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HARRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONER RODNEY ELLIS RESPONDS TO COMMISSIONERS COURT'S DELAY OF FAIR FUNDING FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES

HARRIS COUNTY — Today, Harris County Commissioners Court refused to vote on Commissioner Rodney Ellis' proposal to more fairly allocate mobility and infrastructure funding among Harris County's four precincts. After tabling Ellis' motion, commissioners vowed to return to the discussion at a future Court after gathering more data.

Statement from Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis:
"Every Harris County resident deserves safe roads and reliable infrastructure, regardless of their ZIP code. That's why I'm fighting to reform the unfair approach imposed on us by Greg Abbott and Dan Patrick, which rewards inequitable past investment while leaving communities with high poverty rates and longstanding needs even further behind. Working families pay into this system and deserve to see their tax dollars invested in safer roads and stronger neighborhoods. Under the current formula, they have been forced to prop up the wealthy at their own expense.

Today's inaction is a disservice to the people we represent. Our constituents elected us to uphold equity and affordability, and I will continue to fight for that."

At the November 12 Court meeting, Ellis pushed for a fairer formula for mobility and infrastructure investments by precinct. Precincts One and Two have the highest concentrations of poverty and have historically received less infrastructure investment despite accounting for 62% of the county's fatal crashes between 2019 and 2024. Ellis called for an equal split among precincts if not a formula modeled on the framework Commissioners Court

approved in 2023 for voter-approved road bonds, which combines a substantial equal allocation with funding based on safety needs and population vulnerability.

ABOUT THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER RODNEY ELLIS

About the Office of Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis

A longtime civil rights leader with more than four decades of public service, Commissioner Rodney Ellis represents Harris County Precinct One, a diverse, 365-square-mile region in the nation's third-largest county. Under Commissioner Ellis' leadership, the office champions purpose-driven public service to improve quality of life, build thriving communities, and advance opportunity, equity, and justice for all. Precinct One is home to more than 1.2 million residents, over 8,500 acres of greenspace, and major regional assets including the Texas Medical Center, George Bush Intercontinental Airport, leading sports and entertainment venues, several Fortune 500 headquarters, and all of Houston's major institutions of higher learning. For more information, visit www.hcp1.net.

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