

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4305

November 28, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

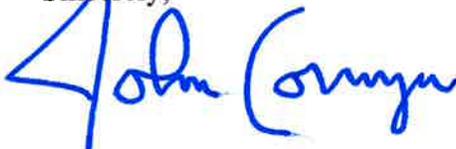
I am writing to express my support for the FASTLANE application for the State Highway 99 (Grand Parkway) project submitted to the United States Department of Transportation by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

As you and your staff review the proposal, I trust you will give full consideration to the many strengths of this application. As you may know, the Port of Houston handles the most foreign import and export cargo of all ports in the United States. As the third ring road around the Houston metropolitan area, the Grand Parkway will aide movement of freight traffic in and around the Port of Houston by providing connections to Cedar Bayou, a maritime highway, and the Trans-Global Solutions Cedar Port Industrial Park, the fifth largest intermodal logistics facility in the world. Along with providing connectivity to major freight corridors, the Grand Parkway will also serve as an emergency/hurricane evacuation route to an area of the Gulf Coast that is currently lacking efficient connections to major radial roadways, suburban communities, and local ports. This grant, if awarded, will enable TxDOT to address and meet the needs of one of the largest and fastest growing metropolitan areas in the country to better facilitate regional and national travel and benefit the movement of commercial freight traffic.

I would appreciate your efforts to ensure that I am kept informed of the progress of this application. Please contact Andrea McGee (Andrea_McGee@cornyn.senate.gov), my Grants Coordinator, with any developments regarding this proposal as soon as they are available.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,



JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator

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December 6, 2016

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RE: TxDOT's FY2017 FASTLANE application for Grand Parkway

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Sincerely,

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Michael T. McCaul
Member of Congress

BRIAN BABIN
36TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

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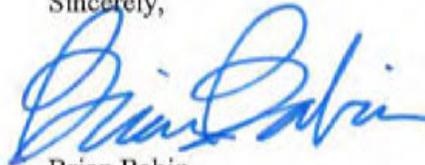
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I emphasize my support of this regionally and nationally important project, and thank you for your consideration and hopeful selection of the Grand Parkway project for the FASTLANE program.

Sincerely,



Brian Babin
United States Representative

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November 29, 2016

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

RE: TxDOT's FY2017 FASTLANE application for Grand Parkway

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I write to express my strong support for the Texas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE application for State Highway 99, also known as Grand Parkway, located on the northeast and east side of Houston. The proposed improvements would consist of the construction of tolled lanes and passing lanes, including a two-lane toll facility at Segments H & I-1 with intermittent four-lane sections for passing and a four-lane toll facility at Segment I-2. These improvements will address inefficient connections to major roadways, communities, ports and industry. Further, the project will help meet the traffic needs of the area based on the projected population and employment growth.

This Grand Parkway is an important access point around the Houston metropolitan area, which will greatly help with movement of freight traffic in and around the Port of Houston. The port is ranked number one in the US by foreign tonnage and sixth in the US container ports by total twenty-foot equivalent units. It 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 will also provide strategic connections to IH10 and IH69 to better facilitate regional and national travel.

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I strongly support this critically important regional and national project. Thank you in advance for your consideration. I urge every consideration for 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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Roger Guenther, *Executive Director*
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December 12, 2016

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

RE: TxDOT's FY2017 FASTLANE application for Grand Parkway

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Port of Houston Authority is pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE application for State Highway 99, also known as Grand Parkway, segments of which are located in the port region.

This project is vitally important to keep up with the region's growing mobility needs resulting from an estimated \$50 billion in capital investments at the Port of Houston, increased jobs, and a projected population increase. Home to the largest petrochemical manufacturing complex in the nation, the Port of Houston is ranked number one in the U.S. for foreign tonnage and second in overall tonnage. The Houston Ship Channel is the busiest federal waterway in the nation with more than 9,000 deep draft vessel calls annually and 200,000 plus barge movements.

The connectivity provided by this project is significant. Completing the northern half of the Grand Parkway will provide connections to several federal maritime highways, including Cedar Bayou and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, in addition to the highway networks in the region, such as IH-10 and IH-69. This will also spur additional investments in undeveloped areas near the port that are outside the congested urban core.

Thank you for your consideration of this regionally and nationally important project.

