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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

I would like to express my support for the Texas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE application for the 52.1-mile section of State Highway 99, also known as Grand Parkway, project located on the northeast and east side of Houston.

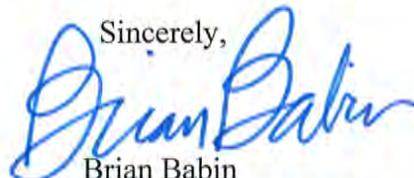
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I emphasize my support of this regionally and nationally important project, and thank you for your consideration and hopeful selection of the Grand Parkway project for the FASTLANE program.

Sincerely,



Brian Babin
Member of Congress

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I emphasize my support of this regionally and nationally important project, and thank you for your consideration and hopeful selection of the Grand Parkway project for the FASTLANE program.

Sincerely,

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John Culberson
Member of Congress

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DEMOCRATIC SENIOR WHIP

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write today to express my support for the Texas Department of Transportation's (TXDOT) FASTLANE application. The application is for the 52.1-mile section of State Highway 99, also known as Grand Parkway, project located on the northeast and east side of Houston.

The project includes construction of a tolled, scenic highway on mostly new location to address the current inefficient connections to major roadways, communities, ports, and industries. The project will help meet the traffic needs of the area based on the projected population and employment growth.

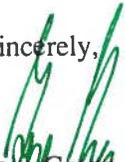
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The benefits of the project facilitate the movement of commercial freight traffic and provide a much needed alternate route for passenger vehicles in one of the largest metropolitan areas in the nation. The FASTLANE application has widespread support and is a coordinated effort amongst Texas Department of Transportation Houston and Beaumont Districts, METRO, Houston-Galveston Area Council, and Montgomery, Harris, Liberty, Fort Bend, Chambers, Galveston, and Brazoria Counties.

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This project is vital to my district and important nationally. I request you give all due consideration to this project application and I thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,



Gene Green
Member of Congress

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April 11, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

I write in support for the Texas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE application for the 52.1-mile section of State Highway 99, also known as Grand Parkway, project located on the northeast and east side of Houston.

This project includes construction of a tolled, scenic highway to address the current inefficient connections to major roadways, communities, ports, and industries. Furthermore, the project will help meet the traffic needs of the area based on the projected population and employment growth.

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This is a critical project that will not only facilitate the movement of commercial freight traffic, but also provides a much needed alternate route for passenger vehicles in one of the largest metropolitan areas in America. It has widespread support and is a coordinated effort amongst Texas Department of Transportation Houston and Beaumont Districts, METRO, Houston-Galveston Area Council, and Montgomery, Harris, Liberty, Fort Bend, Chambers, Galveston, and Brazoria Counties.

I would like to reiterate my support of this regionally and nationally important project and thank you in advance for your consideration and hopeful selection of the Grand Parkway project for the FASTLANE program.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pete Olson".

Pete Olson



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Representative Cecil Bell, Jr.

District 3

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April 12, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

I would like to express my support for the Texas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE application for the 52.1-mile section of State Highway 99, also known as Grand Parkway, project located on the northeast and east side of Houston. As a State Representative for Montgomery County, the Grand Parkway runs through my district.

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Thank you for your consideration of the Grand Parkway project for the FASTLANE program.

Sincerely,

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Cecil Bell, Jr.

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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
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I emphasize my support of this regionally and nationally important project, and thank you for your consideration and hopeful selection of the Grand Parkway project for the FASTLANE program.

Sincerely,

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Wayne Faircloth
State Representative
District 23

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DAN HUBERTY

District 127



April 11, 2016

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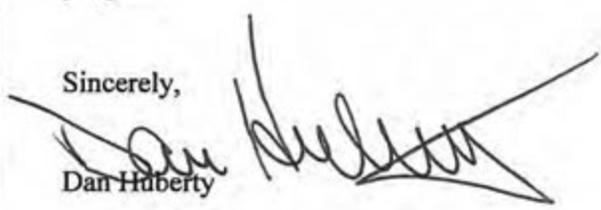
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Sincerely,


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April 13, 2016

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Sincerely,

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Larry Taylor
Texas State Senator
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April 8, 2016

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I emphasize my support of this regionally and nationally important project, and thank you for your consideration and hopeful selection of the Grand Parkway project for the FASTLANE program.

Sincerely,

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Craig Doyal
Montgomery County Judge



April 11, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for FASTLANE Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am writing to express my support for the Texas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE application for the 52.1 mile section of State Highway 99. The highway, also known as the Grand Parkway, is a circumferential highway providing the third ring encircling the Houston metropolitan area. When completed, the Grand Parkway will traverse seven counties and include 180+ miles. The 52.1 mile section included in the FASTLANE application is located in northeast and east side of the region.

