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**HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, EXPENDITURES & FINANCE  
JOE C. PICKETT  
CHAIR**

August 8, 2014

Mr. Ted Houghton  
Chair  
Texas Transportation Commission  
125 East 11th Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Chairman Houghton:

Considering the possibility of approximately \$1.7 billion dollars being made available to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) due to the passage of the constitutional amendment in November and reiterating House members' comments and concerns during the debate and passage of HB 1 and SJR 1, the House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures and Finance recommends an agreed upon set of guidelines.

During the August 5 meeting of the House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures and Finance, committee members Larry Phillips, Armando Martinez, Dan Huberty, Paul Workman, Sergio Muñoz, Lyle Larson and Ron Simmons and myself voted unanimously to recommend that the Texas Transportation Commission adopt the following project selection principles:

1. Formula allocation
2. Bottom-up approach to project development
3. Metropolitan Planning Organizations have broad-based, collaborative public involvement procedures that involve TxDOT
4. Project selection should come from the regions
5. Legislature should give greater flexibility to TxDOT to get projects ready
6. Greater focus on transportation system versus projects, creating opportunities for statewide benefits as part of the approach



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The Committee respectfully requests that you add these set of principles to the Commission agenda in August for consideration for adoption as they are in tune with the legislative intent of HB 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Pickett", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph C. Pickett  
Chair

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cc: Jeff Austin III, Texas Transportation Commission  
Dan Huberty, House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures and Finance  
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