Sincerely,



Roger Guenther
Executive Director





December 5, 2016

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

RE: TxDOT's FY2017 FASTLANE application for Grand Parkway

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (BayTran) would like to express our support for the Texas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE application for State Highway 99, also known as Grand Parkway, located on the northeast and east side of Houston. The proposed improvements would consist of the construction of tolled lanes and passing lanes, including a two-lane toll facility at Segments H & I-1 with intermittent four-lane sections for passing and a four-lane toll facility at Segment I-2. These improvements will address inefficient connections to major roadways, communities, ports and industry. Further, the project will help meet the traffic needs of the area based on the projected population and employment growth.

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BayTran emphasizes our support of this regionally and nationally important project, and thanks you for your consideration and hopeful selection of the Grand Parkway project for the FASTLANE program.

Sincerely,

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Theresa Rodriguez
President



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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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RE: TX Dot's FY 2017 FASTLANE application for Grand Parkway

Dear Secretary Foxx,

As Mayor of Mont Belvieu, Texas, I would like to add our voice to those supporting the Texas Department of Transportation FASTLANE application for State Highway 99, also known as the Grand Parkway.

The Grand Parkway, which is the third loop around Houston, is a project of both national and regional importance. It ties the burgeoning industrial and logistical facilities of Chambers and Liberty counties into the larger regional network. For example, Exxon Mobil is currently constructing a 1.2 billion plastics plant here in Mont Belvieu. Without the Grand Parkway, hundreds of additional trucks daily carrying plastic pellets for export, will join the already congested SH146 corridor. Since 2008, industry has added some ten billion in new improvements near Mont Belvieu within 2 miles of the proposed Grand Parkway, further straining the road system.

As the NYMEX hub for propane, and the home of eighty percent of the fractionation capacity in the U.S., Mont Belvieu is known for its salt dome storage and extensive pipeline network. What happens in Mont Belvieu can affect the price of propane and natural gas liquids nationwide.

More locally, with Mont Belvieu growing rapidly we are concerned that if the Grand Parkway is not built soon, the cost to construct will sky rocket as the available routes become constrained. Finally, the existing Grand Parkway dead-ends at I-10 on our southern city limits. If there is another hurricane evacuation such as we experienced in Hurricane Rita, we do not have the resources to handle the ensuing traffic nightmare.

Again, we want to offer our support, and encourage you to select the Grand Parkway for inclusion in the FASTLANE program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Dixon".

Nick Dixon, Mayor
City of Mont Belvieu



CITY OF BAYTOWN

STEPHEN DONCARLOS, MAYOR

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December 5, 2016

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

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR TxDOT'S FY2017 FASTLANE APPLICATION FOR GRAND PARKWAY

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 State Highway 99, also known as Grand Parkway, located on the northeast and east side of Houston. The proposed improvements would consist of the construction of tolled lanes and passing lanes, including a two-lane toll facility at Segments H & I-1 with intermittent four-lane sections for passing and a four-lane toll facility at Segment I-2. These improvements will address inefficient connections to major roadways, communities, ports and industry within our region. Further, the project will help meet the traffic needs of the area based on the projected population and employment growth.

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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,



Stephen DonCarlos
Mayor



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December 1, 2016

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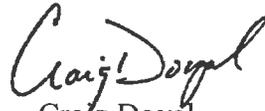
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Sincerely,



Craig Doyal



Ed Emmett

COUNTY JUDGE

December 6, 2016

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Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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RE: TxDOT's FY 2017 FASTLANE Application – Grand Parkway

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am writing to express my support for the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) FASTLANE application for State Highway 99, also known as the Grand Parkway. The project, located in the northeast/east Houston region, includes the construction of tolled lanes and passing lanes and consists of a two-lane toll facility at Segment H and I-1 with intermittent four-lane sections for passing and a four-lane toll facility at Segment I-2. This project will greatly improve connections to major roadways, communities, ports, and industry.

As the third ring roadway circling the Houston metropolitan area, the Grand Parkway will enhance movement of freight traffic in and around the Port of Houston, ranked the number one U.S. port by foreign and the sixth U.S. container port by total twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). The proposed improvement will provide connections to Cedar Bayou, considered a maritime highway, and to the Trans-Global Solutions Cedar Port Industrial Park, which is the fifth largest intermodal logistics facility in the world. In addition, the Grand Parkway project will provide critical connections to IH-10 and IH-69 to better facilitate regional and national travel.

