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PRESS RELEASE

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i45 parkway receives endorsement

I-45 does not have to look like I-10 – *an ever-expanding flat pancake of concrete!*

By a landslide vote of 96% its members, and a unanimous vote of its Board of Directors, I-45 Coalition endorses *i45 parkway*. This 21st Century transportation alternative includes two six-lane tunnels, redevelops the surface lanes as a parkway for local traffic, and incorporates High-Capacity Transit (HCT) as a central element. This alternative meets and exceeds community expectations: that our officials will provide comfortable, safe, durable, cost-effective, environmentally sensitive -- *and aesthetically appealing* -- transportation systems that work together, using innovation and creativity, to promote a higher quality of life.

World-class cities use roadway tunnels for expanding capacity of urban highways, allowing the existing right-of-way to be used for more desirable urban development, including reclaimed green spaces. *i45 parkway* provides a prototype for future redevelopment of ALL freeway corridors within Beltway 8.

Tunneling I-45 will bring many benefits, among them:

- *i45 parkway* does not require additional right-of-way, and preserves the city's property tax revenue.
- electro-static filtration of tunnel exhaust removes up to 90% of suspended toxic particulates, significantly improving air quality to benefit heart and lung health throughout the region.
- this tunneled alternative will create safer driving conditions and reduce congestion during severe weather, critical considerations when emergency evacuations are necessary. As demonstrated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, having viable evacuation routes *saves lives!*

Houston deserves an innovative solution for the rejuvenation of this vital urban transportation corridor. See this transformation of transportation at www.i45parkway.com!

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<http://www.petitiononline.com/i45prkwy/petition.html>

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