Designed to help meet the mobility needs of one of the nation's fastest growing regions, the project includes construction of a tolled highway on mostly new right of way. In particular, this section of the Grand Parkway will provide strategic connections to Interstate (IH) 10 and IH 69 to better accommodate regional and national travel in the region, including facilitating freight traffic in and around the Port of Houston. This section will also provide connections to Cedar Bayou, which is considered a maritime highway, and the Trans-Global Solutions Cedar Port Industrial Park, which is the fifth largest intermodal logistics facility in the world.

The Grand Parkway provides significant benefits to the region, both in enhancing commercial freight traffic and providing an alternative route for passenger vehicles traveling in one of the most populous metropolitan regions in the nation. This project has widespread support and is a coordinated effort by Texas Department of Transportation Houston and Beaumont Districts, METRO, Houston-Galveston Area Council, and Montgomery, Harris, Liberty, Fort Bend, Chambers, Galveston, and Brazoria Counties.

Please accept this letter as strong support of this regionally important project. Thank you for your consideration of the Grand Parkway project for the FASTLANE program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Emmett".

Ed Emmett
Harris County Judge

JAY KNIGHT
COUNTY JUDGE



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April 7, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

Liberty County would like to express our support for the Texas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE application for the 52.1-mile section of State Highway 99, also known as Grand Parkway, project located on the northeast and east side of Houston.

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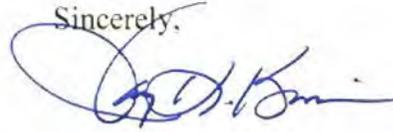
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I emphasize my support of this regionally and nationally important project, and thank you for your consideration and hopeful selection of the Grand Parkway project for the FASTLANE program.

Sincerely,

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Jay Knight
Liberty County Judge



CITY OF BAYTOWN

STEPHEN DONCARLOS, MAYOR

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April 7, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
U.S. Department of Transportation
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RE: SUPPORT FOR THE TxDOT FASTLANE GRANT APPLICATION

Dear Secretary Foxx,

As Mayor for the City of Baytown, Texas I would like to express my support for the Texas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE application for the 52.1-mile section of State Highway 99, also known as Grand Parkway, project located on the northeast and east side of Houston.

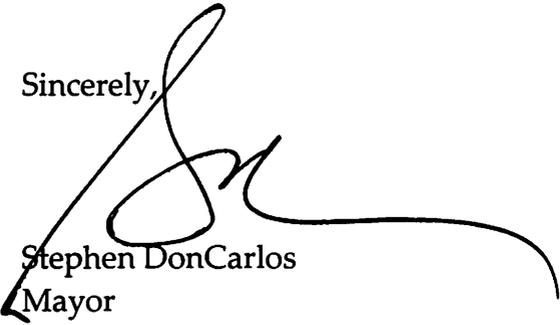
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I emphasize my support of this regionally and nationally important project, and thank you for your consideration and hopeful selection of the Grand Parkway project for the FASTLANE program.

Sincerely,

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Stephen DonCarlos
Mayor



The Alliance for I-69 Texas

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April 11, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Alliance for I-69 Texas would like to express our support for the Texas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE applications for the Laredo I-35 /US 59 (future I-69) interchange project and the Grand Parkway project. The Alliance is a coalition made up of cities, counties, port authorities and community leaders building grassroots support for upgrading the entire Interstate 69 route in Texas. Both the Laredo and Grand Parkway projects will improve freight movement on segments of I-69.

The Laredo project includes construction of the US 59 (future I-69) main lanes over I-35 and the direct connector from westbound US 59 to southbound I-35. The project facilitates the safety, efficiency, and reliability of freight and passenger traffic along the southern section of I-35 and a portion of US 59 in the Laredo area, which ranked in the top five ports in 2014 by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics for trucks, train, transit, passenger vehicles, and pedestrians. The roadways and commercial/industrial areas served by this project are the backbone of commerce for the region and the nation, particularly as it relates to North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) traffic.

The State Highway 99 Grand Parkway project in the Houston region will facilitate the movement of goods and services to and from the Port of Houston, ranked first in US ports in terms of foreign tonnage, and the Trans-Global Solutions Cedar Port Industrial Park, the fifth largest intermodal logistics facility in the world. It will also enhance connectivity between existing interstate systems including I-69, I-10 and I-45.

The Alliance for I-69 Texas emphasizes our support for both of these regionally and nationally important projects, and we thank you for your consideration of them for the FASTLANE program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel L. Neal".

Samuel L. Neal
County Judge, Nueces County
Chairman, Alliance for I-69 Texas

C: Texas Transportation Commission
James Bass, Executive Director, TxDOT