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association seeking support for the immediate clearing of vegetation within the rights-of-way for improved sight clearance and other possible safety improvements. Monday evening, the Board of the Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association adopted a Resolution to support these concerns and efforts.

Attached is the Resolution adopted by the Board. We request that any improvements along RM 2222 be in consultation with the City of Austin Transportation Department. We wish to support all efforts to improve the safety of the traveling public on our streets and roadways, including RM 2222.

Thank you for your attention to the matter.

Sincerely,

Pieter Sybesma, President  
Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association

Cc: Tucker Ferguson, P.E., Austin Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation  
Council Member Alison Alter, Austin City Council  
Spencer Cronk, City Manager, City of Austin  
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Highland Park West Balcones Area Neighborhood Association

Resolution

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Adopted on August 26, 2019

Pieter Sybesma, President