



September 2, 2014

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

Re: Support for the TxDOT Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan Grant

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing on behalf of the Commission for High-Speed Rail in the Dallas/Fort Worth Region in support of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Transportation Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan Grant Application that will provide funds for preliminary engineering and environmental processes necessary to develop high-speed passenger rail service between Dallas/Fort Worth and Austin, Texas. The preliminary results from TxDOT's Texas-Oklahoma Passenger Rail Study indicated that the potential ridership between Fort Worth and Austin could be high enough to support high-speed passenger rail service.

By unanimous vote at our August 27 meeting, the seven members of Commission for High-Speed Rail in the Dallas/Fort Worth Region considered this issue and formally authorized our support for this important passenger rail corridor investment plan grant. The results of this study will further the development of high speed passenger rail in Texas and will have a significant impact both on the region and the nation. The grant application meets all federal requirements as published in the Notice of Funding Availability.

TxDOT's Fort Worth to Austin Passenger Rail Corridor Investment Plan Grant application has the enthusiastic support of the Commission for High-Speed Rail in the Dallas/Fort Worth Region and I strongly urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to give serious consideration to this application.

Sincerely,

William Meadows  
Chairman