

Resolution

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Goodman, Manager of Traffic Operations for the Harris County Engineering Department, has elected to retire after 30 years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goodman joined the Department in July of 1993 and progressively advanced through various positions within the traffic team. First as a Traffic Inspector, then as a Chief Inspector, then Project Manager, and ultimately completing his service as the Manager of Traffic Operations; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Harris County maintained fewer than 400 signalized traffic intersections and 200 school zone beacons. Through Mr. Goodman’s tutelage, the department boasts of maintaining 1,050 signalized traffic intersections and 1,600 school zone beacons over the last 31 years later; and

WHEREAS, with over 40 years of expertise in Traffic Signal Operations and Maintenance, and in response to Hurricane Harvey, Mr. Goodman was instrumental in the assessment and recovery of 909 signalized traffic intersections, 450 school zone beacons, and four critical communication hub buildings. He and his team’s efforts resulted in restoring all 1,363 locations to safe operations within 16 days of the storm’s passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goodman spearheaded the research and implementation of Harris County Engineering Department’s Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS). The system went online in 2018 which effectively linked all major corridors that were on fiber optic communications, enabling real- time and post process data analytics and optimization. At the time, approximately 500 of the 1,050 intersections were part of the fiber optic communications infrastructure and in the fall of 2023, Mr. Goodman oversaw the completion of a cellular modem project for the remaining 550 locations which brought communications to 100% of the department signalized traffic intersections; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Engineer and Mr. Goodman’s team have been privileged and are grateful for the support, and expertise he has bestowed throughout his career and he is looking forward to devoting time to family and friends and pursuing various interests; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Harris County Commissioners Court hereby commends and congratulates

RICK GOODMAN

in Harris County, Texas, in recognition of his professional dedication and for 30 years of service to the residents of Harris County.

It is hereby **ORDERED** that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court on this 23rd day in April 2024.

LINA HIDALGO, County Judge

RODNEY ELLIS, Commissioner
Precinct One

ADRIAN GARCIA, Commissioner
Precinct Two

TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E., Commissioner
Precinct Three

LESLEY BRIONES, Commissioner
Precinct Four

ATTEST:

Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk
Harris County, T E X A S