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### **Commissioner Dexter L. McCoy condemns decision to shelve the University Bus-Rapid Transit Line**

**FORT BEND COUNTY, TX** – Commissioner Dexter L. McCoy releases the following statement condemning the move by Houston Mayor and METRO Board to shelve the University Bus-Rapid Transit Line:

“METRO’s recent move to shelve the University Bus-Rapid Transit (BRT) Line is a short-sighted, disastrous decision that comes at a long-term cost to millions of residents in Greater Houston.

As a commissioner in Fort Bend County, representing communities directly adjacent to Houston and Harris County, I see many of our residents fight endless traffic as they commute into the City of Houston every day. My constituents know the need for regional transportation solutions and the University Line BRT was one such solution. Last year we [signed a Memorandum of Understanding](#) with METRO, the City of Houston, and Harris County Toll Road Authority to study extending the University Line BRT through Fort Bend County.

[Studies show that BRT is a sensible, cost-effective transportation option](#) to connect our suburbs to the urban core. As our region surpasses Chicago as the third-largest Metropolitan area, the ability to relieve congestion on highways is integral to the long-term safety and welfare of our residents.

We know that the Houston Mayor does not have a favorable opinion of public transportation options as evidenced by recent statements regarding BRT. Long-term, building bigger highways won't cut it. A prime example is I-10, which is one of the widest highways in the world, yet it still turns into a parking lot during rush hour. On the other hand, Fort Bend Transit's new downtown commuter line alone removes over 6,000 rides a week off the Southwest Freeway.

If this mayor and this METRO board truly care about making our region a world class, destination city, misguided transportation decisions like this do not help. [Cited multiple times among the reasons that Houston has been overlooked for corporate headquarters is the lack of public transportation.](#)

The unilateral decision by METRO officials to shelve this project – without so much as a board vote – is a snub to the voters who overwhelmingly approved this project and to the bipartisan coalition working to better the region.

Mayor Whitmire and the METRO Board must get on board, lest they be responsible for Houston being left behind."

Fort Bend County is home to over 900,000 people and is one of the fastest growing counties and most ethnically diverse counties in the United States. Commissioner McCoy took office in 2023 to serve Fort Bend Precinct 4’s nearly 250,000 residents. For more information on what’s happening in Precinct 4 visit our website ([FBCTX.gov/Precinct4](http://FBCTX.gov/Precinct4)) or follow our socials [@FBCprecinct4](#).

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