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I fully support this critical improvement project. Thank you for your consideration of the Grand Parkway project for the FASTLANE program.

Sincerely,

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Ed Emmett
Harris County Judge



The Alliance for I-69 Texas

Encouraging Cooperation and Seeking Solutions Since 1994

December 5, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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 application for the SH 99 Grand Parkway Segments H and I. This project will provide critical linkages to I-69 in the Houston region. The Alliance is a coalition made up of cities, counties, port authorities and community leaders working through grassroots support to ensure completion of the entire Interstate 69 route in Texas.

The SH 99 Grand Parkway project provides connectivity to major freight corridors in the greater Houston region and the Port of Houston while providing relief around congested Houston area corridors. The Port of Houston handles the most foreign import and export cargo of all ports in the United States. Improving connectivity to the Port of Houston is essential to the efficient movement of goods to/from markets both nationally and internationally.

The SH 99 project will provide improved multi-modal freight connections. Connection at SH 146 is within 2 miles of the Port Authority's Barbours Cut Terminal and nearby Bayport Terminal, which together dominate container movements on the U.S. Gulf Coast. Barbours Cut is a premier container facility with six berths, 230 acres of paved marshalling area, and an intermodal rail ramp with 42.1 acres served by the Burlington-Northern Sante Fe (BNSF), Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), and the Port Terminal Railway Association (PTRA). Bayport has three berths and 160 acres of container yards.

Finally, the SH-99 project provides an emergency/hurricane evacuation route to an area of the Gulf Coast currently lacking efficient connections to major radial roadways, suburban communities, local ports, and industries.

The Alliance for I-69 Texas strongly supports this regionally and nationally significant freight project and we urge funding of this project through the FASTLANE grant 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

JAY KNIGHT
COUNTY JUDGE



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Jay H. Knight
Liberty County Judge
Liberty County, Texas





Texas Department of Public Transportation
ATTN: Public Information Officer
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Beaumont, Texas 77708

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to comment on highway I-99 and the impact it will have upon my City. I personally believe that I-99 is perhaps the most significant thing that has happened to this little community in over a 100 years. The commerce and additional transportation related opportunities that this highway will open will have a tremendous, far reaching and positive impact. It is with great enthusiasm that I endorse I-99 and do hereby encourage all participating parties to move forward and bring to fruition this badly needed transportation system.

I Am Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff K. Lambright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

Jeff Lambright, Mayor
City of Dayton, Texas

November 14, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
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Sincerely,



Dennis Paul
Texas State Representative
House District 129

cc:

the office of
THE COUNTY JUDGE
JIMMY SYLVIA



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THE COUNTY OF CHAMBERS
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December 1, 2016

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Dear Secretary Foxx,

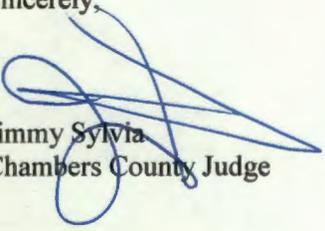
I, Jimmy Sylvia, Chambers County Judge, would like to express my support for the Texas Department of Transportation's FASTLANE application for State Highway 99, also known as Grand Parkway, located on the northeast and east side of Houston. The proposed improvements would consist of the construction of tolled lanes and passing lanes, including a two-lane toll facility at Segments H & I-1 with intermittent four-lane sections for passing and a four-lane toll facility at Segment I-2. These improvements will address inefficient connections to major roadways, communities, ports and industry. Further, the project will help meet the traffic needs of the area based on the projected population and employment growth.

As the third ring road around the Houston metropolitan area, Grand Parkway will aid movement of freight traffic in and around the Port of Houston, which is ranked the number one U.S. port by foreign tonnage and sixth U.S. container port by total twenty-foot equivalent units. It 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 will also provide strategic connections to IH10 and IH69 to better facilitate regional and national travel.

The project will not only benefit 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 the nation. This project has widespread support and is a coordinated effort between TxDOT, Houston METRO, Houston-Galveston Area Council, and Montgomery, Harris, Liberty, Fort Bend, Chambers, Galveston, and Brazoria Counties.

I, Jimmy Sylvia, Chambers County Judge, 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,


Jimmy Sylvia
Chambers County Judge